

St. Peder's Lutheran Church 08-23-2026

Welcome to St. Peder's! All people are welcome to fully participate in worship, regardless of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, age, physical and mental abilities, and socio-economic status. If you are a visitor, please fill out a visitor card available in the pews or fill out the guestbook in the entryway. We would love to know who you are and what brings you in today! We offer large print and braille copies of our bulletin for those with vision impairment. For your convenience, we also offer opportunities to worship online!

Introduction to the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost:

In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

GATHERING

Prelude: Spirit, Open My Heart

by James Biery

Welcome, Peace, and Announcements

Opening Prayer

O Lord, we have come into this Your house to hear what You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, will speak unto us. We pray

You so to open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit that, through Your word, we may learn to repent of our sins, to believe in Jesus in life and in death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Gathering Hymn: Making Their Way

ACS 979

**1 Making their way down through the ages,
sinners and saints have heard God's call:
wealthy and poor, powerful, lowly,
Jesus' disciples, one and all.
Gathered for worship, offering thanks,
the greatest with the least
have come to share this feast.**

**2 Making their way all the world over,
Christians assemble on this day,
hearing the Word, sharing the Banquet,
learning to walk in Jesus' way.
Members of Christ, united in love,
they seek our God to know,
and so together grow.**

**3 Making our way season by season,
pilgrims, we journey till life's end,
traveling light, sharing the riches,
caring for stranger as for friend,
till in the joy of longing fulfilled,
together we will come
to our eternal home.**

Confession and Forgiveness

Compassionate God, **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Creator, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

Kyrie (Hymn of Prayer)

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the **Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.**

For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all.

Let us pray to the **Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.**

For your people here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word.

Let us pray to the **Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.**

**Help, save and defend us, O God.
Amen.**

Canticle (Hymn of Praise)

Refrain: Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy to the God of life and love and freedom: praise and glory for evermore!

Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has freed and united us to be one great people of God. ***Refrain.***

Power and riches, wisdom and might, all honor and glory to Christ forever. ***Refrain.***

For God has come to dwell with us, to make us people of God; to make all things new. ***Refrain.***

Salutation

The Lord be with you. ****And also with you.****

Prayer of the Day

O God, ****with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.****

WORD

First Lesson

Isaiah 51:1-6

¹ Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn and to the quarry from which you were dug. ² Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah, who bore you, for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. ³ For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert

like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴ Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation, for a teaching will go out from me and my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly; my salvation has gone out, and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. ⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens and look at the earth beneath, for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats, but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

The Word of the Lord. C. ****Thanks be to God.****

Psalm 138

¹ I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with | my whole heart;
before the gods I will | sing your praise.

****² I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your
name, because of your
steadfast | love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word a- | bove
all things.****

³ When I called, you | answered me;
you increased my | strength within me.

****⁴ All the rulers of the earth will praise | you, O Lord,
when they have heard the words | of your mouth.****

⁵ They will sing of the ways | of the Lord,
that great is the glory | of the Lord.

****⁶ The Lord is high, yet cares | for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty | from afar.****

**⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you ¹ keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my
enemies; your right ¹ hand shall
save me.**

****⁸ You will make good your pur- ¹ pose for me;
O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not
abandon the works ¹ of
your hands.****

Second Lesson: Romans 12:1-8

**¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis
of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of
worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be
transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may
discern what is the will of God—what is good and
acceptable and perfect.**

**³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you
not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think
but to think with sober judgment, each according to the
measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body
we have many members and not all the members have the
same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in
Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We
have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us:
prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the
teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the
giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the
compassionate, in cheerfulness.**

The Word of the Lord. C. **Thanks be to God.**

Gathering of Children

Gospel Acclamation

****Alleluia, alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!****

Holy Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Word of the Lord. C. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: Built on a Rock

ELW 652

**1 Built on a rock the church shall stand,
even when steeples are falling;
crumbled have spires in ev'ry land,**

**bells still are chiming and calling—
calling the young and old to rest,
calling the souls of those distressed,
longing for life everlasting.**

**2 Surely, in temples made with hands
God the Most High is not dwelling—
high in the heav'ns his temple stands,
all earthly temples excelling.
Yet God who dwells in heav'n above
deigns to abide with us in love,
making our bodies his temple.**

**3 Christ builds a house of living stones:
we are his own habitation;
he fills our hearts, his humble thrones,
granting us life and salvation.
Where two or three will seek his face,
he in their midst will show his grace,
blessings upon them bestowing.**

**4 Yet in this house, an earthly frame,
Jesus the children is blessing;
hither we come to praise his name,
faith in our Savior confessing.
Jesus to us his Spirit sent,
making with us his covenant,
granting his children the kingdom.**

5 Through all the passing years, O Lord,

**grant that, when church bells are ringing,
many may come to hear your Word,
who here this promise is bringing:
"I know my own, my own know me;
you, not the world, my face shall see;
my peace I leave with you. Amen."**

Apostles' Creed

****I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead.**

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

Prayers of the People

Response: Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Offering

In this moment, we reflect upon the many gifts in our lives – our time, our talents, and our treasures. In sharing these gifts, you bless others in the name of God's glory. If you would like to donate digitally, please click on or use your smartphone to take a picture of this QR code.



Gift of Music: Listen, God is Calling

Anne Krentz

Offering Prayer:

Loving God, **we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.**

Benediction

Sending Hymn: We All Are One in Mission

ELW 576

**1 We all are one in mission;
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single great commission
compels us from above
to plan and work together
that all may know Christ's love.**

**2 We all are called for service,
to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are diff'rent;**

our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others
with God's surprising grace,
so ev'ry folk and nation
may feel God's warm embrace.

3 Now let us be united,
and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel
for God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission;
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.

Sending

Knowing God is behind us, ****we are rooted in our
heritage.****

Knowing God goes before us, ****we embrace the future.****

Knowing Christ forgives us, ****we joyfully live the gospel****

We engage the world around us ****with open hearts, open
hands, and open doors. Thanks be to God! Amen.****

Postlude: Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng

from CPH vol 31

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**Serving in Worship this Morning**

**Greeters: Steve Simmons & Allison O'Day**

**Ushers: Lisa Jensen & Peter Juhl**

**Acolyte: Fletcher Campbell**

**Reader: Susan Gantriis**

**Counters: Jackie West & Lisa Jensen**

**Livestream Tech:**

**LSS Safehouse Aug 24: Michael & Judy Hogan**

**Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group: 3**

**Announcements**

**Gather on the Green**

**Join us on Saturday, September 12 at 4 pm for a community concert on the lawn! Music for all ages with The Classic Big Band and Christopher Roberts performing a mix of covers and original songs.**

**Enjoy walking tacos, bring your own beverages, and don't forget a blanket or lawn chair. All are welcome!**

**New Carpeting**

**The St. Peder's offices, hallway, and conference room will have new carpeting installed the week of Monday, August 24 through Friday, August 28. The carpeting should not impact worship on Sunday, August 30.**

## **Confirmation**

**Saturday, September 12 is the first day of Confirmation class, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

## **Calling All Singers!**

**Do you have a love for singing and service? Holy Cross Lutheran Church (1720 E Minnehaha Pkwy) is launching a funeral choir that will rehearse weekly and be available to sing for funerals and memorial services across the South Minneapolis area and beyond. Rehearsals are Tuesdays, 1:00-2:15 PM beginning September 8 at Holy Cross. For more information contact Mark Fideldy – [admin@holycrossmpls.org](mailto:admin@holycrossmpls.org).**

## **Help Wanted: Faith Formation**

**We are looking for volunteers to lead and assist our youth in Faith Formation this coming school year. Everyone is welcome whether you're attached to a kiddo or not. Our themes this year are Integrity and Faith Traits. Our class will be around 20 minutes after the service each Sunday. The class will focus on a faith trait related to the story. A summary of integrity/faith traits and suggested activities will be provided. This is a great chance for you to get to know our youth better and guide them in learning about Integrity and faith traits. The sign-up sheet to volunteer is outside the church office. For any questions, reach out to Pastor Bryan, Kristi Erickson, Karen Vetsch, or Gina Sekelsky.**

***\*This week's coffee hour proceeds are being donated to the Coffee Fund.\****

**This Week at St. Peder's:**

**Sunday, August 23: 9 am Worship, 10 am Coffee & Fellowship**

**Tuesday, August 25: 6 pm Bible Study, 7 pm Prayer Service**

**Sunday, August 30: 9 am Worship, 10 am Coffee & Fellowship**

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***Rooted in our heritage and embracing the future, we joyfully  
live the gospel with open hearts, open hands and open doors.***

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