



St. Peder's Evangelical Lutheran Church August 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

Gathering Hymn

Making Their Way

ACS 979



1 Mak-ing their way down through the a-ges, sin-ners and saints have
2 Mak-ing their way all the world o-ver, Chris-tians as-sem-ble
3 Mak-ing our way sea-son by sea-son, pil-grims, we jour-ney



heard God's call: wealth-y and poor, pow-er-ful, low-ly,
on this day, hear-ing the Word, shar-ing the Ban-quet,
till life's end, trav-el-ing light, shar-ing the rich-es,



Je-sus' dis-ci-ples, one and all. Gath-ered for wor-ship, of-fer-ing thanks,
learn-ing to walk in Je-sus' way. Mem-bers of Christ, u-nit-ed in love,
car-ing for strang-er as for friend, till in the joy of long-ing ful-filled,



the great-est with the least have come to share this feast.
they seek our God to know, and so to-geth-er grow.
to-geth-er we will come to our e-ter-nal 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.**

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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

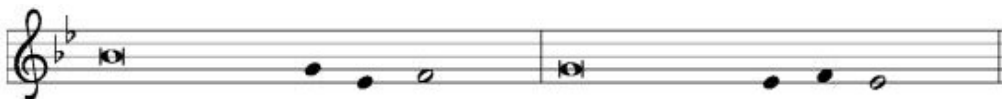
Isaiah 51:1-6

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 | keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right | hand shall
save me.

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

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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

Apostles’ Creed

Back cover of hymnal.

Prayers of the People: Response: Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Lord’s Prayer

Back cover of hymnal.

Offering: *In this moment, we reflect upon the many gifts in our lives – our time, our talent, 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 use your smartphone to take a picture of this QR code or click on it if you are reading this online.*



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

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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**Church Staff:**

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| <b>Pastor:</b>                  | Rev. Bryan Odeen  |
| <b>Organist/Music Ministry:</b> | Mia Kruse         |
| <b>Office Coordinator:</b>      | Frances Stevenson |
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