



**St. Peder's Evangelical
Lutheran Church
September 6, 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 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost:

Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

Artwork by Mari.

GATHERING

Prelude *Break Now the Bread of Life* by Mark Sedio

Welcome, Peace, and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Gathering Hymn *As We Gather at Your Table* ELW 522

Confession and Forgiveness

Kyrie (Hymn of Prayer) Now the Feast & Celebration pg. 3

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Salutation Now the Feast & Celebration pg. 7

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, **enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy.**

Without your help, we will fail; remove from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

First Lesson *Ezekiel 33:7-11*

⁷ So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸ If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹ But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰ Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” ¹¹ Say to them: As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

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

Psalms 119:33-40



- ³³ Teach me, O Lord, the way | of your statutes,
and I shall keep it | to the end.
- ³⁴ **Give me understanding, and I shall | keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with | all my heart.**
- ³⁵ Lead me in the path of | your commandments,
for that is | my desire.
- ³⁶ **Incline my heart to | your decrees
and not to | unjust gain.**
- ³⁷ Turn my eyes from be- | holding falsehood;
give me life | in your way.
- ³⁸ **Fulfill your promise | to your servant,
which is for | those who fear you.**
- ³⁹ Turn away the reproach | that I dread,
because your judg- | ments are good.
- ⁴⁰ **Behold, I long for | your commandments;
by your righteousness en- | liven me.**

Second Lesson

Romans 13:8-14

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

Gathering of Children

Gospel Acclamation

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

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Sermon

Hymn of the Day

God When Human Bonds are Broken

ELW 603

Apostles' Creed

Back cover of hymnal.

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

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

Gaia Daniel, Piano

Offering Prayer

God of creation, **you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.**

MEAL

Invitation to Communion

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Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

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Communion Distribution

All Who Are Thirsty

ACS 981

Leader All

All who are thirst - y, come to the wa-ters. All who are hun - gry,
come here and eat. All who are thirst - y, come to the wa-ters.
There's e - nough for all.

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff is for the Leader and the second and third staves are for the All. The lyrics are: 'All who are thirst - y, come to the wa-ters. All who are hun - gry, come here and eat. All who are thirst - y, come to the wa-ters. There's e - nough for all.'

In the Singing

ELW 466

Communion Blessing and Prayer
Benediction

Sending Hymn

In Christ There is No East or West

ELW 650

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

Crashing Waters at Creation

by Mark Sedio

Serving in Worship this Morning

Greeters: Melanie Carlson &

Ushers: Lisa Jensen & Butch Vossen

Acolyte: Hattie Odeen **Reader:** Dwight Lundebry

Counters: JeriLynn Young &

Communion Setup: Judy Anderson & Karen Vetsch

Communion Servers: Melanie Carlson, Bob Stanich, & Karen Vetsch

Communion Bread & Wine: Allison O'Day

Livestream Tech: Darrick Jensen

LSS Safehouse Sept 7: Kristi Lahti-Johnson & Chuck Johnson, Eric & Bethene
Hunsberger

Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group: 5

Announcements

Fall Volunteer Conflict Survey

It's time to fill out the 2026 Fall Volunteer Conflict Survey! This survey will ask you which roles you volunteer for and any dates where you are unavailable to volunteer. This will be used to assign volunteer roles and dates for October through December. All volunteers will receive the Fall volunteer Schedule before October 1.



Pub Theology

Pub Theology is back from a summer vacation! Please join us at Parkway Pizza, 4357 Minnehaha Avenue, at 6:30 on Wednesday, September 9. We will discuss topics for future Pub Theology gatherings, and decide on day, place and time. All are welcome. Please contact Michael or Allison O'Day with any questions or suggestions.

Gather on the Green

Join us next 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!

Confirmation

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

SNAP Sunday

St. Peder's and six other local congregations are joining together on Sunday, October 11 for "SNAP Sunday" to raise money for Minnehaha Food Shelf with a goal of \$4,000. 100,238 people in Hennepin County rely on SNAP to help feed their families. As benefits shrink, many will turn to food shelves like Minnehaha Food Shelf to fill the gap.



SNAP is changing, new eligibility rules mean the Minnesota Department of Children, Youth and Families expects roughly a third of the state's SNAP recipients to lose their benefits altogether, while those who remain enrolled will receive less help each month.

You can help by giving through a special offering that day, or anytime, at our secure online donation page via the QR code or by going to <https://bit.ly/3JCzVDT>.

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.

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 Walker West Music Academy.

This Week at St. Peder's:

Sunday, September 6: 9 am Worship, 10 am Coffee & Fellowship

Tuesday, September 8: 12 pm Potluck, 6 pm Bible Study, 7 pm Prayer Service

Saturday, September 12: 9 am Confirmation Class, 4 pm Gather on the Green

Sunday, September 13: 9 am Worship, 10 am Coffee & Fellowship



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