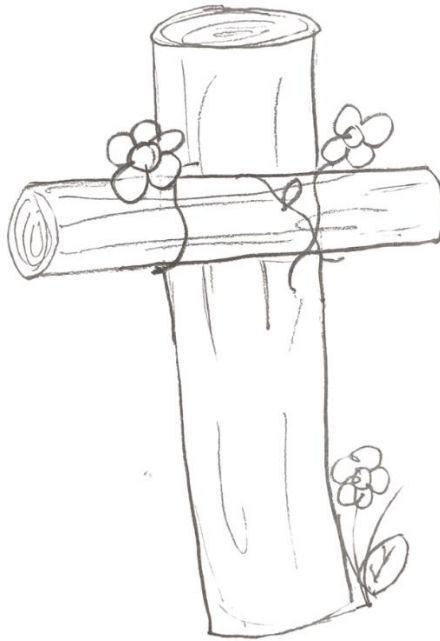




St. Peder's Evangelical Lutheran Church October 4, 2026

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 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost:

In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

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GATHERING

Prelude

Oh, What Their Joy

by David Cherwien

Welcome, Peace, and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Gathering Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

ELW 631

Confession and Forgiveness

Kyrie (Hymn of Prayer)

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Canticle (Hymn of Praise)

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Prayer of the Day

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

First Lesson

Isaiah 5:1-17

¹ I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ² He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes.

³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield rotten grapes?

⁵ And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶ I will make it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷ For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished garden; he expected justice but saw bloodshed; righteousness but heard a cry!

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

Psalm 80:7-15



⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts;

let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

⁸ You have brought a vine out of Egypt;

you cast out the nations and planted it.

⁹ You cleared the ground for it;

it took root and filled the land.

Refrain

¹⁰ The mountains were covered by its shadow
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

¹¹ You stretched out its tendrils to the sea
and its branches to the river.

Refrain

¹² Why have you broken down its wall,
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

¹³ The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

Refrain

¹⁴ Turn now, O God of hosts,
look down from heaven;

¹⁵ behold and tend this vine;
preserve what your right hand has planted.

Refrain

Second Lesson

Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more:

⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.

⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not

having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

Gathering of Children *Jesus Loves the Little Children*

Jesus loves the little children
All the children of the world
From the north, south, east, and west
Jesus loves all the best
Jesus loves the little children of the world

Gospel Acclamation

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:33-46

[Jesus said:] ³³ “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹ They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’?”

⁴³ “Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

ELW 712

Apostles' Creed

Back cover of hymnal.

Prayers of the People: Response: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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

Bread of the World

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 (sung)

Back inside cover.

Communion Distribution

Communion Hymns:

Lamb of God

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All Who Are Thirsty

ACS 981

Leader All

Leader: Treble clef, key of D major (two sharps). The melody for the Leader part is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half). There is a repeat sign after the first measure. The melody for the All part is: D4 (half), E4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half). 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." The key signature changes to C major (no sharps or flats) for the final line.

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Jesus Loves Me

ELW 595

Communion Blessing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Hymn

Guide My Feet

ACS 987

Leader All

Leader: Treble clef, key of B-flat major (two flats). The melody for the Leader part is: Bb4 (half), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F4 (half). The melody for the All part is: Bb4 (half), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F4 (half), E4 (half), D4 (half). The lyrics are: "1 Guide my feet 2 Hold my hand 3 Stand by me while I run this race. 4 I'm your child 5 Search my heart". The key signature changes to C major (no sharps or flats) for the final line.

1 Guide my feet 2 Hold my hand 3 Stand by me while I run this race. 4 I'm your child 5 Search my heart

Guide my feet Hold my hand Stand by me while I run this race. I'm your child Search my heart

Guide my feet Hold my hand Stand by me while I run this race, I'm your child Search my heart

for I don't want to run this race in vain.

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

Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him arr. by Richard Blake

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**Serving in Worship this Morning**

**Greeters:** Susan Schnickel & Paul Aitchison **Ushers:** Susan Nielsen & Dan Vetsch

**Acolyte:** Walter Anderson **Reader:** Dave Noren

**Counters:** Cameron Jamison & Eva Tangen

**Communion Setup:** Eva Tangen & Karen Vetsch

**Communion Servers:** Lisa Rovick, Bob Stanich, Paul Aitchison

**Communion Bread & Wine:** Allison & Michael O'Day

**Livestream Tech:** Karen Vetsch

**LSS Safehouse Oct 5:** Bruce Simpson & Lisa Rovick

**Social Hour hosted by Shepherd Group: 1**

*\*This week's coffee hour proceeds are being donated to the Walker West Music Academy.\**

**Announcements**

**Save the Date: Prayer Service Monday, November 2**

We will be hosting a prayer service on the Monday prior to the midterm elections. This service has been adapted from the Heal the Nations Lenten service liturgy.

**Pub Theology**

Please join us for Pub Theology on Wednesday, October 7 at 6:30 p.m. We will meet at Parkway Pizza (4357 Minnehaha Ave.) Happy Hour is all day on Wednesdays at Parkway Pizza. The topic for discussion in October is: Where do our theological and personal journeys begin? According to the Old Testament: "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1) And according to the New Testament: "In the

Beginning was the Word” (John 1:1). What do these beginnings mean, and how do we interpret them for our personal lives today?

### **Hearing Assistance**

Did you know that we are set up with Auracast as a way to help folks who are hard of hearing? To find out more about this Bluetooth-style technology, and find out how to connect with it, scan this QR code. We also have some receivers and headphones in the back which connect to the audio feed.



### **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. Give today via the QR code.



### **This Week at St. Peder’s:**

**Sunday, October 4:** 9 am Worship, 10 am Coffee & Fellowship

**Tuesday, October 6:** 9 am Healthy Seniors Line Dancing, 6 pm Bible Study, 7 pm Prayer Service

**Thursday, October 1:** 7 pm Choir Rehearsal

**Saturday, October 3:** 9 am Healthy Seniors Open House, 2 pm Fiber Arts

**Sunday, October 4:** 9 am Worship, 10 am Coffee & Fellowship



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