St. Peder's Lutheran Church 11-15-2026

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!

<u>Introduction to the Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost:</u>
Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the Lord will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

<u>GATHERING</u>

Prelude: Variation on "Jesus Our Brother, Kind and Good

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: Christ Be Our Light ELW 715

1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

3 Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.
Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

5 Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
signs of your kingdom come.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Confession and Forgiveness

Kyrie (Hymn of Prayer)

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

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

Canticle (Hymn of Praise)

***Refrain:* Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.**

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. *Refrain.*

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. *Refrain.*

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. *Refrain.*

Prayer of the Day

Righteous God, our merciful master, **you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire

us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD **First Lesson** **Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18**

7 Be silent before the LORD GOD, for the day of the LORD is at hand! The LORD has prepared a sacrifice; he has consecrated his guests.

12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who settle like dregs in wine, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." 13 Their wealth shall be plundered and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

14 The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the warrior cries aloud there. 15 That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, 16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

17 I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust and their flesh like dung. 18 Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed, for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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

Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12

[1] Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.
[2] Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and
the earth were born,
from age to age you are God.

****A thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is**
past,
A thousand years in your sight are like a watch in the
night.**

[3] You turn us back to the dust and say,
"Turn back, O children of earth."
[4] For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when
it is past
and like a watch in the night;

****A thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is**
past,
A thousand years in your sight are like a watch in the
night.**

[5] you sweep them away like a dream,
they fade away suddenly like the grass:
[6] in the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

**A thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past,
A thousand years in your sight are like a watch in the night.**

7 For we are consumed by your anger;
we are afraid because of your wrath.
8 Our iniquities you have set before you,
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

**A thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past,
A thousand years in your sight are like a watch in the night.**

9 When you are angry, all our days are gone;
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
10 The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty;
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.

**A thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past,
A thousand years in your sight are like a watch in the night.**

11 Who regards the power of your wrath?
Who rightly fears your indignation?

12 So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

****A thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past,**
A thousand years in your sight are like a watch in the night.**

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you.
2 For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! 4 But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief;
5 for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. 6 So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober,
7 for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

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

Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once 16 the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 22 And the one with the two talents also came forward,

saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ [23] His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ [24] Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, [25] so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ [26] But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? [27] Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. [28] So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. [29] For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. [30] As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ”

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us ELW 707

1 Lord of glory, you have bought us
with your lifeblood as the price,
never grudging for the lost ones
that tremendous sacrifice;
and with that have freely given

blessings countless as the sand
to the unthankful and the evil
with your own unsparing hand.

2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you
gladly, freely, of your own.
With the sunshine of your goodness
melt our thankless hearts of stone
till our cold and selfish natures,
warmed by you, at length believe
that more happy and more blessed
'tis to give than to receive.

3 Wondrous honor you have given
to our humblest charity
in your own mysterious sentence,
"You have done it all to me."
Naked, sick, in prison, hungry—
in the least, your face we view,
saying by your poor and needy,
"Give as I have giv'n to you."

4 Lord of glory, you have bought us
with your lifeblood as the price,
never grudging for the lost ones
that tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust you boldly,
hope, to stay our souls on you:
but, oh, best of all your graces,
with your love our love renew.

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: God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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: L'agreable: Rondeau by M. Marais

Offering Prayer:

Eternal God, **our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

MEAL

Invitation to Communion:

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Life up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer (sung) **Back inside cover.**

Father of us all, we pray to you in Heaven. Hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil for the kingdom is yours, the power and the glory, forever! Amen, amen, amen!

Communion Distribution

Communion Hymns: Lamb of God **ELW pg. 174**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace, grant us peace.

All Who Are Thirsty **ACS 981**

(All who are thirsty,) come to the waters.
(All who are hungry,) come here and eat.
(All who are thirsty,) come to the waters.

There's enough for all.

Light Dawns on a Weary World **ELW 726**

1 Light dawns on a weary world
when eyes begin to see
all people's dignity.
Light dawns on a weary world:
the promised day of justice comes.
The trees shall clap their hands;
the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!
We shall go out in joy,
and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.

2 Love grows in a weary world
when hungry hearts find bread
and children's dreams are fed.
Love grows in a weary world:
the promised feast of plenty comes.
The trees shall clap their hands;
the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!
We shall go out in joy,
and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.

3 Hope blooms in a weary world
when creatures, once forlorn,
find wilderness reborn.

Hope blooms in a weary world:
the promised green of Eden comes.
The trees shall clap their hands;
the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!
We shall go out in joy,
and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.

Communion Blessing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Hymn: O God Our Help in Ages Past ELW 632

1 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:

2 Under the shadow of your throne
your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone,
and our defense is sure.

3 Before the hills in order stood
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting you are God,
to endless years the same.

4 A thousand ages in your sight
are like an evening gone,

short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home.

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: Variation on "Jesus Our Brother, Kind and Good

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Serving in Worship this Morning

Greeters: Karen & Dan Vetsch

Ushers: Tom Goodien & Peter Juhl

Acolyte: Reader: Bethany Albing

Counters: Cameron Jamison & Doreen Skraba

Livestream Tech: Karen Vetsch

Communion Setup: Kristi Lahti-Johnson & Chuck Johnson

Communion Servers: Kristi Lahti-Johnson, Chuck Johnson & Cameron Jamison

Communion Bread & Wine: Karen Vetsch

LSS Safehouse Nov 16: Sonja Walker, Joe & Annalise Munnich

Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group: 6

This week's coffee hour proceeds are being donated to the Youth Fund.

Announcements

Guest Speaker Today

Today we are joined by Rev. Arthur Murray from Partners for Community Transformation (PACT). PACT was formed in 2016 to respond to needs in Liberia in the wake of the Ebola epidemic in West Africa. Rev. Philip Nushann of Liberia requested assistance providing tuition support for children orphaned by Ebola or HIV/AIDS. In 2020 PACT added an additional partner in East Timor (Southeast Asia), that delivers health care to remote villages

Please stick around after worship to ask questions and get to know more about their mission! More information at www.pact-mn.org.

Congregational Budget Meeting

The annual Congregational Budget Meeting is on Sunday, November 22nd after worship at 10:30 a.m. All members are encouraged to attend as we discuss not just budget, but how we use our resources faithfully.

Friends of Minnehaha Park Event

The organization Friends of Minnehaha Park will be hosting an event in the St. Peder's Assembly Hall on Thursday, November 19 at 6 p.m. The event will feature Rebecca Clotts, Adjunct Faculty at the Department of Earth, Environment and Society at the University of St. Thomas. Rebecca will be giving a guided tour of the geologic history at Minnehaha Park.

Friendsgiving – Emma Norton Services

Emma Norton Services is one of our closest neighbors—located just across the river in Highland Bridge. Emma Norton, founded in 1917, provides transformational housing and growth to women, individuals, and small families on their journey of recovery from homelessness. Last year, we had a wonderful Friendsgiving event at Restoring Waters with 30+ residents and they are excited to have us back again.
Bring a Thanksgiving-inspired dish to share, potluck style! Friendsgiving will happen on November 22 from Noon to 1:30 p.m. A sign-up sheet will be available in the office. For

questions, please reach out to member Shawna Nelsen-Wills at snelsen@emmanorton.org.

This Week at St. Peder's:
Sunday, November 15: 9 am Worship, 10 am Coffee & Fellowship
Tuesday, November 17: 6 pm Bible Study, 7 pm Prayer Service
Wednesday, November 18: 9 am Quilters, 7 pm Council Meeting
Thursday, November 19: 7 pm Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, November 21: 2 pm Fiber Arts
Sunday, November 22: 9 am Worship, 10 am Coffee & Fellowship, 10:30 am Congregational Budget Meeting

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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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