

St. Peder's Evangelical Lutheran Church
November 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!

Introduction to the Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost:

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.

GATHERING

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

Welcome, Peace, and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Gathering Hymn *Christ Be Our Light* ELW 715

Confession and Forgiveness

Kyrie (Hymn of Prayer) ELW pg. 138

Canticle (Hymn of Praise) ELW pg. 139

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.

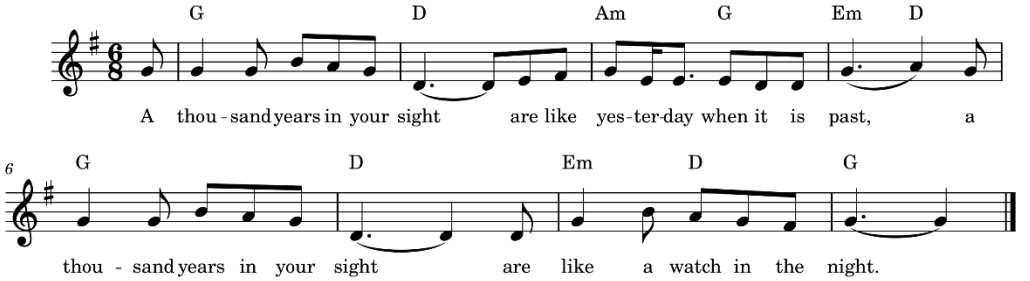
12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who
settle like dregs in wine, those who say in their hearts, “The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm.” 13 Their wealth shall be plundered and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit 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. *Refrain*

[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; *Refrain*

[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. *Refrain*

[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. *Refrain*

[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. *Refrain*

[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. *Refrain*

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 ELW pg. 142

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

Apostles' Creed Back cover of hymnal.

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 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 *L'agreable: Rondeau* by M. Marais

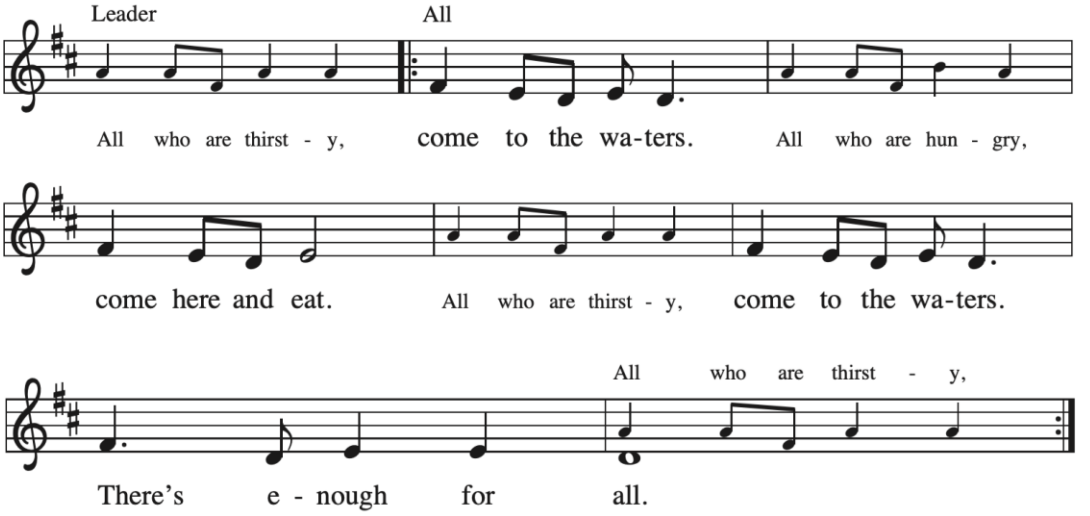
Offering Prayer

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 — ELW pg. 144
Words of Institution
Lord's Prayer (sung) — Back inside cover.
Communion Distribution
Communion Hymns: *Lamb of God* — ELW pg. 174

All Who Are Thirsty — ACS 981



Light Dawns on a Weary World — ELW 726

Communion Blessing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Hymn *O God Our Help in Ages Past* — ELW 632

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
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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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