

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024**  
**ST. PEDER'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**LARGE PRINT HYMNS & PRAYERS**

**Introduction to the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

*James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings a need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.*

**Gathering Hymn**

***Earth and All Stars***

- 1 Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm!  
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

*Refrain*

God has done marvelous things.  
I too sing praises with a new song!

- 2 Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud humming cellos!  
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*
- 3 Engines and steel! Loud pounding hammers!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Limestone and beams! Loud building workers!  
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*
- 4 Classrooms and labs! Loud boiling test tubes!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!

Athlete and band! Loud cheering people!  
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

5 Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Daughter and son! Loud praying members!  
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926

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## Confession and Forgiveness

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need and turn to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

## Kyrie

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

Glory to God in the highest. Amen, amen.

## Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. **Amen.**

## First Lesson

*Isaiah 35:4-7a*

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

## Psalm 34:1-8

<sup>1</sup>Hal- | lelujah!

Praise the LORD, | O my soul!

<sup>2</sup>**I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;**

**I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.**

<sup>3</sup>Put not your | trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there | is no help.

<sup>4</sup>**When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,**

**and in that day | their thoughts perish.**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,

whose hope is in the | LORD their God;  
<sup>6</sup>**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;  
who keeps promis- | es forever;**  
<sup>7</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those  
who hunger.  
The LORD sets the | captive free.  
<sup>8</sup>**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those  
who | are bowed down;  
the LORD | loves the righteous.**  
<sup>9</sup>The LORD cares | for the stranger;  
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the  
way | of the wicked.  
<sup>10</sup>**The LORD shall | reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!**

## **Second Lesson**

*James 2:1-10, 14-17*

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

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**ELW pg. 171**

## **Holy Gospel**

*Mark 7:24-37*

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

## **Sermon**

### **Hymn of the Day**

#### ***Light Dawns on a Weary World***

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.

### ***Refrain***

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. *Refrain*

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. *Refrain*

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

## **Apostle's Creed**

Back cover of hymnal

## **Prayers of the People**

Response: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

## **Offering Prayer**

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. **By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **Sending Hymn**

### **Lead Me, Guide Me**

#### *Refrain*

Lead me, guide me, along the way; for if you lead me, I cannot stray.  
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r  
to help me over my weakest hour.  
Help me through the darkness thy face to see.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

2 Help me tread in the paths of righteousness,  
be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.  
I am putting all my trust in thee.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

3 I am lost if you take your hand from me,  
I am blind without thy light to see.  
Lord, just always let me thy servant be.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Text: Doris Akers, 1922-1995

Music: Doris Akers

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## **Sending**

Knowing God is behind us

**We are rooted in our heritage.**

Knowing God goes before us

**We embrace our 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.**

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## **Serving in Worship this Morning**

**Greeters:** Jean Evers & Eva Tangen

**Ushers:** Paul Aitchison & Jeremy Anderson

**Acolyte:** Walter Anderson   **Reader:** Judy Hogan

**Counters:** Cameron Jamison & Judy Hogan

**Livestream Technician:** Cameron Jamison

**LSS Safe House Dinner for September 9:** Wendy & Gordon Legge

**Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group: 7**

## **Announcements**

### **Special Note**

Please join us for the first choir of the year this Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Contact Mia Kruse if you have any questions. All are welcome!

### **Gather on the Green**

Mark your calendars, it's almost time for Gather on the Green! This event will take place on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 pm. There will be food, beer, live music, a silent auction, a 32-foot blow up obstacle course, and activities for all ages! You do not want to miss this event! If you would like to volunteer an item for the silent auction, or to volunteer at the event, please scan the QR code on the flier outside the office.

### **Pastor on the Run!**

Pastor Bryan is taking another run (pun intended!) at completing the Twin Cities Marath on October 6<sup>th</sup>. Like last year, he will be raising money for Wildflyer Coffee, which has a program that is working to end youth homelessness. You can find more information on the bulletin board outside the office, or you can use this QR code to donate.



### **St. Peder's Photo Directory update**

In honor of our 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we are trying to get updated pictures of all church members for our digital directory and our new paper directory! Find photographers Peter Juhl, Lisa Rovick, or Sue Nielsen during coffee hour any

time this summer and they will snap your photo on the spot! If you have a picture you want to use, send it to Pastor Bryan or Lyn.

### **LSS- Leading with Abundance**

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota warmly invites you to join them at the 2024 celebration for Changing Lives for an inspiring evening of community and generosity. **This event takes places on Saturday, September 14 at The Depot Minneapolis, 225 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave S.** Social hour begins at 5:30 pm, dinner and program starts at 6:30. Tickets can be purchased at [lssmn.org/events](https://lssmn.org/events).

*\*\*This week's coffee hour proceeds are being donated to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund\*\**



## This Week at St. Peder's

<b>Today: Sunday, September 8</b>  9 am Worship 10 am Coffee & Fellowship	<b>Monday, Sept. 9</b>  7 pm Pub Theology @ Parkway Pizza	<b>Tuesday, Sept. 10</b>  10 am Exercise Class* 12 pm Potluck 6 pm Bible Study
<b>Thursday, Sept. 12</b>  10 am Exercise Class*  *denotes community group	<b>Saturday, Sept. 14</b>  9:30 am Seniors For All* 4 pm Gather on the Green	<b>Sunday, Sept. 15</b> <b>Rally Sunday</b>  9 am Worship 10 am Coffee & Fellowship



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