



**SECOND SUNDAY**  
**OF**  
*Advent*

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St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation  
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**WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE** May God's Holy Spirit prepare our hearts to welcome our newborn King!

Thank you for joining us for worship. If you have any questions about our service or practice, please feel free to ask one of the ushers or a pastor.

- Family restrooms are available in the multi-purpose room off the narthex or on the right side of the large hallway leading to the school wing.
- A parent's room with audio feed and a window into the sanctuary is available.
- Listening devices and six large print hymnals are available, please ask an usher.
- Tune into KFIZ AM 1450 each Sunday morning at 8:00 to hear the current weekend's sermon.
- Please silence your cell phone and all other electrical devices to help minimize distractions during Divine Worship. Thank you.
- Hymns and songs are reprinted under OneLicense #A-713891. Artwork obtained from churchart.com. Scripture texts are taken from the New International Version 1984 translation.
- Visitors, we are pleased that you have joined us this morning. Please feel free to inquire about our congregation through the pastors, one of the ushers, or one of the members. If you are a visitor from out of town, please be sure to introduce yourself to one of the pastors after the service. We welcome all of you to come and worship with us again.

**A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP** Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to you; here, Lord abide! Oh, enter with your saving grace; show me your kind and friendly face. Your Holy Spirit guide us on until our glorious goal is won. Eternal praise and fame we offer to your name. Amen. *(See also the prayers on pages 10-11 of Christian Worship.)*

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**SERVICE THEME** The Lord is coming. Prepare the way before him.

**Luther Prep Singers**

**“Christ Is The World’s Light”**  
“Christe Sanctorum”  
*arr. Lloyd Larson*

**Congregation**

**Christ is the world’s light, Christ and none other;  
Born in our darkness, he became our brother.  
If we have seen him, we have seen the Father:  
Glory to God on high!**

**Choir**

Christ is the world’s peace, Christ and none other;  
No one can serve him and despise another.  
Who else unites us, one with God the Father?  
Glory to God on high!

**Choir**

Christ is the world’s life, Christ and none other;  
Sold once for silver; murdered here, our brother.  
He who redeemed us reigns with God the Father:  
Glory to God on high!

**Congregation**

**Give God the glory, God and none other;  
Give God the glory, Spirit, Son, and Father.  
Give God the glory, God with us, my brother:  
Glory to God on high!**

**Luther Prep Singers**

**“Thy Little Ones, Dear Lord”**

*J. A. P. Schulz  
arr. Kenneth Jennings*

Thy little ones, dear Lord, are we and come Thy lowly bed to see;  
Enlighten every soul and mind, that we the way to Thee may find.

O draw us wholly to Thee, Lord, do Thou to us Thy grace accord,  
True faith and love to us impart that we may hold Thee in our heart.

Until at last we too proclaim with all Thy saints Thy glorious name;  
In paradise our songs renew, and praise Thee as the angels do.  
Thy little ones, dear Lord, are we.

**Luther Prep Singers**

**“Lift Up Your Heads”**

*arr. Larry Schackley*

Lift up your heads, you mighty gates; behold, the King of glory waits;  
The King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here!

Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart  
From earthly use for heav’n’s employ adorned with pray’r and love and joy.

Redeemer, come, with us abide; our hearts to you we open wide;  
Let us your inner presence feel; your grace and love in us reveal.

All praise to you, eternal Son, whose advent has our freedom won,  
Whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Spirit, evermore!

Lift up your heads, you mighty gates; behold the King of glory waits!

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*Service of the Word on page 38 in the front of the hymnal*

M: The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of  
the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

**CONFESSION OF SINS**

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him  
as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath  
and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his  
mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless  
ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child.  
But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your  
unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and  
innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever.  
You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his  
will.

C: **Amen.**

**PRAYER AND PRAISE**

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**OH, TASTE AND SEE**

♪ **Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.**

**Blessed are they who take refuge in him. Your Word,  
O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Your  
faithfulness continues forever. Oh, taste and see that the  
Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him.**

M: Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his  
coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through  
the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who  
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

### LESSON

Acts 9:1-19a

*Just as the Lord called Saul to be a witness for his name, so also the Lord still calls men and women to be pastors and teachers today.*

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything. In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!" "Yes, Lord," he answered. The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight." "Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your saints in Jerusalem. And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name." But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and their kings and before the people of Israel. I will show him how much he must suffer for my name." Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord--Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here -- has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

### Luther Prep Singers

### "My Lord Has Come"

*Will Todd*

Shepherds, called by love and angels,  
No place for them but a stable.  
My Lord has come.

Sages, searching for stars, searching for love in heaven.  
No place for them but a stable.  
My Lord has come.

His love will hold me, his love will cherish me, his love will cradle me.

Lead me, lead me to see him, sages, and shepherds and angels.  
No place for me but a stable.  
My Lord has come.

### Luther Prep Singers

### "Unclouded Day"

*arr. Shawn Kirchner*

O they tell me of a home far beyond the skies, they tell me of a home far away,  
And they tell me of a home where no storm clouds rise:  
O they tell me of an unclouded day.

*O the land of cloudless days, O the land of an unclouded sky,  
O they tell me of a home where no storm clouds rise:  
O they tell me of an unclouded day.*

O they tell me of a home where my friends have gone, they tell me of a land far away,  
Where the tree of life in eternal bloom sheds its fragrance through the unclouded day.

O they tell me of a King in his beauty there (that mine eyes shall behold)  
Who sits upon a throne (that is bright as the sun) in the city that is made of gold.

**Luther Prep Singers**

**“Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See”**

*arr. Dale Witte*

Lord, when your glory I shall see and taste your kingdom’s pleasure,  
Your blood my royal robe shall be, my joy beyond all measure!  
When I appear before your throne, your righteousness shall be my crown;  
With these I need not hide me.  
And there, in garments richly wrought, as your own bride I shall be brought  
To stand in joy beside you.

**SERMON**

Acts 9:11-15

**“God Says Go”**

*Pastor Evan Chartrand*

**HYMN**

**“Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying”**

*Hymn 573*

**GATHERING OF OUR OFFERING**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom  
come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our  
daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who  
trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from  
evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**BLESSING**

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve  
the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C:** ♪ **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**

**“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”**

*Hymn 57*



**ORGANIST**

Ruth Koepsell

**GREETERS**

7:45 ~ Deb Dehring

10:30 ~ Jim & Marcia Pflum

**THE PREP SINGERS**  
Prof. Randy Bode, director

**SOPRANO**

Anna Christie      Waukesha, WI  
Adia Gabb          Los Angeles, CA  
Leah Hahm          Eau Claire, WI  
Lauren Kamps      Coleman, WI  
Katie Kopplin      Rowlett, TX  
Kylie Kozinski      Dousman, WI  
Melina Satorius    Annandale, VA  
Sarah Swenson      Oconomowoc, WI  
Tabitha Vannieuwenhoven      Lutz, FL  
Alexis Waack      Watertown, WI

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Jenna Boggs          Royal Palm Beach, FL  
Abigail Buege      Katy, TX  
Kaitlin Butler      West Allis, WI  
Margaret Gabb      Hernando, FL  
Carly Hirsch          Norfolk, NE  
Teresa Krogmann    Iron Ridge, WI  
Amanda Rehberger      Appleton, WI  
Megan Riley          DeForest, WI  
Annika Schroeder      Modesto, CA  
Grace Waldschmidt      Hartford, WI

**TENOR**

Noah Cook          West Salem, WI  
Zachary Gregorius      Watertown, WI  
Josiah Koelpin      Dallas, TX  
Lane Korth          Davenport, FL  
Jarrett Mielke      Sarasota, FL  
Isaiah Pederson      Coon Rapids, MN  
Joel Schewe          Clovis, CA  
Luke Schlomer      Helenville, WI  
Jacob Schwark      Elkhorn, WI  
Josiah Winkel      Milwaukee, WI

**BASS**

Eric Bartsch          Sussex, WI  
Paul Frick          Waukesha, WI  
Brice Guse          Fond du Lac, WI  
Benjamin Hillmer      Sparks, NV  
Micah Kieselhorst      Watertown, WI  
Lucas Martin          Jefferson, WI  
Zach Scheuerlein      Thiensville, WI  
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