

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

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**WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE** May the peace of the Christ-child fill your heart!

**SERVICE THEME**

*The King Shall Come: Just as God Promised*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*Service of Word & Prayer | 266-269*



**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES**

*These sentences will be spoken and the Advent candles lit immediately at the beginning of the service.*

We light four Advent candles as we behold Jesus, the Son of God and Son of Mary.  
He came to share our humanity.

**With eyes of faith we behold Jesus whose name means Savior. He came to save his people from their sins.**

We hear his call to give him a place in our hearts.

**We light four Advent candles as a sign of our joy and hope.**

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.

**Through your Word and Spirit may our souls be blessed.**

*Four Advent candles (the Prophecy, Bethlehem, Angel, and Shepherd candles) are lit.*

*The service continues with the opening hymn.*

**OPENING HYMN**

*O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide | 314*

**FIRST LESSON**

2 Samuel 7:8-16

*The LORD promised King David that one of his descendants would establish an everlasting kingdom.*

You are also to say the following to my servant David. This is what the LORD of Armies says. I took you from the pasture, from following sheep, to be ruler over my people, over Israel. <sup>9</sup>I have been with you wherever you went. I have cut off all your enemies from before you. I will make your reputation great, like that of the great ones on the earth. <sup>10</sup>I will set up a place for my people Israel, and I will plant them there. They will dwell there, and they will not be disturbed again. Violent men will not afflict them again as they did at the beginning <sup>11</sup>and ever since the day I appointed judges over my people Israel. I will give you rest from all your enemies.

The LORD also declares to you that the LORD himself will make a house for you. <sup>12</sup>When your days are complete and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up after you your seed, who will come from your own body. I will establish his kingdom. <sup>13</sup>He will build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. <sup>14</sup>I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he sins, I will discipline him with a rod used by men and with blows of the sons of men. <sup>15</sup>My faithful mercy will not depart from him as I removed it from Saul, whom I removed to make room for you. <sup>16</sup>Your house will stand firm, and your kingdom will endure forever before you. Your throne will be established forever.

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

**PSALM OF THE DAY***LORD, In Your Mercy Hear My Prayer | 85***SECOND LESSON**

Romans 16:25-27

*The prophetic writings about King Jesus prove that God keeps his promises.*

Now to him who is able to strengthen you— according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was veiled in silence for long ages past, <sup>26</sup>but now has been revealed through the prophetic Scriptures and made known to all the Gentiles, in keeping with the command of the eternal God, resulting in the obedience of faith— <sup>27</sup>to God, who alone is wise, be glory forever through Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

*Please stand.*

**GOSPEL (sermon text)**

Luke 1:26-38

*In the womb of the Virgin Mary, God kept his promise to send a Savior who would establish an everlasting kingdom.*

In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin pledged in marriage to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women."

<sup>29</sup>But she was greatly troubled by the statement and was wondering what kind of greeting this could be. <sup>30</sup>The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, because you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>Listen, you will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David. <sup>33</sup>He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and his kingdom will never end."

<sup>34</sup>Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

<sup>35</sup>The angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. <sup>36</sup>Listen, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age even though she was called barren, and this is her sixth month. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible for God."

<sup>38</sup>Then Mary said, "See, I am the Lord's servant. May it happen to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Please be seated.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY***As Angels Joyed with One Accord | 320***"God Fulfills His Explicit Promise"***Pastor John Boehringer***APOSTLES' CREED***page 268***GATHERING OF OUR OFFERING****PRAYERS & BLESSING***pages 268-269***CLOSING HYMN***The Advent of Our King | 309*