



## **The Second Sunday of Christmas**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2022

# Pilgrim Evangelical Lutheran Church

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We are happy to have you with us today! We are confident that you will be blessed by God's Word while you are here and pray that you will leave knowing the peace of His love and forgiveness.

## **WHAT CHILD IS THIS: HE TURNS SLAVES INTO SONS**

The ability to appreciate Christmas is directly proportional to the understanding of whom Christmas is for. Christmas is only meant for those who are held captive by our enemies, sin and death. Christmas is for people who have no power of their own to free themselves from those enemies. Christmas is for people who patiently wait for God to set them free. God's Christmas gift is for slaves, but it does not leave them that way. Jesus takes those born in slavery and turns them into sons and daughters of God. He makes us heirs of a glorious, eternal inheritance. He sets us free from a forced servitude to our enemies and replaces it with joyful service to our loving Father.

## **SERVING IN WORSHIP**

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**Presiding Minister**

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# A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

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## OPENING HYMN

*Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising | 42(1-5)*

1 Come, your hearts and voices raising,  
Christ the Lord with gladness praising;  
Loudly sing his love amazing,  
Worthy folk of Christendom.

2 See how God, for us providing,  
Gave his Son and life abiding;  
He our weary steps is guiding  
From earth's woe to heav'nly joy.

3 Christ, from heav'n to us descending  
And in love our race befriending,  
In our need his help extending,  
Saved us from the wily foe.

4 Jacob's Star in all its splendor  
Beams with comfort sweet and tender,  
Forcing Satan to surrender,  
Breaking all the pow'rs of hell.

5 Gracious Child, we pray you, hear us;  
From your lowly manger cheer us.  
Gently lead us and be near us  
Till we join th' angelic choir.

*Please stand*

## WELCOME AND GREETING

**M:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

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

**C:** **And also with you.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Coming together as the family of God, let us with assurance ask for forgiveness, for our God is a God of gentleness and compassion.

M: Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life:

S: Kyrie eleison, eleison, Kyrie. (*Trans: Lord have mercy*)

**C: Kyrie eleison, eleison, Kyrie.**

M: Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins:

S: Christe eleison, eleison, Christe. (*Trans: Christ have mercy*)

**C: Christe eleison, eleison, Christe.**

M: Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood:

S: Kyrie eleison, eleison, Kyrie. (*Trans: Lord have mercy*)

**C: Kyrie eleison, eleison, Kyrie.**

## PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

M: God gave us his Son, Jesus, to take our sins away. He is the Lamb of God, and through his suffering and death, we need not fear death. God says to us that through the blood of his Son we are purified of all sin.

**C: Lord, thank you for sending your Son to die in our place and making it possible for us to come before you. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

# THE WORD

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## FIRST LESSON

Genesis 17:1-7

*The Lord promised Abram that his descendants would become a great nation whom God Almighty would love as his own sons and daughters.*

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty. Walk before me and be blameless. <sup>2</sup>I will make my covenant between me and you, and I will make your descendants very numerous." <sup>3</sup>Abram fell on his face. God spoke with him. He said, <sup>4</sup>"As for me, this is my covenant with you. You will be the father of many nations. <sup>5</sup>Your name will not be Abram anymore, but your name will be Abraham for I have made you the father of a large group of nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make you extremely fruitful, and I will produce nations from you. Kings will come out of you. <sup>7</sup>I will establish my covenant between me and you and your descendants after you as an everlasting covenant throughout their generations. I will be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

## PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 148

*Sung in unison*

### *Refrain*



We have seen his glo - ry; he shines forth with truth and grace.

### *Psalm Tone*



Praise the LORD from the heavens,  
praise him in the heights above.

Praise him, all his angels,  
praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

Praise him, sun and moon,  
praise him, all you shining stars.

### *Refrain*

Praise the LORD from the earth,  
lightning and hail, stormy winds that do his bidding,  
you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,  
wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,  
kings of the earth and all rulers on earth,  
young men and maidens, old men and children.

***Refrain***

Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
for his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,**

**as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

***Refrain***

**SECOND LESSON**

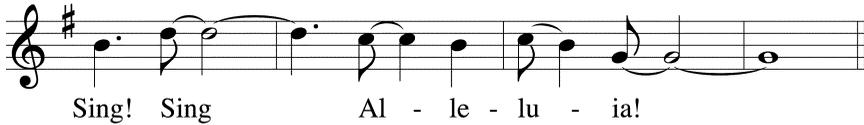
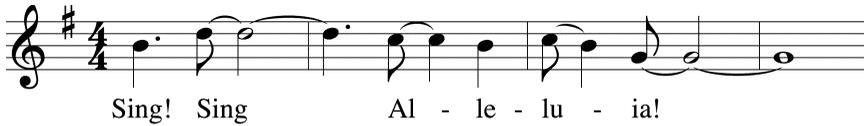
Galatians 4:4-7

*Christ has freed us from slavery and made us God's children and heirs.*

But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son to be born of a woman, so that he would be born under the law, <sup>5</sup> in order to redeem those under the law, so that we would be adopted as sons. <sup>6</sup> And because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts to shout, "Abba, Father!" <sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave, but a son. And if you are a son, then you are also an heir of God through Christ.

## SING ALLELUIA

*The Cantor will introduce the refrain, followed by the congregation. The Cantor will sing the verses.*



Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the words of everlasting life.

### Refrain

Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life, you have the words of everlasting life.

### Refrain

*Please stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Spoken in unison*

**Alleluia. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Alleluia.**

## GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 1:68-75

*At the birth of John the Baptist, his father Zechariah sings a song praising the Lord. God's people, held captive by their enemies, would be redeemed and set free.*

Blessed is the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has visited us and prepared redemption for his people. <sup>69</sup> He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, <sup>70</sup> just as he said long ago through the mouth of his holy prophets. <sup>71</sup> He raised up salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us, <sup>72</sup> in order to show mercy to our fathers by remembering his holy covenant, <sup>73</sup> the oath which he swore to Abraham our father, <sup>74</sup> to grant deliverance to us from the hand of our enemies, so that we are able to serve him without fear, <sup>75</sup> in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

*Please be seated*

## HYMN

*The Only Son from Heaven | 86(1-4)*

1 The only Son from heaven, Foretold by ancient seers,  
By God the Father given, In human form appears.  
No sphere his light confining, No star so brightly shining  
As he, our Morning Star.

2 Oh, time of God appointed, Oh, bright and holy morn!  
He comes, the King anointed, The Christ, the virgin-born,  
Grim death to conquer for us, To open heav'n before us  
And bring us life again.

3 Awaken, Lord, our spirit To know and love you more,  
In faith to stand unshaken, In spirit to adore,  
That we, through this world moving, Each glimpse of heaven proving,  
May reap its fullness there.

4 O Father, here before you With God the Holy Ghost  
And Jesus, we adore you, O Pride of angel host.  
Before you mortals lowly Cry "Holy, holy, holy,  
O blessed Trinity!"

## SERMON

### CONFESSION OF FAITH

*Luther's Explanation of the First Article of the Apostles' Creed from the Small Catechism*

**C: I believe that God created me and all that exists, that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my mind and all my abilities.**

**I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, property and home, spouse and children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life. God also preserves me by defending me against all danger, guarding and protecting me from all evil.**

**All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it. For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him.**

**This is most certainly true.**

*Please stand*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

## ***THE SACRAMENT***

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*The Bible teaches that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ, and with one another, as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. With that in mind, we invite all members of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod to come forward. If you wish to partake of the Supper with us in the future, please speak to Pastor after the service. He would be happy to help you take that step.*

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C: It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, for in the wonder and mystery of his birth you have opened our eyes to the glory of your grace and renewed in our hearts the fervor of your love. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*All*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo -

ry. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na,

Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na,

Ho - san - na in the high - est!

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.**

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

*The congregation sings three times.*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.

*Please be seated*

## **DISTRIBUTION**

*Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face | 315(1-6)*

1 Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;  
Here would I touch and handle things unseen,  
Here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,  
And all my weariness upon you lean.

2 This is the hour of banquet and of song;  
Here is the heav'nly table spread anew.  
Here let me feast and, feasting, still prolong  
The brief bright hour of fellowship with you.

3 I have no help but yours nor do I need  
Another arm but yours to lean upon.  
It is enough, O Lord, enough indeed;  
My strength is in your might, your might alone.

4 Mine is the sin but yours the righteousness;  
Mine is the guilt but yours the cleansing blood.  
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:  
Your blood, your righteousness, O Lord, my God.

5 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear.  
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone.  
The bread and wine remove, but you are here,  
Nearer than ever, still my shield and sun.

6 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,  
Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,  
Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,  
The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

*Please stand*

## **WE GIVE THANKS TO OUR GRACIOUS GOD**

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "We give you thanks, we give you thanks for the grace to receive, in you we believe. We give you thanks, we give you thanks. With faith and hope and love, we give you thanks." The score includes various note values, rests, and triplet markings over the words "re-ceive" and "believe".

M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **THE BLESSING**

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

**C: Amen**

*Please be seated*

## CLOSING HYMN

*Blessed Be the God of Israel | (1-3)*

1 Blest be the God of Israel  
Who comes to set us free  
And raises up new hope for us:  
A Branch from David's tree.  
So have the prophets long declared  
That with a mighty arm  
God would turn back our enemies  
And all who wish us harm.

2 With promised mercy will God still  
The covenant recall,  
The oath once sworn to Abraham:  
From foes to save us all,  
That we might worship without fear  
And offer lives of praise,  
In holiness and righteousness  
To serve God all our days.

3 My child, as prophet of the Lord,  
You will prepare the way,  
To tell his people they are saved  
From sin's eternal sway.  
Then shall God's mercy from on high  
Shine forth and never cease  
To drive away the gloom of death  
And lead us into peace.



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# Parents' Preview for January 9/12

## PURPOSE

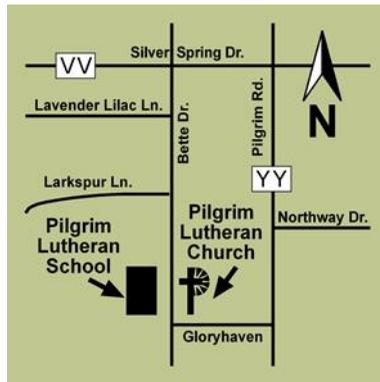
The Parents' Preview highlights an aspect of next week's service: a liturgical song, a Psalm refrain, or a hymn stanza. Our hope and prayer are that parents will teach this portion of the service to their children at home during the week so that children can participate more fully in the worship service.

## Christ, Your Footprints through the Desert CW 379

1 Christ, your foot - prints through the des - ert led to Jor - dan's  
flow - ing stream; there you heard the her - ald cry - ing  
Is - rael's old, pro - phet - ic dream: "He is com - ing! He is  
com - ing! He will cleanse the earth with flame! Sin - ners,  
plunge be - neath the wa - ters! Wash a - way your guilt and shame!"

## PRAYER

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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