



THE LORD'S DAY ~ December 6, 2020

Second Sunday of Advent



*"Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign.
Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and shall call his name Immanuel."*

~ Isaiah 7:14

- Prelude *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"* (T203)
- Pastor's Welcome
- Prayer of Invocation and Praise
- *Call to Worship 1 John 4:14, 16
- *Hymn of Praise *"O Come, All Ye Faithful"* (T208)
- *Confession of Faith Heidelberg Questions 29, 31 and 32

Leader: *Why is the Son of God called "Jesus" meaning "Savior"?*
People: Because He saves us from our sins. Salvation cannot be found in anyone else; it is futile to look for any salvation elsewhere.

Leader: *Why is He called Christ, that is, Anointed?*
People: Because He has been ordained by God the Father, and anointed with the Holy Spirit, to be our chief Prophet and Teacher, who has fully revealed to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our redemption; our only High Priest, who by the one sacrifice of His body has redeemed us, and who continually intercedes for us before the Father; and our eternal King, who governs us by His Word and Spirit, and who defends and preserves us in the redemption obtained for us.

Leader: *Why are you called a Christian?*
People: Because I am a member of Christ by faith and thus share in His anointing, so that I may as prophet confess His Name, as priest present myself a living sacrifice of thankfulness to Him, and as king fight with a free and good conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and hereafter reign with Him eternally over all creatures.

- Scripture Reading Luke 21:25-33; Romans 15:4-13
- Hymn of Confession *"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"* (T221)

*For those who are able, please stand at these times.

Confession of Sin

Lord God, in this season we are reminded that You became flesh and dwelt among humanity with perfect love for God and perfect love for neighbor. You entered into this world and the lives of others to bring light and life. We confess that, at times, we have neglected God and others. We confess that we have not entered into the lives of others in love. We repent of these sins and come to You in confidence, knowing Your steadfast love for us endures forever. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

- Assurance of Pardon II Corinthians 5:21
- Pastoral Prayer
- Presentation of Tithes and Offerings I Corinthians 16:1-2
- Offertory Hymn *"Your Name"*

Humbly to the earth You came, born into this world to save.
God with us, Emmanuel, now we adore Your Name

*Your Name is a strong and mighty tower.
Your Name is a shelter like no other.
Your Name, let the nations sing it louder,
'Cause nothing has the power to save but Your Name.*

Jesus, in Your Name we pray; come and fill our hearts today.
Lord, give us strength to live for You and glorify Your Name

*Your Name is Wonderful, Counselor
Your Name is Everlasting Father
Your Name is Mighty God and Prince of Peace
And nothing has the power to save but Your Name.*

- Prayer of Illumination Psalm 119:120-121
- Sermon Isaiah 7:14

"Immanuel"
Handel's *Messiah* Series
Rev. Cory D. Colravv

- *Hymn of Response *"What Child Is This?"* (T213)
- *Benediction II Corinthians 13:14
- *Hymn of Benediction *"Emmanuel"* (C243)
- *Postlude

Descent

~ Luci Shaw

Down he came from up,
and in from out,
and here from there.
A long leap,
an incandescent fall
from magnificent
to naked, frail, small,
through space,
between stars,
into our chill night air,
shrunk, in infant grace,
to our damp, cramped
earthy place
among all
the shivering sheep.

And now, after all,
there he lies,
fast asleep.

*Join us Wednesday, December 9th at 6:00 pm
for our second Advent Supper.
Please bring soup and/or sandwiches to share.*

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