

Second Sunday in Advent  
December 5, 2021  
Welcome  
Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Isa 11:4-5

"Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.

Hymn: Let All mortal Flesh Keep Silence

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Invocation

The Law of Christ:

John 3:19-20

Pastor: Our Savior, the Lord Jesus summarized the moral law of God by saying,

**Congregation: And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.**

Pastor: Beloved we too have evil works; therefore let us confess our sin:

Corporate Confession of sin: **Gracious Lord you have loved us supremely in Christ. You have graciously provided for us in every way by your sovereign mercy. But we are prone to complaining and grumbling against your providence and against one another. We are quick to find fault rather than offer thanks. By this we show a basic self-centeredness. We do not love you and our neighbor as we are commanded to do, but rather we love our own peace, pleasure and comfort. Forgive our ingratitude, our fussing and grumbling about our lot in life. Turn our hearts to rejoice in your goodness and in the glorious salvation we have in Christ. May he be the main focus of our lives and service to him be our primarily motivation for all things. Through Christ our only Savior and Redeemer Amen**

Personal (silent)

Assurance of Pardon: Micah 7:18

Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy.

**Congregation: We give praise to God for although he was angry with us his anger has been turned away and by faith in Christ our sins are forgiven.**

Pastor: How far has he separated your sins from you?

**Congregation: As far as the East is from the West, and he has replaced them with the righteousness of Christ**

All: **Praise and glory be to God our Father and to his Son Jesus our only Savior!**

Response:

Minister: It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night. ( Ps 92:1 )

Congregation: **For you make me glad by your deeds, O LORD; I sing for joy at the works of your hands. How great are your works, O LORD, how profound your thoughts!** (Ps 92:4-5)

Hymn: On to Bethlehem Town

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Confession of Faith: Nicene Creed

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Song: The Son of God Came Down

The Son of God came down and laid aside His crown  
Born without great renown, this Sovereign One  
All holiness and might, all glory shining bright  
Have come to earth this night in Mary's son  
O come, let us adore

Chorus:

O Christ the Lord, our hope and Savior  
Son of God yet made like us  
O Christ the Lord, our King adored  
Born a child, our Lord Jesus

Messiah born so small, asleep in cattle stall  
Come to redeem our fall, nailed to a tree  
This tiny, helpless child through death would reconcile  
The holy God and vile, His grace so free  
O come, let us adore

Chorus:

Pastoral Prayer

Gospel:

Matt 7:7-29

Psalter: Ps 2 O Wherefore Do the Nations Rage

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Epistle: Romans 4:1-12

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh?

**For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God.**

For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness."

**Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due.**

And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

**"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."**

Is this blessing then only for the circumcised, or also for the uncircumcised? For we say that faith was counted to Abraham as righteousness.

**How then was it counted to him? Was it before or after he had been circumcised? It was not after, but before he was circumcised.**

He received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised.

**The purpose was to make him the father of all who believe without being circumcised, so that righteousness would be counted to them as well, and to make him the father of the circumcised who are not merely circumcised but who also walk in the footsteps of the faith that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised.**

Sermon: The Word Became Flesh  
[Licentiate; Noah Fate-Cloud]

John 1:14

Lord's Supper  
Bread: My Jesus I Love Thee  
Cup: Oh How He Loves You and Me

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Oh, how He loves you and me!  
Oh, how He loves you and me!  
He gave His life, what more could He give?  
Oh, how He loves you,  
Oh, how He loves me,  
Oh, how He loves you and me!

Offering:  
Doxology:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise him all creatures here below.  
Praise him above ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Prayer

Closing Song: **May the Grace of Christ Our Savior**

May the grace of Christ our Savior  
And the Father's boundless love,

With the Holy Spirit's favor,  
Rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union  
With each other and the Lord,  
And possess, in sweet communion,  
Joys, which earth cannot afford.

Benediction

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