

Second Sunday in Advent  
December 4, 2022  
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  
Invocation

#193

The Law of Christ:

Eph 4:21-24

Pastor: The Apostle Paul summarized the moral law of God when he said:

**Congregation: Surely you heard of him and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.**

Pastor: Beloved we have not done this as we ought; therefore, let us confess our sin:

Corporate Confession of sin:

**Gracious Lord and all Glorious God, we have been created in your image, for the purpose of reflecting your glory in the world. We have failed you. So often we are more interested in our own glory than yours. Take us to the cross to seek glory from its infamy; strip us of every pleasing pretense of righteousness by our own doings. O gracious redeemer, we have neglected you too long, and crucified you afresh by impenitence. We have put you to open shame. Forgive us and may we never lose sight of the cross and the redemption accomplished there by our blessed Savior. Unite us to him with inseparable bonds, that nothing may ever draw us back from you, our Lord and our God – by Christ's merits and for his sake. Amen**

Personal (silent)

Assurance of Pardon: Ps 130:3-4

If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness; therefore, you are feared.

**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)**

Pastor: Titus 2:13-14

The Savior Jesus Christ gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

**Congregation: Lord Jesus Christ, thank you for coming into this world to redeem us from sin and lawlessness; purify us more and more and increase our zeal for the glory of the Father and to walk in Your law and do good works by the power of the Spirit and faith in You. Amen.**

Hymn: My Faith Looks Up to Thee

#528

Confession of Faith: A portion of the Athanasian Creed

**We worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity; Neither confounding the persons nor dividing the substance. For there is one person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy Spirit. But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit is all one, the glory equal, the majesty coeternal. Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit. The Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, and the Holy Spirit uncreated. The Father incomprehensible, the Son incomprehensible, and the Holy Spirit incomprehensible. The Father eternal, the Son eternal, and the Holy Spirit eternal. And yet they are not three eternal but one eternal. As also there are not three uncreated nor three incomprehensible, but one uncreated and one incomprehensible.**

Song: His Name is Wonderful

His name is Wonderful, His name is Wonderful,  
His name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord;  
He is the mighty King, Master of everything,  
His name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.

He's the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages,  
Almighty God is He;  
Bow down before Him, love and adore Him,  
His name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord.

Pastoral Prayer

Gospel: Mark 13

Psalter: Psalm 5 O Jehovah, Hear My Words

#51

Epistle: 1 Cor 13

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

**And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.**

If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

**Love is patient and kind;**

love does not envy or boast;

**it is not arrogant or rude.**

It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;

**it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.**

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

**Love never ends.**

As for prophecies, they will pass away;

**as for tongues, they will cease;**

as for knowledge, it will pass away.

**For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away.**

When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child.

**When I became a man, I gave up childish ways.**

For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face.

**Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.**

So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three;

**but the greatest of these is love.**

Sermon: The Promise to Abraham

Gen 12

Lord's Supper

Bread: How Blest Is He Whose Trespass

#551

Cup: I Come By the Blood

You are the perfect and righteous God

Whose presence bears no sin

You bid me come to Your holy place, how can I enter in

When your presence bears no sin

Through Him who poured out His life for me

The atoning Lamb of God

Through Him, and His work alone, I boldly come

Chorus: I come by the Blood

I come by the Cross

Where your mercy flows from hands pierced for me

For I dare not stand on my righteousness

My every hope rests on what Christ has done

And I come by the Blood

You are the high and exalted King, the One the angels fear

So far above me in every way, Lord how can I draw near

To the One the angels fear

Through Him who laid down His life for me

And ascended to Your side

Through Him, through Jesus alone I boldly come

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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