

Second Sunday after Christmas

January 5, 2020

THEME: We are recipients and witnesses of the great gifts of God's grace.

HYMN 236: "All Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

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PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all that we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 61:10 – 62:3 (EHV)

The pre-incarnate Savior speaks in this section from Isaiah's prophecy and declares his mission of grace to his people. Arrayed as a bridegroom, he comes to redeem his bride by bringing righteousness for all people to the praise and glory of God.

61:10 I will rejoice greatly in the LORD. My soul will celebrate because of my God, for he has clothed me in garments of salvation. With a robe of righteousness he covered me, like a bridegroom who wears a beautiful headdress like a priest, and like a bride who adorns herself with her jewelry.

For as the earth produces its growth, and as a garden causes what has been sown to sprout up, so God the LORD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up in the presence of all the nations.

For the sake of Zion I will not be silent. For the sake of Jerusalem I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth shining brightly, and her salvation burns like a torch.

Nations will see your righteousness, and all kings will see your glory. You will be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will assign to you.

Then you will be a beautiful crown in the LORD's hand, and a royal diadem in the palm of your God.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 148 (p.121) (sung in unison)

In keeping with the ongoing praise of God and his grace, God's people are urged to sing his goodness forever.

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18 (EHV)

Paul proclaims the mystery of our election to salvation by grace. This is for our assurance and comfort, and provides a sure base of spiritual wisdom and insight – all to the praise and glory of God.

1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

He did this when he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world, so that we would be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ. He did this in accordance with the good purpose of his will, and for the praise of his glorious grace, which he has graciously given us in the one he loves.

This is why, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, I never stop giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep praying that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, will give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in knowing Christ fully. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you may know the hope to which he has called you, just how rich his glorious inheritance among the saints is.

VERSE OF THE DAY: Alleluia. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Alleluia. (Psalm 98:3b)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:14-18 (EHV)

John reminds us how "from the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another." What are these blessings? Grace, assurance, wisdom – the very gifts from God's goodness spoken of in our previous readings.

1:14 The Word became flesh and dwelled among us. We have seen his glory, the glory he has as the only-begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John testified about him. He cried out, "This was the one I spoke about when I said, 'The one coming after me outranks me because he existed before me.'" For out of his fullness we have all received grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. The only-begotten Son, who is close to the Father's side, has made him known.

HYMN 34: "Now Sing We, Now Rejoice"

SERMON THEME: Faith In Action - Daniel

1. Observe his thoughts
2. Listen to his words
3. Imitate his actions

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OFFERING HYMN 485 Verses 1 & 2: "We Give Thee but Thine Own" (Please Stand)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 66: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

BENEDICTION

HYMN 41: Let All Together Praise Our God"

SILENT PRAYER & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Serving Us Today ~January 5, 2020

Organist: Marge Schroeder

Ushers: Jeff Reiter, Jacob Reiter,
Jessie Reiter & Ruth Reiter

Altar Guild: Dave & Faye Leatherman
& Ruth Reiter

Counters: Wes & Barb Schwartz

Annual Report Information is due in the church office by Wednesday, January 15. If anyone has a change of address or phone number, please provide this information to our church office as soon as possible. Thank you!

Thank You To Everyone Who Sponsored A Poinsettia for our Christmas services. If you have not already done so, please take your plant home with you today. (Remaining plants are in the Fellowship Hall).

Pastor Seelman Will Be On Vacation January 10 through January 21. The Winnebago Lutheran Academy Traveling Choir with Pastor Janke will be here on January 12 and Guest Preacher Pastor Roger Grosnick will be here on January 19. If you need to contact Pastor Seelman, please call our church office phone number (920-233-1379) and someone will assist and/or direct your call.

Italian Night at Immanuel: For those of you that don't want to celebrate Valentine's Day...this is perfect for you! Mark your calendar for Friday, February 14 at 5:00 p.m. More information will be forthcoming.

Our Ladies Guild members thank everyone who baked, packaged and bought Christmas cookies for the Christmas cookie sale. Also, the soup sale is coming! Mark your calendar for January 19. Ladies will be selling soup after our worship service. Anyone wishing to prepare their favorite soup recipe and donate to our sale is welcome.

Sunday School and Adult Doctrine Study resumes this morning following our Worship Service.

Jesus Cares Ministry at Grace will be held Tuesday, January 14 at 6:00 p.m. Please see our bulletin board for more information.

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GIFTS	
Needed per week (2019)	\$3,379.00
Budget Received 12-29-19	\$1,404.00
Budget Needed thru 12-31-19	\$175,708.00
Budget Received thru 12-31-19	\$163,068.56
Total Budget & Non-Budget Received thru 12-31-19	\$179,216.88
	
12-29-19 Attendance	61

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL	
Office Hours	Tues. Weds & Thurs. 8:00 a.m. -Noon
Today	10:00 a.m. Sunday School
Today	10:00 a.m. Adult Doctrine Study
Tuesday	9:30 a.m. Bible Class
Wednesday	6:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	7:30 p.m. Dartball
01/10-01/21	Pastor Seelman on vacation
Sunday	9:00 a.m. WLA Traveling Choir
Sunday	9:00 a.m. Communion Service
Sunday	10:00 a.m. Sunday School

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