

November 30, 2022

1st Wednesday of Advent

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**EVERLASTING**  
 Elohim  
RIGHTEOUS KING  
**INCOMPARABLE**  
MIRACLE MAKER  
 Jehova Nissi  
 Light of the World  
LORD OF LORDS EMMANUEL PRINCE OF PEACE  
 Lion and the Lamb  
PROTECTOR HEALER REDEEMER  
**JESUS** El Shadai  
 LOVE THE GREAT I AM *Shalom* SALVATION  
*Good Shepherd*  
 ALPHA AND OMEGA  
 BEAUTIFUL WAY  
 HOLY HOLY HOLY TRUTH  
 ABBA LIFE  
FATHER  
 Yeshua  
HAMASHIACH  
 Adonai  
ALMIGHTY  
 Wonderful  
COUNSELOR  
**IMMANUEL**



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And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9 Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?" 10 So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself." 11 And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?" 12 Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate." 13 And the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." 14 So the Lord God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life. 15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

## **Order of Divine Worship**

**Song:**

**"His Name Is Jesus"**

Dear Mary sweet, dear Mary mild The manger holds your little child.  
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Tell, tell us who is that baby boy? Tell, tell us of your wonderful joy.

**Refrain:** His name is Jesus! Gift of God's love.

The Son who frees us, Hope from above.

His name is Jesus! Born one so small,

Light that still sees us; the Savior of all.

The angels singing with delight Of peace, good will to all this night.  
The angels singing with delight Of peace, good will to all this night.  
Tell, tell us who is that baby boy? Tell, tell us of your wonderful joy.

**Refrain**

O, shepherds tell us who lies there Within that stable dark and bare.  
O, shepherds tell us who lies there Within that stable dark and bare.  
Tell, tell us who is that baby boy? Tell, tell us of your wonderful joy.

**Refrain**

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

**C** Amen.

**P** Pastor

**C** Congregation

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

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**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us come to God with a repentant heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to give us forgiveness. Our help and forgiveness is in the name of the Lord.

**C** Who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my sins to the Lord.

**C** And You, O God, forgave me of my sin.

**P** Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are sinful and unclean from birth and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Because of our sins, we run to you for forgiveness praying for your grace and mercy all for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for Jesus' sake give us forgiveness of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit give us true knowledge of You and of Your will and move our hearts to obey Your Word. Keep us in Your Word that by Your undeserved love we may be given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. All people who believe in Jesus' name are children of God and given faith by His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized will be saved. Please give this to us, Lord.

**C** Amen.

## INTROIT

*Psalm 118:25-28*

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**P** Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.

**C** Who in the skies can be compared to the Lord? Who among the heavenly beings is like the Lord?

**P** Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

**C** Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,

**P** Who exult in your name all the day and in your righteousness are exalted.

**C** For our shield belongs to the Lord, our king to the Holy One of Israel.

**GLORIA PATRI***Latin for "Glory be to the Father"*

**C** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;

as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

**VERSE OF THE DAY***Isaiah 7:14*

Alleluia. Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel. Alleluia.

**C** Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-

on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

**P** Make Your power evident and come to us, O Lord. Protect us, rescue us from the peril of our sin, and enable us to know Your salvation; through Him who lives and rules with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

**C** Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING – Isaiah 9:2-7 and Isaiah 7:10-14** The people who walked in darkness Have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, Upon them a light has shined. 3 You have multiplied the nation And increased its joy; They rejoice before You According to the joy of harvest, As men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

4 For You have broken the yoke of his burden And the staff of his shoulder, The rod of his oppressor, As in the day of Midian. 5 For every warrior's sandal from the noisy battle, And garments rolled in blood, Will be used for burning and fuel of fire. 6 For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Moreover the Lord spoke again to Ahaz, saying, 11 "Ask a sign for yourself from the Lord your God; ask it either in the depth or in the height above." 12 But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, nor will I test the Lord!" 13 Then he said, "Hear now, O house of David! Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will you weary my God also? 14 Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

**GOSPEL READING – Luke 2:1-20** And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2 This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. 3 So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city. 4 Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, 5 to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. 6 So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. 7 And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. 8 Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. 10 Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. 11 For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: 14 "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" 15 So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the

shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." 16 And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. 17 Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. 18 And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds. 19 But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. 20 Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.

### **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

*The Apostles' Creed*

- I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**
- I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**
- I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Hymn: TLH #62**

**"Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel"**

**SERMON – Matthew 1:18-25** Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. 19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. 20 But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. 21 And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." 22 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: 23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us." 24 Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, 25 and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name Jesus.

### **THE BABY IN BETHLEHEM IS IMMANUEL**

## OFFERTORY

- C** ♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

**Hymn: TLH #114**

**“Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love”**

### - OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS -

*Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:*

## PRAYERS & the BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24-26*

- P** The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

- C** Amen.

**Song:**

**“There Is a Redeemer”**

There is a Redeemer Jesus, God’s own Son;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.  
Thank You, O my Father for giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.  
Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain.  
Thank You, O my Father for giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

- ✠ **Nov. 30** Special Wednesday Advent Service at 2:00 pm
- ✠ **Dec. 2** Havendale Christmas Parade
- ✠ **Dec. 4** 9:15am Bible Class  
10:15am Communion Service  
Christmas Cookie fellowship after church with Church Council, Trustee, and Elders’ meetings
- ✠ **Dec. 7** Special Wednesday Advent Service at 2:00 pm
- ✠ **Dec. 11** 8am Orlando service  
10:15am WH

## ✠ Announcements ✠

**Pastor Fossum** Pastor Fossum will conduct Bible class December 4 at 9:15 am followed by the communion service. After church there will be the Christmas Cookie Fellowship followed by Church Council, Trustees, and Elders’ meetings. The following week Orlando service will be at 8:00 am followed by the Winter Haven service at 10:15 am.