

Second Sunday after Epiphany~January 19, 2020

THEME: We bear witness to the message of “the Lamb of God.”

HYMN 85: “O God from God, O Light from Light”

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PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ’s glory, that he may be known, worshiped and believed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 49:1-6 (EHV) (sermon text)

This is the second of Isaiah’s “Servant Songs.” In it the Lord calls his Servant to gather Israel to himself. To do this the Servant is given a “mouth like a sharpened sword” and made into a “polished arrow.” But his light will extend beyond Israel – he will be a blessing to the Gentiles.

49:1 Listen to me, you coastlands. Pay attention, you faraway peoples! The LORD called me from the womb. When I was inside my mother, he mentioned my name.

2 He made my mouth like a sharpened sword. He hid me in the shadow of his hand. He made me a polished arrow. He concealed me in his quiver.

3 He said to me, “You are my servant Israel, in whom I will display my glory.”

4 But I said to myself, “I have labored in vain. I spent my strength and came up empty, with nothing. Yet a just verdict for me rests with the LORD, and my reward is with my God.”

5 But now the LORD, who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to turn Jacob back to him, so that Israel might be gathered to him, so that I will be honored in the eyes of the LORD, because my God has been my strength—

6 the LORD said: It is too small a thing that you should just be my servant to raise up only the tribes of Jacob and to restore the ones I have preserved in Israel, so I will appoint you to be a light for the nations, so that my salvation will be known to the end of the earth.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 89 (p.98) (sung in unison)

Like Andrew of old, the Church bears joyous witness of the Lord and his gospel to the world.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (EHV)

Paul opens his first letter to the troubled congregation at Corinth with words of thanksgiving for all the grace given them by God. But while the Corinthians “do not lack” in any of the manifold gifts of the Spirit, Paul already hints at two of the troubles besetting the congregation: their misuse of tongues and their pride in knowledge.

1:1 Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God in Corinth—those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, who are called as saints—along with all in every place who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ! I always thank my God for you because of the grace of God given to you in Christ Jesus. You were enriched in him in every way, in all your speaking

and all your knowledge, because the testimony about Christ was established in you. As a result you do not lack any gift as you eagerly wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also keep you strong until the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, who called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

CHOIR: “Christ Be Our Light”

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:29-41 (EHV)

John’s testimony about Jesus and his baptism leads two of his disciples to follow Jesus. Andrew in turn witnessed to his brother Peter about Jesus. So the gospel spread and touched the lives of the earliest disciples.

1:29 The next day, John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look! The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I was talking about when I said, ‘The one coming after me outranks me because he existed before me.’ I myself did not know who he was, but I came baptizing with water so that he would be revealed to Israel.” John also testified, “I saw the Spirit descend like a dove from heaven and remain on him. I myself did not recognize him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘The one on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ I saw this myself and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

The next day, John was standing there again with two of his disciples. When John saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look! The Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned around and saw them following him, he asked, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?” He told them, “Come, and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying. They stayed with him that day. It was about the tenth hour. Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his own brother Simon and say to him, “We have found the Messiah!” (which is translated “the Christ”).

HYMN 86: “The Only Son from Heaven”

SERMON TEXT: Isaiah 49:5, 6

SERMON THEME: Your Savior Is Too Big

1. Jesus’ task of saving Israel was no small feat.
2. He is so sufficient for the task that nothing is bigger than him.

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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 391: “God Loved the World So that He Gave”

BENEDICTION

HYMN 394: “Blessed Are the Saints of God”

SILENT PRAYER & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Serving Us Today ~ January 19, 2020

Guest Preacher: Pastor Roger Grosnick

Organist: Marge Schroeder

Altar Guild: Rachel Freerking, Kay Kohfeldt & Edie Nieman

Ushers: John Hornig, Matt Fink & Marty Waite

Counters: Bev Ware, Beverly Neumann and Kristin Schaick



Pastor Roger Grosnick is our guest speaker today. Pastor Seelman will be returning from vacation on Tuesday. Thank you to Pastor Grosnick for sharing his message with us this morning. Please come back and see us again.

Church Council members will hold their January meeting on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in our conference room.

Ladies' Guild Will Be Selling Soup Today after our service. Didn't plan anything for lunch today? No problem.... pick-up some delicious soup. Many varieties are available. Proceed directly to our church kitchen after worship service!

Italian Night at Immanuel: Yummy Italian cuisine galore in our Fellowship Hall, Friday, February 14, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. hors d'oeuvres & beverages, dinner served at 5:30 p.m. "ish". This is a free-will offering event. More information will be forthcoming in our weekly bulletins and Lamplighter.

2019 Giving Statements are available for pick up in our fellowship hall. If you have a question on your giving statement, please call the church office (920-233-1379) on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday mornings.

Lamplighter Articles for Our February Issue are due in our church office by next Sunday.



Ladies' Guild will be starting a special "chrismons project" in 2020. Quite a bit of planning and preparation is needed. All members; men, women, young and seniors are invited to join us. It will be an on-going project (throughout 2020) and we will be working at various days and times. Please continue to watch our weekly bulletins and monthly newsletter for updates.

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GIFTS		THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL	
Needed per week	\$3,120.00	Office Hours	Tues. Weds & Thurs. 8:00 a.m. -Noon
Budget Received 01-05-20	\$4,152.00	Today	10:00 a.m. Sunday School
Budget Received 01-12-20	\$1,656.00	Today	10:00 a.m. L.G. Soup Sale
Budget Need to date	\$6,240.00	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting
Budget Received to date	\$5,808.00	Wednesday	6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
		Thursday	7:30 p.m. Dartball
		Sunday	9:00 a.m. Communion Service
		Sunday	10:00 a.m. Sunday School
		Sunday	10:00 a.m. Adult Doctrine Study Hour
01-12-2020 Attendance	140		

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