



SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 6, 2020

AS WE GATHER: Jesus as the Lord of the universe and the Son of God, has many names by which He is called. Each name gives us glimpses into who Christ is, what He came to do, and how He will come again on the Last Day. Each name also teaches us how we can call upon Jesus' name in faith by telling us more about who He is. In this Advent Sermon Series, "Hello, His Name Is," we will be exploring the most prominent names that Jesus is given throughout Scripture. Advent is a season when we prepare to celebrate the coming of the Christ child, but it also is in preparation for Christ's Second Coming as we look forward to Christ's return on the Last Day. Philippians 2:10 states that on the last day "at the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow..." What is this name that everyone will bow before when Christ returns? We will take a journey throughout the Old Testament and the New Testament learning what it means that Jesus' Name is...

PRELUDE

ENTRANCE HYMN #357, vs. 1,3 *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear. Refrain

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the Law
In cloud and majesty and awe. Refrain

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of
the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: The Spirit and the Church cry out:
People: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: All those who await His appearance pray:
People: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: The whole creation pleads:
People: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Pastor: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,
People: **The light no darkness can overcome.**

Pastor: Let Your light scatter the darkness
People: **And illumine Your Church.**

Pastor: The many names for Jesus recorded in the Bible allow us to know Jesus more fully. In the book of Isaiah, the Lord gave us a sign when He said, "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel." Immanuel means "God with us." Jesus came to earth to dwell among us and ransomed His life so that we might be saved. We now live in hope of the resurrection and eternal life through Him.

(The first and second candles are lit)

Pastor: Jesus, Son of God, come and ransom Your captive people.
People: **Come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.**

Pastor: Jesus is the light of the world. A light no darkness can ever put out.
People: **Shine in our hearts, Lord Jesus**

HYMN #549, vs. 1,3 *"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"*

1 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
 Let angels prostrate fall;
 Bring forth the royal diadem
 And crown Him Lord of all.
 [Bring forth the royal diadem
 And crown Him Lord of all.]

3 Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
 Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
 And crown Him Lord of all.
[Hail Him who saves you by His grace
 And crown Him Lord of all.]

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: In the season of Advent, we prepare for Jesus to come. As we wait for His coming, we consider how unworthy we are to have Jesus in our presence, how crooked our world has become, and how unjust are our relationships. We come before the Lord in humility.

Silence for reflection.

Pastor: Heavenly Father,
People: **We confess that we have strayed from Your path. We have been selfish and cruel. We have treated our neighbors with injustice and prejudice. We have oppressed the weak in order to gain power. We long to return to You, but how are we to return?**

Pastor: God sent Jesus, Immanuel, to bring salvation to the world through His death and resurrection. This salvation is complete, and Christ comes to you once again with forgiveness, life, and salvation. Hear these words of forgiveness, for they are from Christ Himself: As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen. "Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!"**

SONG OF PRAISE #361, vs. 3,4 *"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*

3 How silently, how silently
 The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
 The blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming;
 But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, still
 The dear Christ enters in.

4 O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Immanuel!

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Stir up Your power, Our Lord, Immanuel, and
come,

People: That by Your protection we may be rescued
from the threatening perils of our sins and saved
by Your mighty deliverance;

Pastor: For You live and reign with the Father and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 7:10-17

¹⁰Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz: ¹¹“Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” ¹²But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” ¹³And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. ¹⁷The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father’s house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria!”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Revelation 21:1-4

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people and God Himself will be with them as their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand)

#353, vs. 2

"Jesus Came the Heavens Adoring"

Jesus comes again in mercy
When our hearts are worn with care;
Jesus comes again in answer
To an earnest, heartfelt prayer;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Comes to save us from despair.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18-25

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the first chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

²³"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel"

(which means, God with us). ²⁴When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON "Hello, His Name is...Immanuel"
Pastor Adam Wolfe

HYMN OF THE DAY (Please stand)

#332, vs. 1,2,4,8

"Savior of the Nations"

- 1 Savior of the nations, come,
Virgin's Son, make here Your home!
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.
- 2 Not by human flesh and blood,
By the Spirit of our God,
Was the Word of God made flesh—
Woman's offspring, pure and fresh.
- 4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all
From His pure and kingly hall;
God of God, yet fully man,
His heroic course began.
- 8 Glory to the Father sing,
Glory to the Son, our king,
Glory to the Spirit be
Now and through eternity.

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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM OF Joseph Alder Jursenas
(10:30AM)

APOSTLES' CREED (8AM only)

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of
heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the

Father Almighty. From thence 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

For the world in which we live, that our Creator would reveal Himself as the Redeemer of all, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **O Come, Immanuel, and fill our hearts with peace and joy!**

Pastor: For the proclamation of the Gospel, that all who hear of Christ may repent and believe in Him, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **O Come, Immanuel, and fill our hearts with peace and joy!**

Pastor: For all pastors, teachers, missionaries, and other servants of the Church, that they may guide others in lives of service and leadership, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **O Come, Immanuel, and fill our hearts with peace and joy!**

Pastor: For our congregation, that we may love as we have been loved, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **O Come, Immanuel, and fill our hearts with peace and joy!**

Pastor: For all who serve in positions of leadership in our government, along with those in our nation's military, that they would walk in faithfulness and integrity, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **O Come, Immanuel, and fill our hearts with peace and joy!**

Pastor: For all who are broken in heart, mind, and body, that they may know the healing of Jesus in body, mind, and spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **O Come, Immanuel, and fill our hearts with peace and joy!**

Pastor: For these and all other concerns we have, that coming before the throne of grace, we may find mercy to help us in our every need, let us pray to the Lord.

People: O Come, Immanuel, and fill our hearts with peace and joy!

LORD'S PRAYER (8AM only)

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

#394, vs. 1,3,5

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

1 Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
Manifested by the star
To the sages from afar,
Branch of royal David's stem
In Thy birth at Bethlehem:
Anthems be to Thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.

3 Manifest in making whole
Palsied limbs and fainting soul;
Manifest in valiant fight,
Quelling all the devil's might;
Manifest in gracious will,
Ever bringing good from ill;
Anthems be to Thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.

5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord,
Present in Thy holy Word—
Grace to imitate Thee now
And be pure, as pure art Thou;
That we might become like Thee
At Thy great epiphany
And may praise Thee, ever blest,
God in man made manifest.

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10:30AM: Brad Baker

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10:30AM: Noah Garlock & Emily Corteen

Sound:

8:00AM: Pat Klug

10:30AM: Amelia Sitzberger

Elders:

8:00AM: John Uttech

9:15AM: Paul Ewan

10:30AM: