

First Christian Reformed Church of Detroit

Sunday January 9, 2022

Sermon Series: Things Fulfilled - The Gospel of Luke

Prelude

Call to Worship (From Luke 1:68-79, "The Song of Zechariah"):

Praise be to the Lord, the God of heaven and earth
because he has come to his people and redeemed them.

He has raised up a horn of salvation for us
as he said through his holy prophets of long ago.

He has enabled us to serve him without fear,
in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

The Lord has prepared the way
**and given his people the knowledge of salvation through the
forgiveness of their sins.**

The tender mercy of our God shines on those living in darkness and in
the shadow of death,

and guides our feet into the path of peace.

Amen

***Welcome and God's Greeting**

Song: God Himself is With Us (Red 565)

God himself is with us; let us now adore him,
and with awe appear before him.

God is in his temple; all within keep silence,
prostrate lie with deepest reverence.

Him alone do we own as our God and Savior; praise his name forever.

God himself is with us; hear the harps resounding!
See the crowds the throne surrounding!
“Holy, holy, holy,” hear the hymn ascending,
angels, saints, their voices blending!
Bow your ear to us here; hear, O Christ,
the praises that your church now raises.

Fount of every blessing, purify my spirit, trusting only in your merit.
Like the holy angels who behold your glory, may I ceaselessly adore you,
and in all, great and small,
seek to do most nearly what you love so dearly.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession: Psalm 13

How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide
your face from me?

**How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and day after day have
sorrow in my heart?**

How long will my enemy triumph over me?

Look on me and answer, Lord my God.

Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death, and my enemy will say, “I
have overcome him,” and my foes will rejoice when I fall.

Silence

**But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation.
I will sing the Lord’s praise, for he has been good to me. Amen.**

Words of Assurance (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24):

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through.
May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming
of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do
it.

Song: I will Trust in the Lord (Red 568)

I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the Lord,
I will trust in the Lord till I die.

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Children's Dismissal

Song: Behold the Lamb of God (Red 110:1,14)

As of old God promised us in prophets' word and sign,
Christ has come, the Lamb of God, so human, yet divine.
One of us, how can that be, and of God, a mystery!
Agnus Dei! Gloria! Behold the Lamb of God!

In the life of Jesus Christ, with eyes of faith we see
Love incarnate, Word made flesh. The Lamb of God is he!
Servant, Savior, Friend, and Guide, Risen Presence at our side!
Agnus Dei! Gloria! Behold the Lamb of God! Behold the Lamb of God

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:1-18

Sermon: *Barren*

Prayer of God's People / Offertory Prayer

Offering Cause: CAP

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Sending Song: In Christ Alone (Red 660:1,2,4)

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,

When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all—
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—
Here in the death of Christ I live.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no human plan,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home—
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

***God's Blessing**

Postlude

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