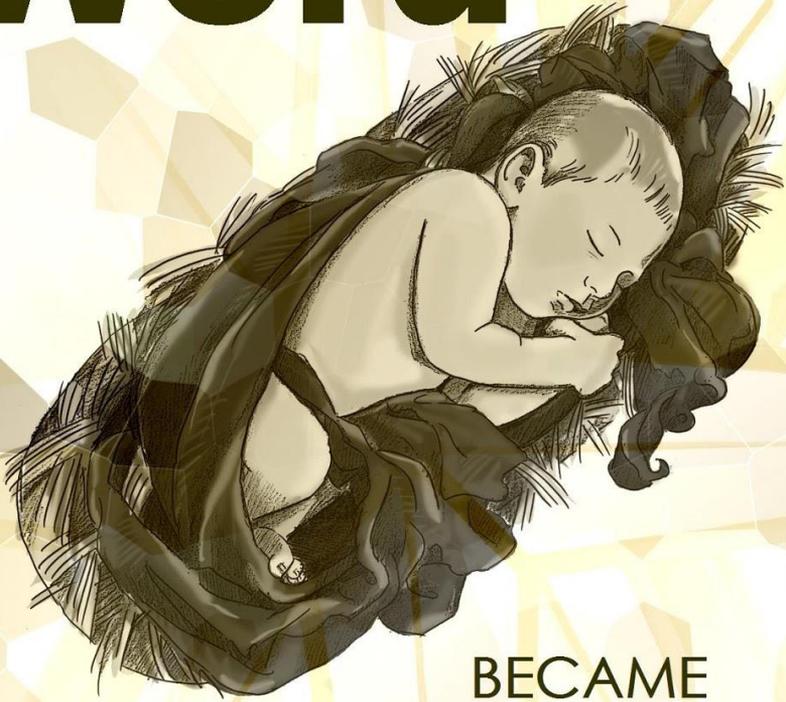


THE
Word



BECAME

Flesh

John 1:14 (NKJV)

ADVENT 2018

Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church
1st Midweek Advent Service
December 5, 2018

Pre-service Devotion: 1 John 5:13

These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

..... ORDER OF WORSHIP

P: We begin our worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn #62

“Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel”

Confession and Absolution

P: God has no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but desires that sinners repent, turn from their wicked ways and live. (*Ezekiel 18:32*)

C: I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is always before me. Against You, O LORD, You only, have I sinned, And done what is evil in Your sight. (*Psalms 51:3-4*)

P: Jesus declared: “I am the resurrection and the Life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.” (*John 11:25*)

C: We believe: He who has the Son has life; He who does not have the Son of God does not have life. (*1 John 5:12*)

P: Jesus declared: “I am the Light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness but have the light of life.” (*John 8:12*)

C: We believe: We are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own special people, that we may proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. (*1 Peter 2:9*)

P: In Jesus we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace. (*Ephesians 1:7*)

C: Thanks be to God!

Antiphon Psalm 121 *Worship Supplement p.42*

Scripture Reading: Romans 5:12-21

Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned ¹³(For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. ¹⁴ Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had

not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come. ¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many. ¹⁶ And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned. For the judgment which came from one offense resulted in condemnation, but the free gift which came from many offenses resulted in justification. ¹⁷ For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.) ¹⁸ Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. ¹⁹ For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous. ²⁰ Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, ²¹ so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C:  **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**
These words are written that we may believe
That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! *(John 20:31)*

Ensemble “Gesù, Bambino”

by Pietro A. Yon; Arr. By Stephen Decesare

Confession of Faith

Luther's Explanation to the Second Article

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood, and with His innocent suffering and death.

He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity. This is most certainly true.

Sermon John 1:1-5

Pastor Joe Naumann

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. ⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

THE WORD IS LIFE

Response (Hymn 401:2)

♪ Praise to You and adoration, Blessed Jesus, Son of God,
Who, to serve Your own creation, Didn't partake of flesh and blood.
Teach me that I never may From Your fold or pastures stray,
But with zeal and joy exceeding Follow where Your steps are leading.

Hymn #70

"Hosanna to the Living Lord"

The Offering

The Offertory (Hymn 69:6)

♪ Oh, rich the gifts You bring us, Yourself made poor and weak!
O Love beyond expression, That here can sinners seek!
For this, O Lord, will we our joyous tribute bring You
And glad hosannas sing to You and ever grateful be.

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

c: ♪ Amen

Closing Hymn #98:1-2

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

We welcome our worshipers in the name of Jesus, through Whose advent we have obtained forgiveness of sins and eternal life, and Whose return we await with joyous anticipation!

SERVING US TODAY

PASTOR Joe Naumann **DEACON** (1 PM) Gary Hanel (7 PM) Jason Dick

ORGANIST (1 PM) Karla Olmanson (7 PM) Kristen Friedrichs **SOUND** Craig Stelter

SCREEN (1 PM) Clifford Kuehne (7 PM) Russ Schmitt