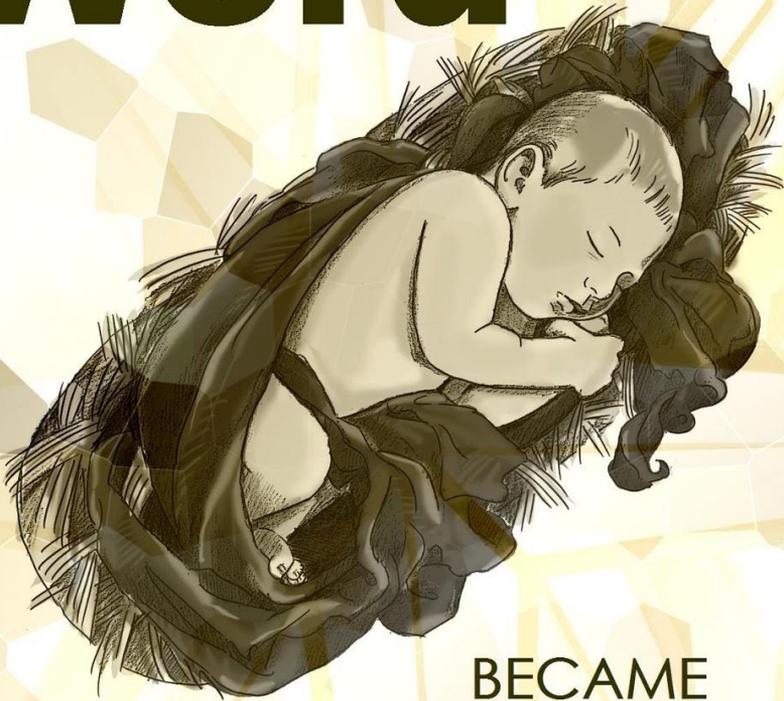


THE
Word



BECAME

Flesh

John 1:14 (NKJV)

ADVENT 2018

Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church
2nd Midweek Advent Service
December 12, 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 #703

“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

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. *(Psalm 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: 1 Peter 2:1-12

Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, 2 as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, 3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious. 4 Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and

precious, 5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, “Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious, And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame.” 7 Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, “The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone,” 8 and “A stone of stumbling And a rock of offense.” They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed. 9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; 10 who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy. 11 Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, 12 having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.

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 “Savior of the Nations” 1_{PM}
“O Holy Night” 7_{PM}

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 1:6-13

Pastor Nathanael Mayhew

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. ⁸ He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. ⁹ That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. ¹¹ He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. ¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: ¹³ who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

THE WORD IS LIGHT

Response (Hymn 401:1)

♪ 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 #797

"Sing Praise to the God of Israel"

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 #59:1,5-6

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

We welcome our worshipers in the name of Jesus!

SERVING US TODAY

PASTOR Nathanael Mayhew **DEACON** (1 PM) Richard Lueck (7 PM) Logan Wendt
ORGANIST (1 PM) Coleen Matzke (7 PM) Grace Schreyer **SOUND** Brent Schreyer
SCREEN (1 PM) Clifford Kuehne (7 PM) Russ Schmitt