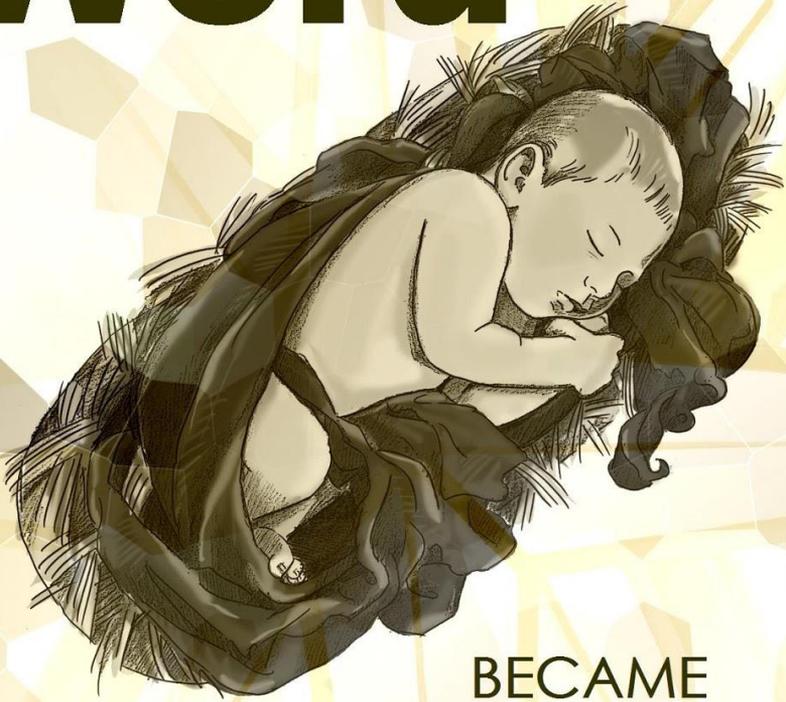


THE  
**Word**



BECAME

**Flesh**

John 1:14 (NKJV)

**ADVENT 2018**

Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church  
3<sup>rd</sup> Midweek Advent Service  
December 19, 2018

**Pre-service Devotion: 1 Corinthians 1:4-8**

*I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus, that you were enriched in everything by Him in all utterance and all knowledge, even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you, so that you come short in no gift, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will also confirm you to the end, that you may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**..... ORDER OF WORSHIP .....**

**Opening Prayer**

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

**ALL: Amen!**

**Opening Hymn #373:1-4**      *“By Grace I’m Saved, Grace Free and Boundless”*

**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: 2 Timothy 1:6-14**

*Paul contrasts Grace and works, also brings in Life and Light as a conclusion to the series. God’s work comforts us and motivates us in our Christian walk.*

**6** Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. **7** For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. **8** Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God, **9** who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began, **10** but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, **11** to which I was appointed a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles. **12** For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day. **13** Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. **14** That good thing which was committed to you, keep by the Holy Spirit who dwells in us.

**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** “The Word Became Flesh” 1<sup>PM</sup>  
“On Jordan’s Banks” 7<sup>PM</sup>

## **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.**

**Hymn #64**

**“Jesus, Thy Church with Longing Eyes”**

**Meditation – John 1:14-18**

**14** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. **15** John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.'" **16** And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. **17** For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. **18** No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

**Jesus IS our "Grace upon Grace"**

1. Grace in revealing... the "Only-begotten"!
2. Grace in the "Only-begotten"... gifting Grace!

**Response** (Hymn 401:1)

 **Praise to You and adoration, Blessed Jesus, Son of God,  
Who, to serve Your own creation, Dids'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 #778****"Grace has a Thrilling Sound"****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 #373:5-7****"By Grace I'm Saved, Grace Free and Boundless"**

*We welcome our worshipers in the name of Jesus!*

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ORGANIST (1 PM) Vivian Hanel (6 PM) Karla Olmanson

SOUND Evan Matzke SCREEN (1 PM) Clifford Kuehne (6 PM) Russ Schmitt