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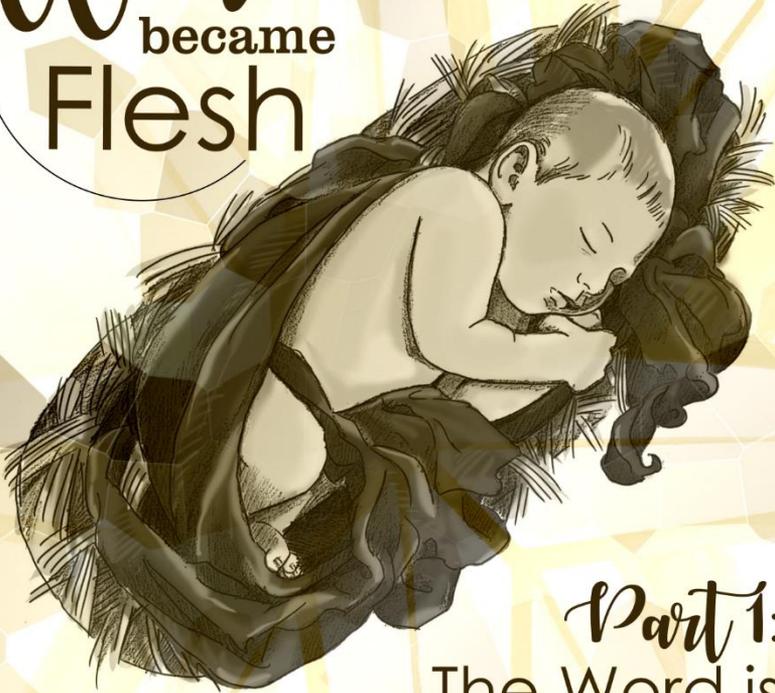
Midweek Advent 1

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The
Word
became
Flesh



Part 1:
The Word is
Life



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✠ Order of Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER

Hymn: TLH #62

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

P O Lord, open my lips.



C And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

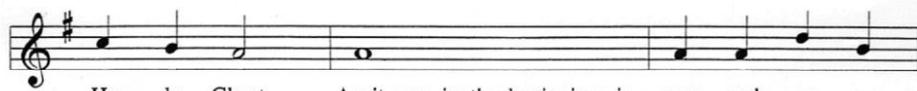
P Make haste, O God, to deliver me.



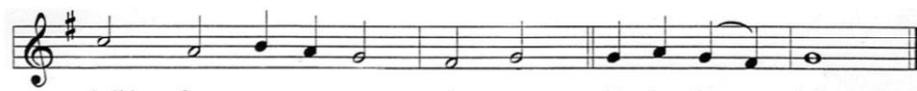
C Make haste to help me, O Lord.



Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the



Ho - ly Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ev - er



shall be: for - ev - er - more. A - men. Al - le - lu - ia!

CONFESSIO & ABSOLUTION

P God has no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but desires that sinners repent, turn from their wicked ways, and live.

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.

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

C We believe: He who has the Son has life; He who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

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.”

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.

P In Jesus we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.

C Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING – Romans 5:12-21 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned--¹³ for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law.¹⁴ Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.¹⁶ And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification.¹⁷ For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.¹⁸ Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men.¹⁹ For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.²⁰ Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more,²¹ so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.



The Advent History of Our Lord

The Angel Appears to Zechariah

Luke 1:5-25

CONFESSION OF FAITH *Luther's Explanation to the Second Article*

C 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: TLH #65:1-4 “When Sinners See Their Lost Condition”

The Word Becomes Flesh!

SERMON TEXT - John 1:1-5 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.

Jesus is the Life

I. Of All Things II. Of Believers

C ♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your free Spirit. Amen.

THE OFFERING

PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER, and BENEEDICTION



C A - men, a - men, a - men.

CLOSING HYMN: TLH #70

“Hosanna to the Living Lord”