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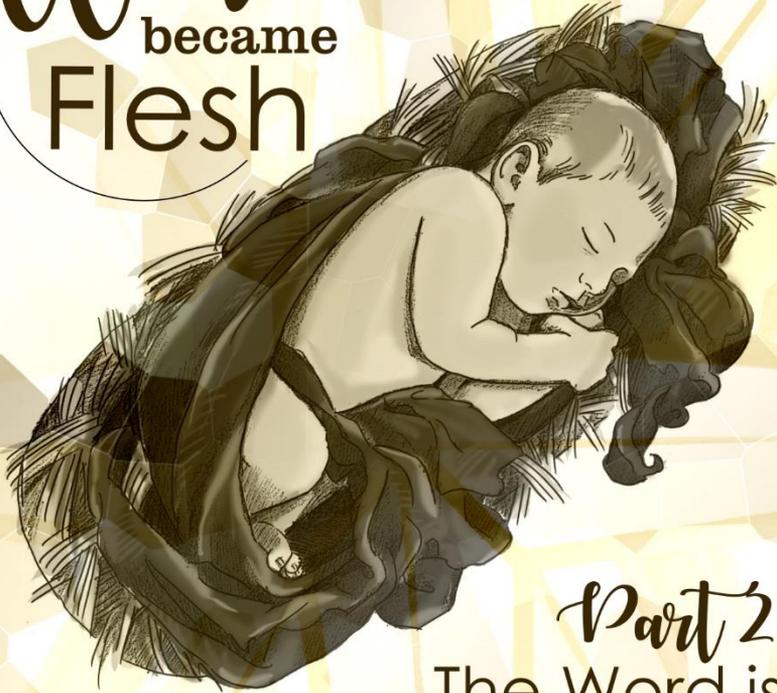
**Midweek Advent 2**

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The  
Word  
became  
Flesh



*Part 2:*  
The Word is  
Light



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## ✠ Order of Worship ✠

### OPENING PRAYER

Hymn: TLH #59:1,2,5,6

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

**P** O Lord, open my lips.



**C** And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

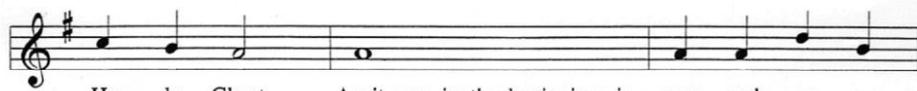
**P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me.



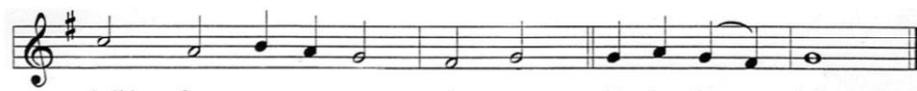
**C** Make haste to help me, O Lord.



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!

### CONFESION & 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 – 1 Peter 2:1-12** So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. <sup>2</sup> Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation--<sup>3</sup> if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. <sup>4</sup> As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup> you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." <sup>7</sup> So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," <sup>8</sup> and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. <sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. <sup>12</sup> Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.



## The Advent History of Our Lord

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### Gabriel Appears to Mary

*Luke 1:26-38*

**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 #98:1-3

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

**The Word Becomes Flesh!**

**SERMON TEXT - John 1:6-13** There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. <sup>9</sup> The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

**Jesus is the Light**

I. Which shined on us II. Which we reflect

**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 plate will be in the back of church.*

**PRAYER, LORD’S PRAYER, and BENEDICTION**

**C** *♪* A - men, a - men, a - men.

**CLOSING HYMN: WS #703**

“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”