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**Midweek Advent 3**

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The  
Word  
became  
Flesh



*Part 3:*  
The Word is  
Grace



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## ✠ Order of Worship ✠

### OPENING PRAYER

Hymn: TLH #65:1,2,5,6 "When Sinners See Their Lost Condition"

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



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

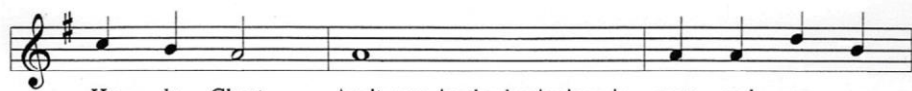
**P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me.



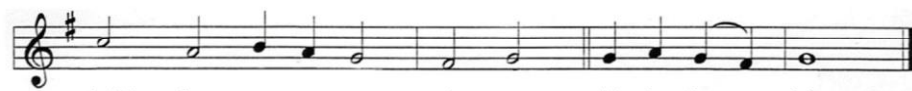
**C** Make haste to help me, O Lord.



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!

### CONFESSON & 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 – 2 Timothy 2:6-14** It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. <sup>7</sup> Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything. <sup>8</sup> Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, <sup>9</sup> for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! <sup>10</sup> Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup> The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; <sup>12</sup> if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; <sup>13</sup> if we are faithless, he remains faithful-- for he cannot deny himself. <sup>14</sup> Remind them of these things, and charge them before God not to quarrel about words, which does no good, but only ruins the hearers.

## **The Advent History of Our Lord**

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### **Mary Visits Elizabeth**

*Luke 1:39-56*

#### **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 #373:1,4,7

“By Grace I’m Saved”

## The Word Becomes Flesh!

**SERMON TEXT - John 1:14-18** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, **full of grace** and truth. <sup>15</sup> (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup> For from his fullness we have all received, **grace upon grace**. <sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses; **grace and truth came through Jesus Christ**. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

### The Word is Grace

**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

**P** The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

**C** ♪ A - men, a - men, a - men.

**CLOSING HYMN: WS #778**

**"Grace Has a Thrilling Sound"**

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of our KING

