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OUR WORSHIP

Worship

SERVICE THEME In our Epistle Readings, the Apostle Paul tells us two things: (1) He approaches different people differently with the message of Jesus; that is, he approaches them on their level, on their terms, and (2) He tells the Church to conduct Worship in a way that says to unbelievers, "Truly. God is in this place."

+ Preparing to Hear the Word +

INVOCATION

Pastor: We are connected to God when we are Baptized *into* the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, that is, when we are Baptized into a personal and powerful relationship with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In a very real sense, in Baptism God promises to be Emmanuel, that is, God with us.

People: Amen!

OPENING SONG Lutheran Service Book 357 verses 1 & 6

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**O come, Thou Dayspring from on high, And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night. And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

CONFESSION LSB 361, verse 4 – “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Pastor: Let’s ask ourselves a difficult question: Do we truly want to touch many peoples’ lives with the message of Christmas, that God wants to be Emmanuel, that is, God with us? Of course, the answer is “YES.” Now, for a more difficult question: Are we willing to Worship in a way that speaks with Holy Spirit power to unbelievers and convinces them of their need for God’s love given through Jesus?

Moment for Self-Reflection

**O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in, Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell:
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel!**

GOSPEL PRONOUNCEMENT LSB 368 – “Angels We Have Heard on High”

Pastor: The Word, that is, Jesus Christ, became a man and dwelt among us and we have seen His glory, the glory of His undeserved, unconditional, and unlimited love. And this same Jesus loves us and forgives us all our failings and faults, all of our shortcomings and sins. May this love and forgiveness motivate us to do all we can to touch many lives in Tillamook and the surrounding area with that same love and forgiveness.

**Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o’er the plains,
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains.
Glo - - ria in excelsis Deo; Glo - - ria in excelsis Deo.**

**Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heav’nly song?
Glo - - ria in excelsis Deo; Glo - - ria in excelsis Deo.**

**Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee:
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Glo - - ria in excelsis Deo; Glo - - ria in excelsis Deo.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

ALL: Father, this Christmas season, send Your Spirit to help us – individually and as a Christian family – to speak to our friends and family who are not yet in Christ, who have not yet experienced the glory of His love. We ask in the name of Jesus, Your beloved Son, our crucified Lord, the Same who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen!

+ Hearing the Word +

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 28:11-16

¹¹Very well then, with foreign lips and strange tongues God will speak to this people, ¹²to whom He said, “This is the resting place, let the weary rest”; and, “This is the place of repose” – but they would not listen. ¹³So then, the word of the LORD to them will become: Do this, do that, a rule for this, a rule for that; a little here, a little there – so that as they go they will fall backward; they will be injured and snared and captured. ¹⁴Therefore hear the word of the LORD, you scoffers who rule this people in Jerusalem. ¹⁵You boast, “We have entered into a covenant with death, with the realm of the dead we have made an agreement. When an overwhelming scourge sweeps by, it cannot touch us, for we have made a lie our refuge and falsehood our hiding place.” ¹⁶So this is what the Sovereign LORD says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation; the one who relies on it will never be stricken with panic.”

EPISTLE READING 1 Corinthians 9:19-23; 14:21-25

¹⁹Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. ²⁰To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. ²¹To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God’s law but am under Christ’s law), so as to win those not having the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some.

²¹In the Law it is written: “With other tongues and through the lips of foreigners I will speak to this people, but even then they will not listen to me, says the LORD.” ²²Tongues, then, are a sign, not for believers but for unbelievers; prophecy, however, is not for unbelievers but for believers.

²³ So, if the whole church comes together and everyone speaks in tongues (that is, a foreign language), and inquirers or unbelievers come in, will they not say that you are out of your mind? ²⁴ But if an unbeliever or an inquirer comes in while everyone is prophesying (that is, preaching), they are convicted of sin and are brought under judgment by all, ²⁵ as the secrets of their hearts are laid bare. So, they will fall down and worship God, exclaiming, “God is really among you!”

Pastor: These Readings are the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING John 1:14

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to John the Evangelist, the first chapter:

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and tented among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE “Candy Canes”

MESSAGE HYMN Lutheran Service Book 387 – “Joy to the World”

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let ev’ry heart prepare Him room
And heav’n and nature sing, And heav’n and nature sing,
And heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing.**

**Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**No more let sins and sorrows grow Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.**

MESSAGE “The Word Became Flesh – Worship”

Introduction

What does “the Word became flesh” mean for Worship?

Thoughts

Some scholars say, “We must not dumb down Worship.”

The LCMS’s Worship was in German until WWI.

Why does LSB still have Latin?

The Apostle Paul and Martin Luther

Don’t do things that are confusing to unbelievers.

“I have my eyes on the servant maids and the children.”

+ Response to Hearing the Word +

OFFERTORY LSB 370, verses 1 & 3 – “What Child Is This”

**What Child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mary!**

**So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh, Come peasant, king, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high, The virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily
bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass
against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the
kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen!**

+ The Visible Word +

PREFACE

Pastor: For those who are sensible of their weakness, desire to be rid of it and long for help, should regard and use it only as a precious antidote against the poison which they have in them. For here in the Sacrament you are to receive from the lips of Christ forgiveness of sin, which contains and brings with it the grace of God and the Spirit with all His gifts, protection, shelter, and power against death and the devil and all misfortune.

[from Luther's *Large Catechism* in *The Lutheran Confessions*]

SANCTUS LSB 507, verses 1-3 – “Holy, Holy, Holy”

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow’r, in love, and purity.**

JESUS’ WORDS

AGNUS DEI LSB 547, verses 1 & 4 – “The Lamb”

**The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where’s the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes, God will provide the Lamb of price!**

Refrain

***Worthy is the Lamb, whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!***

**He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness.**

Refrain

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HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: We give thanks to You, Father, that You have refreshed us through this gracious gift, and we ask that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Christ Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen!

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Immanuel – *God is with us!* May God – the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – be with you. Beneath you to uphold you. Beside you to encourage you. Before you to lead you. And within you to inspire and empower you.

People: Amen!

SENDING SONG LSB 388 – “Go Tell It on the Mountain”

Refrain

***Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and ev’rywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born!***

**While shepherds kept their watching O’er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens There shone a holy light.**

Refrain

**The shepherds feared and trembled When lo, above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior’s birth.**

Refrain

**Down in a lonely manger The humble Christ was born;
And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn.**

Refrain

+ Next Sunday +

THEME The Word Became Flesh – the Sacraments

SERMON What does Christmas Mean for the Sacraments?

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Christmas Tree Apple Ornaments