

ADVENT MIDWEEK 1

DECEMBER 1, 2021

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WELCOME

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THEME OF THE DAY

John 1:1–18 provides a summary of the Fourth Gospel's themes. These verses are rich in light and life, truth and grace. They are some of the most important words ever written!

*INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C Amen.
- P In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- C He was with God in the beginning.
- P Through him all things were made.
- C Without him nothing was made that has been made.
- P In him was life, and that life was the light of men.
- C The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not overcome it.

- P The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.
- C We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only.
- P Who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.
- C From his fullness we have all received grace upon grace.
- P The Law was given through Moses.

All: Grace and truth came through Jesus Christ!



*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- P Almighty God is his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen



*PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 1:1-5

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READINGHebrews 1:1-3

¹Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL READING John 1:1-5

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

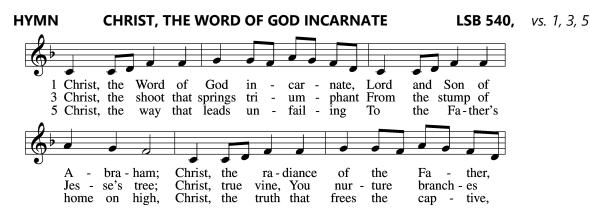
- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Glory to you O Christ.

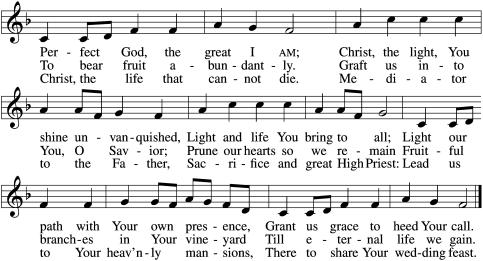
*APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.





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SERMON

"YOU HAVE MY WORD"

based on John 1:1-5

OFFERING Place your gift in the plates as you exit or give online at www.trinityloneoak.org/giving *PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P Heavenly Father, hear us as we praise you for the beauty and power of your Word. "Not one word of all the good promises that the LORD made has failed." (Joshua 21:45)
- C Your Word is trustworthy and true.
- P "Grass withers and the flower fades, but the Word of our God stands forever." (Isaiah 40:8)
- C Your Word endures forevermore.
- P "My Word will not return to me empty." (Isaiah 55:11)
- C Your Word works, always doing what it says.
- P "Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." (Psalm 119:105)
- C Your Word shines in the darkness.
- P And the darkness will never overcome it!
- + Additional Prayers +
- P Heavenly Father, we will slow down and take a deep breath. There is no need to panic.
- C A;I things are working for our good and your glory.
- P We know because we have your Word!

C And his name is Jesus!

P In his name we pray.

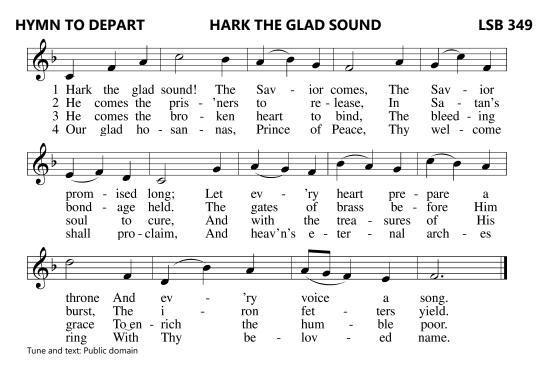
All: Amen.

*LORD'S PRAYER— See projection slides or the inside back cover of the pew hymnal

*BENEDICTION

- P John writes his gospel so that we may believe.
- C That Jesus is the Christ—
- P The Son of God.
- C And that by believing we may have life in his name.
- P Go forth in his name—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—for in his name you have life.
- C Abundant life.
- P Joyful life.
- C Eternal life.

All: Amen!



SILENT PRAYER

Father, because we have your Word, we will not fear the darkness, for the light of your love shines on and on and on! Amen.

FOR NEXT WEEK:

Read John 1:6-9, 15 and answer these questions:

- 1. Jesus *is* God. John was *sent by* God. Jesus *is* the Light. John is *a witness to* the Light. Why do these verses describe John the Baptist so carefully?
- 2. John's evangelism strategy is in John 1:15. What does he say about Jesus? How can this become your witness to Christ?
- 3. John the Baptist states his goal in John 3:30—"He [Jesus] must increase; I must decrease." How does this summarize John 1:6–9, 15?

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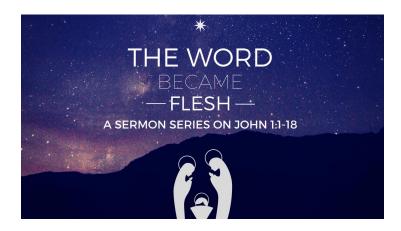
Serving our Lord

	Wed. Dec. 1, 2021 6:30pm	Wed. Dec. 8, 2021 6:30pm
Preacher	Pastor Kroonblawd	Pastor Lessing
Liturgy	Pastor Lessing	Pastor Kroonblawd
Musician	Marissa Bernau	Marsha Workman
Cantor	Andy Koch	Dave Workman
Altar Guild	Nancy Strand	Nancy Strand
Elder	Jon Peterson	Open
Reader	Tim Morris	Open
Usher	Andy Olson	Gary Sheets
Acolyte	Open	Open
Projection	Jean Peterson	Tim Morris
Live	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas



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Advent and Christmas Worship

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Advent Meal* & Advent Worship

Dec. 8, 15 | 5:15 & 6:30**pm



School Christmas Matinee | Dec. 8 @ 1:30pm School Christmas Concert | Dec. 9 @ 6:30pm

Caroling to TLO's home-bound | Dec. 19 @ 3:00pm



Family Worship | Dec. 24 @ 3:30pm Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion | Dec. 24 @ 7:00**pm Christmas Day Worship with Holy Communion | Dec. 25 @ 9:00am

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Variation Night:..

Starlit Night:..

Necember 8 at 1:30 pm | December 9 at 6:30 pm

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TLO School's K-8 Christmas Concert will be held as a matinee on Wednesday, December 8 at 1:30 pm, and as an evening performance on Thursday, December 9 at 6:30 pm. The students have been working hard learning music and are excited to share the story of one special, starlit night many years ago with their family and friends! Join us for one (or both!) performances.