

THE WORD
BECAME
— FLESH —
A SERMON SERIES ON JOHN 1:1-18

"We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son..." - John 1:14a

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**congregation stands*

WELCOME

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AS WE GATHER

If you need a Savior from sin, a Friend who loves at all times and a Redeemer who restores and renews, it's time to open your eyes and this night join the faithful in saying, **"We have seen his glory!"**

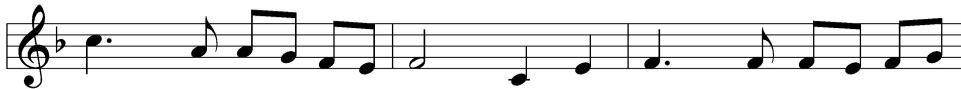
***OPENING HYMN**

ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

LSB 376, vs. 1, 2, 4



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a
 2 He came down to earth from heav - en, Who is
 4 And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His



low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her
 God and Lord of all, And His shel - ter was a
 own re - deem - ing love; For that child so dear and



ba - by In a man - ger for His bed: Mar - y
 sta - ble, And His cra - dle was a stall; With the
 gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove; And He



was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
 poor and mean and low - ly Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 leads His chil - dren on To the place where He is gone.

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***CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION**

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 Brothers and sisters, although "God abides in us and His love is perfected in us," we sin every day and need the assurance of His forgiveness. Let us go to God, seeking His power to amend our sinful lives. Lord Jesus, the love of God made manifest among us,

C **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; nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. Without Your help we cannot change. 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 in 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.

C **Amen.**

***COLLECT**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray: O God, you make this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that as we have known the mysteries of that Light on earth we may also come to the fullness of his joys in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

ISAIAH 40:1-5

¹Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her that her warfare is ended,
that her iniquity is pardoned,
that she has received from the LORD's hand

double for all her sins.

³A voice cries:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

⁵And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Manger Throne

David Workman, solist

EPISTLE

2 CORINTHIANS 4:13–18

¹³Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, ¹⁴knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*CAROL

ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY

LSB 367, vs. 1, 2



1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your



all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing,



Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.
Yon - der shines the In - fant Light.

Refrain

Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;
Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

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*GOSPEL READING

John 1:1–18

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.

C **Glorify to You, O Lord.**

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.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And 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. ¹⁵(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.'") ¹⁶And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*A CONFESSION OF WHAT WE BELIEVE

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, who sent his Son as my Savior on Christmas. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, announced by the angels, worshiped by the shepherds, and adored by the wise men; who lived to suffer, die, and rise again to free me from sin, death, and the power of the devil. I believe in the Holy Spirit, who has brought me to faith in the Christ of Christmas and by whose work in my heart I am led to lay before the feet of Christ the treasures of my love and live under him as my King both now and forevermore. Amen.**

SERMON**"WE HAVE SEEN HIS GLORY"***(based on John 1:14b)***SERMON HYMN FROM HEAVEN ABOVE TO EARTH I COME****LSB 358, vs. 1-5**

1 "From heav'n a - bove to earth I come To bear good
 2 "To you this night is born a child Of Mar - y,
 3 "This is the Christ, our God Most High, Who hears your
 4 "He will on you the gifts be - stow Pre - pared by
 5 "These are the signs that you shall mark: The swad-dling



news to ev - 'ry home; Glad tid - ings of great
 cho - sen vir - gin mild; This lit - tle child of
 sad and bit - ter cry; He will Him - self your
 God for all be - low, That in His king - dom,
 clothes and man - ger dark. There you will find the



joy I bring, Where - of I now will say and sing:
 low - ly birth Shall be the joy of all the earth.
 Sav - ior be From all your sins to set you free.
 bright and fair, You may with us His glo - ry share.
 in - fant laid By whom the heav'ns and earth were made."

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OFFERINGPlace your gift in the plates as you exit or give online at www.trinityloneoak.org/giving***THE PRAYERS**

After each petition:

P I was blind.

C **But now I see!*****LORD'S PRAYER**

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C **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.**

***PREFACE**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

***SANCTUS** —*Tune "Hark The Herald Angels Sing"*

C **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord!
God of hosts, by all adored!
Heav'n and earth cannot contain
All the glory of your name!
Hail, Hosanna, God most high!
Blest is he who now draws nigh
In the name of God the King!
Hallelujahs glad we sing
Hail Hosanna! Praises due
Be forever, Lord to You!**

***THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

***AGNUS DEI**—*Tune "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"*

**O Lamb of God, you take away
The sin of all; now hear us pray,
And grant us from our sin release,
Have mercy on us! Grant us peace.**

DISTRIBUTION Please use the pew cards to register your attendance at Holy Communion, placing cards in the offering plate as you exit.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

WHAT CHILD IS THIS

LSB 370



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is
 2 Why lies He in such mean es-tate Where ox and ass are
 3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to



sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While
 feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The
 own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let



shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is
 si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall
 lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the



Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
 pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;
 song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mar - y!
 Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mar - y!
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar - y!

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

LSB 361



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
 2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And, gath - ered all a - bove
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly The won - drous gift is giv'n!
 4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by;
 While mor-tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won-d'ring love.
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of His heav'n.
 Cast out our sin, and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light.
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
No ear may hear His com - ing; But in this world of sin,
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
And prais - es sing to God the king And peace to all the earth!
Where meek souls will re - ceive Him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.
O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Im - man - u - el!

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THE DISMISSAL

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.
C **Amen.**

*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE —Tune "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"

**Oh, thank the Lord, whose goodness sure
And steadfast love fore'er endure!
Our eyes have seen, our ears have heard,
And we have tasted of his word.**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

- P "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you."
(Isaiah 60:1)

"When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'" (John 8:12)

"For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth"
(Ephesians 5:8-9).

"In the same way, let your light shine before people, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)

Pastor takes the light from the Christ candle for distribution to the congregation.

Caution: tip only unlit candles towards lit candles.

HYMN

SILENT NIGHT

LSB 363



1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,



all is bright Round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
at the sight; Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
love's pure light Ra - diant beams from Thy ho - ly face



Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly
Heav'n - ly hosts sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy



peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.

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BENEDICTION

- P May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi and the peace of the Christ Child. And may the Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forevermore!
- C **Let us worship the newborn King!**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

JOY TO THE WORLD

LSB 387, vs. 1, 2, 4



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him
ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -



room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His



sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

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SILENT PRAYER

Heavenly Father, tonight I don't want to glance or glimpse, preview or peek. I want to see Jesus in all his loving glory. Amen!

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"Raise, raise the song on high, The virgin sings her lullaby; Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mary!" (LSB 370) Many thanks to the following vocalists and instrumentalists who used their talents at TLO during Advent and Christmas to honor our Savior and King: Marissa Bernau, Andy Koch, Aaron Kolb, Caleb Morris, Tim Morris, Diane Streich, Stephanie Vallin, Dave Workman, Marsha Workman, Phil Workman.

Welcome Guests

We are glad you are worshiping! Here are a few things we thought you would like to know to help you feel at home with us tonight. If you are visiting please introduce yourself to one of our pastors, a greeter or an usher. We love to make new friends!

For those with small children, a nursery is available, located in the narthex, if you need a place to care for your child. Children's bulletins are in the narthex, or ask an usher.

Restrooms are located to the east end of the narthex near the main entrance.

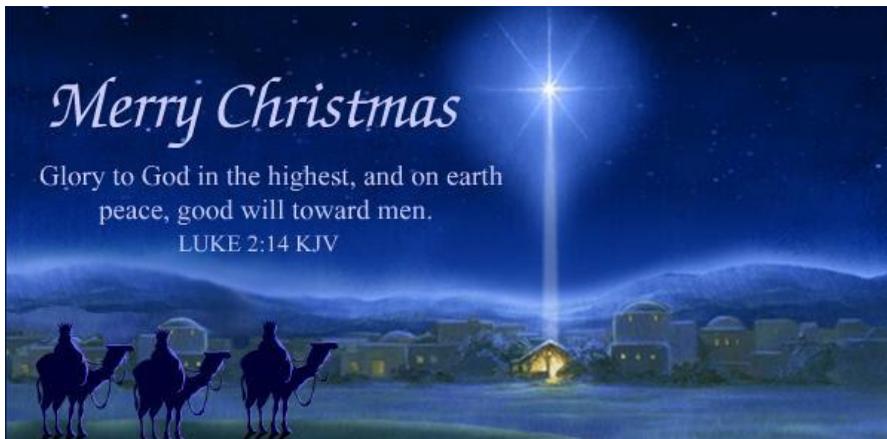
Large print copies of the worship folder are available. Please ask an usher.

Tonight we celebrate Holy Communion. Please speak with one of our pastors or an elder before communing if this is your first time receiving the Lord's Supper at TLO. The light-colored wine in the center of the individual communion tray is de-alcoholized wine, where the alcohol is reduced to .05%.



Worship Sunday, December 26 | 9:00am

Note there is only one worship service Sunday, December 26, 2021.



Merry Christmas from Trinity Lone Oak Lutheran Church and School.

We pray blessings upon your Christmas celebrations.

Jesus is the reason for the season!