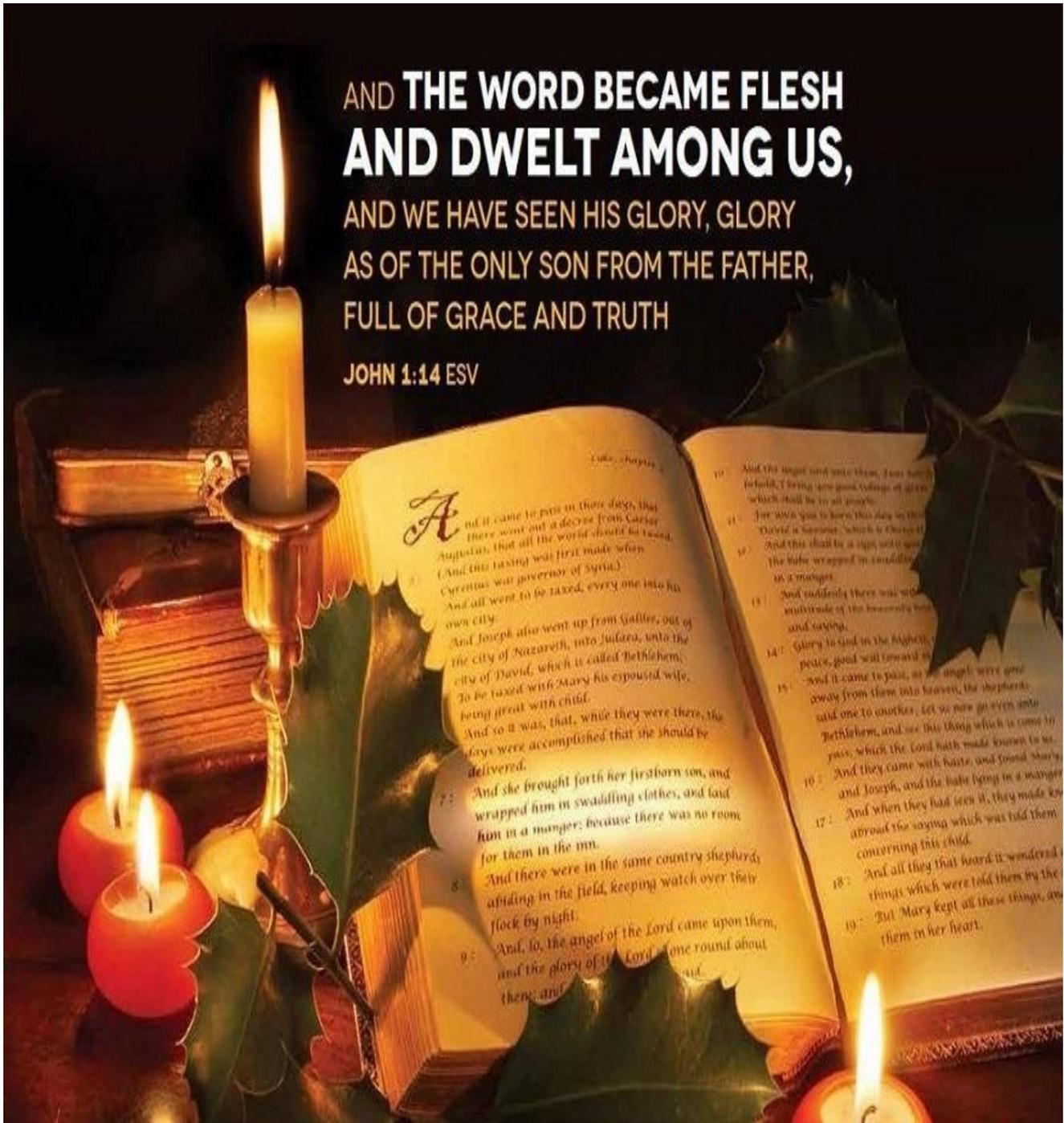


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JOHN 1:14 ESV



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Our Mission Statement

Empowered by the Spirit through Word and Sacrament, Lutheran Church of Our Savior will minister in word and action to our members and to the community, witnessing our faith in Christ who saved and gave new life to those who believe in Him.

As we observe worship inside the sanctuary today, please be respectful of the wishes and needs of others.

- * If you are sick, do not come.
- * You may take your temperature at home before coming. If you have a fever, stay home.
- * Masks are encouraged.
- * The church will be sanitized. Doors will be sanitized.

Entering the Church and Sanctuary

- ✝ Outside doors will be propped open wherever possible. Doors to the sanctuary will be propped open.
- ✝ Do not congregate as you enter the church. Do not congregate in the narthex as you come into the sanctuary. Make use of both doors into the sanctuary so that you keep your 6-foot distance from others.
- ✝ Every other pew will be roped off. Please sit in every other pew. Families may sit close together. Please sit 6 feet apart from others within your pew.

Exiting the Sanctuary

- ✝ At end of service, please wait for an usher to excuse your row. Back rows will be dismissed first. Please maintain your distancing from those ahead of you.
- ✝ Thank you for following these guidelines as much as possible.

Advent Midweek 3

The Birth of Jesus Christ: It's a God Come Down Story
December 16, 2020

Prelude

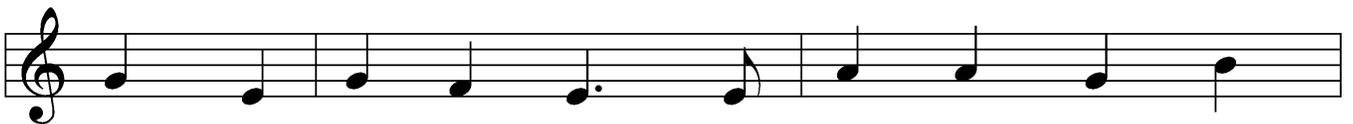
Welcome

358 From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

sts. 1-4



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



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,



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.

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Opening

P The birth of Jesus Christ is the story of God come down to earth in the person of His Son.

C The story of God coming down to earth is not an unusual one.

P God has always chosen to dwell among His people.

C God first did it with Adam and Eve, living and walking among them in the garden.

P Our God also dwelt among His people during the 40 years in the desert, as He placed His presence in the tabernacle, in the very center of the where the people camped.

C **So we celebrate the Word becoming flesh to live among us.**

P We who believe have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only Son, who came from His Father's side, full of grace and truth.

All This is good news: Jesus, Emmanuel, is God with us.

Readings

1 John 1:1-3

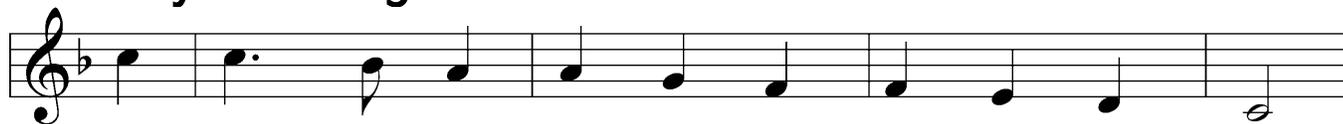
¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—
²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—
³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

Gospel John 1: 1-2, 14

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with 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.

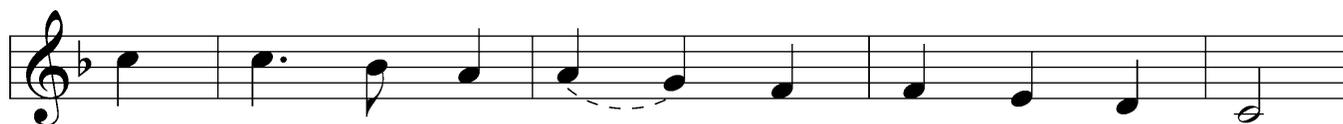
364 Away in a Manger



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,
2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head.
But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes.
Close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.



The stars in the sky _____ looked down where He lay,
I love Thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
Bless all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der care,



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
And take us to heav - en to live with Thee there.

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The Message *Skin in the Game*

Prayer

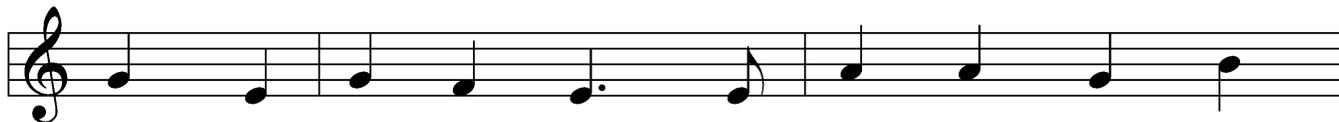
The Blessing

358 From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

sts. 5–8



5 “These are the signs that you shall mark: The swad- dling
6 How glad we’ll be to find it so! Then with the
7 Come here, my friends, lift up your eyes, And see what
8 Wel - come to earth, O no - ble Guest, Through whom the



clothes and man - ger dark. There you will find the
shep - herds let us go To see what God for
in the man - ger lies. Who is this child, so
sin - ful world is blest! You came to share my



in - fant laid By whom the heav’ns and earth were made.”
us has done In send - ing us His own dear Son.
young and fair? It is the Christ Child ly - ing there.
mis - er - y That You might share Your joy with me.

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Postlude

Offering *(As You Exit)*

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