

Old Testament

Isaiah 9:1–7

¹ But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. ³ You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. ⁴ For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵ For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Epistle

Titus 3:4–7

⁴ But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and

renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Holy Gospel

John 1:1–14

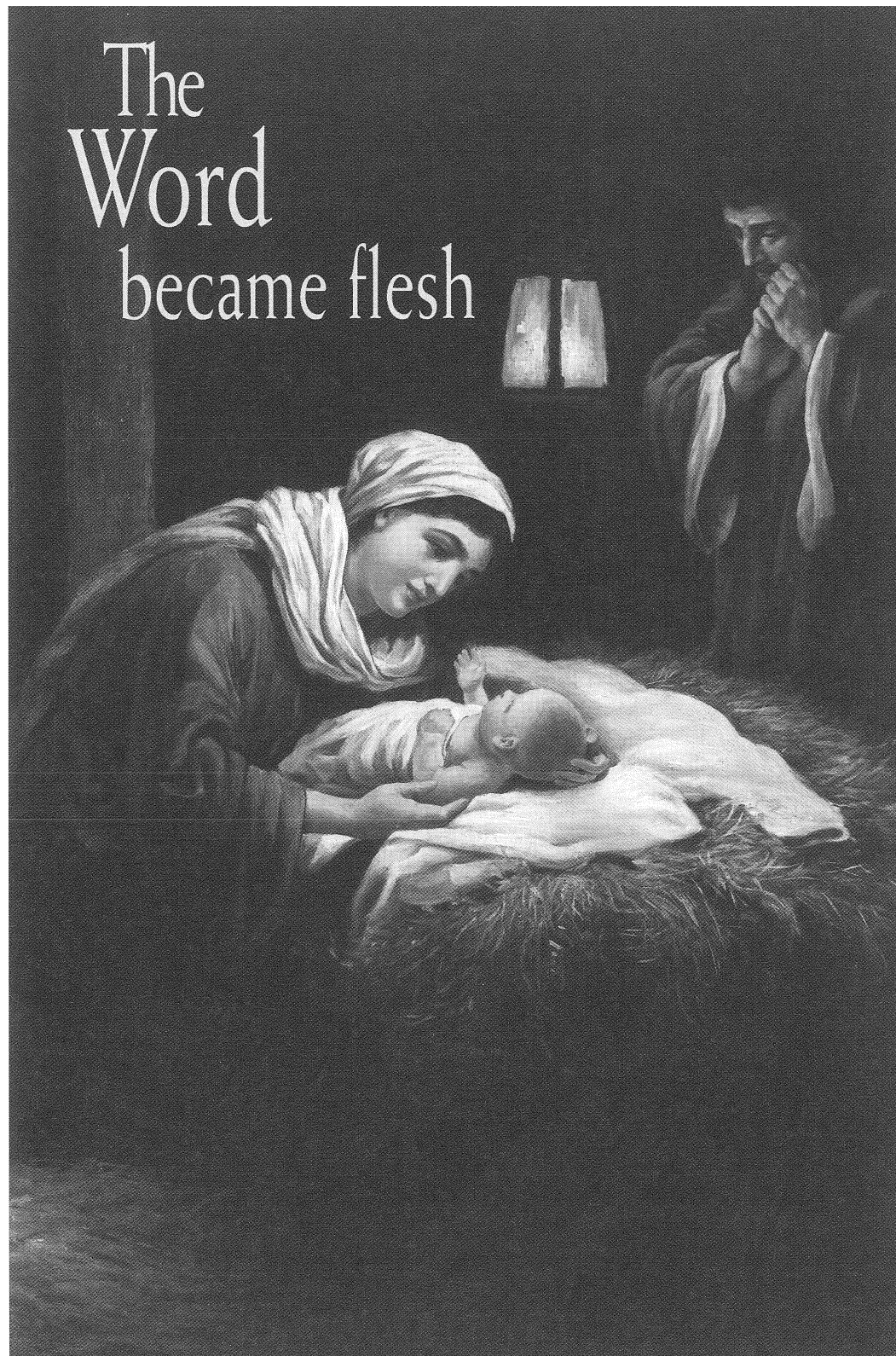
¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and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

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

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

¹⁴ 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.

The Word became flesh



About the Cover: “In the beginning.” This takes us back to creation. St. John reminds us that Jesus, the Word, was at creation as part of the Holy Trinity. Further in today’s Gospel, we read, “The Word [Jesus] became flesh and dwelt among us” (John 1:14). Jesus came from His heavenly throne to be human and to die for our sins, in our place. We have a Savior, just as God had promised! Thanks be to God!



CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25, 2016

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Liturgy: Special Order Service

Hymns: 387, 386 vs. 1-2, 389 vs. 1, 4, 7, 367, 805, 383, 393, 374, 388

Sermon: "One of Us" Isaiah 9:1-7

Holy Communion: Members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod are invited to receive the Lord's Supper. Non-members are requested to speak with Pastor before worship.

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 12/14 (Weds): 54	Offering: \$ 550.00
Attendance 12/18 (Sun): 145	Offering: \$3,045.80
S.S. – 25	Staff – 9
	No B.C.
Budget Needs: \$3,244.00	Scrip Profit 12/18: \$ 84.55

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

MON (12/26)	Office Closed
WEDS (12/28)	No Confirmation Class
	No Worship Service
SAT (12/31)	5:30 p.m. New Year's Eve Worship w/Comm.
SUN (1/01)	No S.S./B.C.
	9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion

IN OUR PRAYERS we remember Phyllis Krahn as her earthly days may be drawing to a close.

TODAY'S BULLETINS are sponsored by Scott & Mary Eickert.

GREETER SCHEDULE FOR 2017 – A Sign-up Genius schedule has been created for Greeters. You can access the link via <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054daaab2da5fa7-2017>. It is also posted on the Home page of the church website. For those members without internet access, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

NEW YEAR'S EVE & DAY worship services will be the same. Join us either on Saturday at 5:30 p.m. or Sunday at 9 a.m.

2017 FLOWER CHART & BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP – If you would like to donate flowers or sponsor bulletins for next year, please sign up now.

CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY – There are still a few household copies on the table in the coat room. If you haven't picked up your household copy, please remember to do so. Even if you didn't have a picture taken, you still receive a copy.

REMINDER: Annual Report items are due January 1, 2017. You may drop them off at the church office or email them to sblcbrillion@gmail.com. *Thank you!*

THANK YOU to the following people for providing Poinsettias for our Christmas celebration:

Jim & Florence Behnke (in memory of our parents)	Ralph & Sandy Haberland (in memory of our families)
Millie Behnke	Hank & Lori Horn
Robert Behnke (in memory of Earl Behnke)	(in memory of Hank, Bev, & Heidi Horn)
Russ Boldt	Gary & Alice Koerth
Wilfred Boldt	Norman & Caroline Krahn
Bonick Family	(in memory of Meta Krahn)
Mary Eickert	Todd & Renee Maeder
Simon & Rhonda Geiger	(in memory of Ruth & Tom Maeder)
	Wally & Faith Sonnabend

2017 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES – There are still several boxes on the table in the coat room to be picked up. Please remember to pick up as many of the envelope numbers will change for 2017.

"THE MUSTACHE RESOLUTION," adopted unanimously in Convention this summer, seeks to raise a combined \$2 million between the LCMS Joint Seminary Fund and Concordia University System scholarship funds by Dec. 31, 2016. Who has the best mustache? LCMS President Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison and LCMS Montana District President Rev. Terry Forke have put their mustaches on the line for this worthy cause. Each dollar equals one vote. The candidate who receives the fewest votes will have his mustache shaved off at the LCMSU "Liberty" Conference this January. Visit thelc.ms/shavethestache to cast your vote today.