

AND THE
WORD
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AND LIVED
AMONG
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CELEBRATE! WORSHIP

9:30 a.m., Sunday, Jan. 4, 2003
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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GATHERING SONG - "Awesome God," Rich Mullins

Please sing bold print

When he rolls up his sleeves

He ain't just puttin' on the Ritz.

Our God is an awesome God.

There's thunder in his footsteps

And lightning in his fists.

Our God is an awesome God.

And the Lord, he wasn't jokin'

when he kicked 'em out of Eden.

It wasn't for no reason that he shed his blood.

His return is very close and

So you better be believin' that

Our God is an awesome God.

Chorus: **Our God is an awesome God,**

He reigns from heaven above.

With wisdom, power and love,

Our God is an awesome God.

Our God is an awesome God,

He reigns from heaven above.

With wisdom, power and love,

Our God is an awesome God.

And when the sky was starless in the void of the night.

Our God is an awesome God.

He spoke into the darkness and created light.

Our God is an awesome God.

The judgement and wrath he poured out on Sodom,

The mercy and grace he gave us at the cross.

I hope that we have not too quickly forgotten that

Our God is an awesome God. (Chorus)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Amid the shadows of this world, let us confess our
sin and welcome the light of God's forgiveness.

(Silence for reflection)

P God of grace and truth,

C in Christ Jesus you came among us as light

shining in the darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, nor trusted the good news of great joy. Forgive us and renew our hope, so that we may live in the fullness of your love, trusting in the grace of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

P The angel said, “You shall call his name Jesus for he will save his people from their sins.”
With great joy, I announce to you the entire forgiveness of your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P The grace and lovingkindness of our Savior Jesus Christ, Word made flesh, born of the Virgin Mary, be with you all!

C And also with you.

P For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given. . . . (Isaiah 9: 6a)

C May the light of the Word made flesh, fill our hearts, as we come together in worship and praise.

Stand

SONG OF PRAISE - “Lord of Lords,” Pat Brown

**Part A: Lord of Lords, Prince of Peace, Abba Father, closest Friend,
my Champion, my Redeemer, faithful One, closest Friend. (Repeat)**

**Part B: I lift my voice in praise like the crashing of the waves.
Like the thunder roars, in worship I will sing of all your ways. (Instrumental Solo)**

**Part A: Lord of Lords, Prince of Peace, Abba Father, closest Friend,
my Champion, my Redeemer, faithful One, closest Friend. (Repeat B and A)**

Last time: Faithful One, closest Friend.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

C Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all that we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Be seated

THE READING - Jeremiah 31:7-14 (*page 641 in the pew Bible*)

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL SONG - “Cry of My Heart,” Terry Butler

**Chorus: It is the cry of my heart to follow you. It is the cry of my heart to be close to you.
It is the cry of my heart to follow all the days of my life.**

**Vs. 1: Teach me your holy ways, O Lord, so I can walk in your truth.
Teach my your holy ways, O Lord, and make me wholly devoted to you. (Chorus)**

**Vs. 2: Open my eyes so I can see the wonderful things that you do.
Open my heart up more and more, and make it wholly devoted to you. (Chorus)
(Solo, repeat vs. 1 and Chorus)**

Stand

GOSPEL - John 1:1-18 (*page 862 in the pew Bible*)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, “He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.”) From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known. The Gospel of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Be seated

SERMON - Pastor Tim Lemme

SONG OF THE DAY - “Because You Are,” Celia Whitler

As the third verse begins, children are invited to come to the front.

**Verse 1: I am the work of your hands. Because you breathe, I am.
We are the light that you give. Because of you, we live.**

**Chorus: Because you are, so we are too. Because you are, we are with you.
One body, one Spirit, one voice, and one heart, together in love because you are.**

**Verse 2: We have been filled with your grace. We have been changed by faith.
So we have been saving light baptized into new life. (Chorus)**

Verse 3: **We are your hands and your feet reaching the least of these.**
Try to be servants of God; we have been made for love. (Chorus)

Ending: **Because you are. Because you are. Because you are.**

KID TALK

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PEACE

Kids The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Greet each other with Christ's words, "Peace be with you."

As the peace is being shared, children in grades 1-6 will return to their seats.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND TEMPLE TALK (Chuck Kirsch, Men in Mission)

OFFERING - Special Music written and performed by Nathan Anderson

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes "Lord, in your mercy." The congregation responds with "Hear our Prayer."

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P May Christ, born into time to bring endless peace, guide your days and years in righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.

Stand

SENDING SONG - "Joy to the World," Watts/Handel

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive its 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 all 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 sin and sorrow 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.**

DISMISSAL

P Filled with the joy of Christ's birth, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Pastor Tim Lemme

Presider: Pastor Nadine Lehr

Reader: Laura Danielson

Special Music: Nathan Anderson

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