



**Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church – ELCA**

*Gathering, Growing and Giving, we encourage faith and proclaiming God's love."*

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas

*Service of the Word*

January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021

NOTE: **Bold text indicates worshipers' response**, and \*' means please stand as able

***Feel free to add you prayer requests on our Facebook page, so they can be included later in our worship***

PRELUDE

Jennifer Kinblom

WELCOME & MINISTRY MESSAGES

GATHERING

\* P: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ , the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

\*THE APOSTLES' CREED (*professed together*)

**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**

\*Or, He descended to the dead.

\* PRAYER OF THE DAY O God our redeemer, **you created light that we might live, and you illumine our world with your beloved Son. By your Spirit comfort us in all darkness, and turn us toward the light of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

GROWING

*In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation. A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians, chapter 1*

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in

heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. The Word of the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

*John begins his gospel with this prologue: a hymn to the Word through whom all things were created. This Word became flesh and brought grace and truth to the world.*

\*The Gospel according to John, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter. **All: Glory to you O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>(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.'") <sup>16</sup>From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>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. **Praise to you O Christ.**

SERMON *Jesus is, was and will forever be...and he gives life and light* Pastor Mary Eide

MUSIC TO MEDITATE ON *Listen and be filled with God's peace.*

Jennifer Kinblom

### GIVING

*NOTE: Giving to support God's ministry at Shepherd of the Hill can be mailed to (Mailing address: 207 University St., Elk Mound, WI 54739 – OR – by going on our website ([www.sothem.org](http://www.sothem.org)) to **GIVE** tab to make a one time or reoccurring donation.*

\* OFFERING PRAYER Dear Jesus, **you have created, and you have lived among the created. We thank you for the love, life and light you've given us. We give of our time, talents and treasures to support your work that is being done in and through this congregation. We give as a faith practice and an act of trust in yo. Amen.**

\* PRAYERS AND PETITIONS (*Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.***)

(*If you prefer to have prayer requests only given to Pastor Mary, you can email her at [meide@luthersem.edu](mailto:meide@luthersem.edu) )*

\* LORD'S PRAYERS **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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

\* ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* BLESSING Almighty God, who sent the Holy Spirit to Mary, proclaimed joy through the angels, sent the shepherds with good news, and led the magi by a star, bless you this day ✝ through the Word made flesh. **Amen.**

\* ELW #510 SENDING HYMN "Word of God Come Down on Earth" all verses next page

\* DISMISSAL Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today	10:00am	- Worship
Monday	7pm	- AA Meeting
Tuesday:	4-6 pm	- Food Pantry
Wednesday	2pm	- LIVE with God on Facebook (Advent video series continues)
	6pm	- Confirmation Class on ZOOM
Friday:	10am-Noon	- FOOD PANTRY
SUNDAY:	10:00am	- Worship
Sunday School Lessons begin again		

2020 GIVING STATEMENTS...would you like your emailed? Then email Barb Vadnais at [barbvadnais1@gmail.com](mailto:barbvadnais1@gmail.com) You'll get the statement faster and save us some postage.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS for January will be ONLINE at [www.sothem.org](http://www.sothem.org) later this week.

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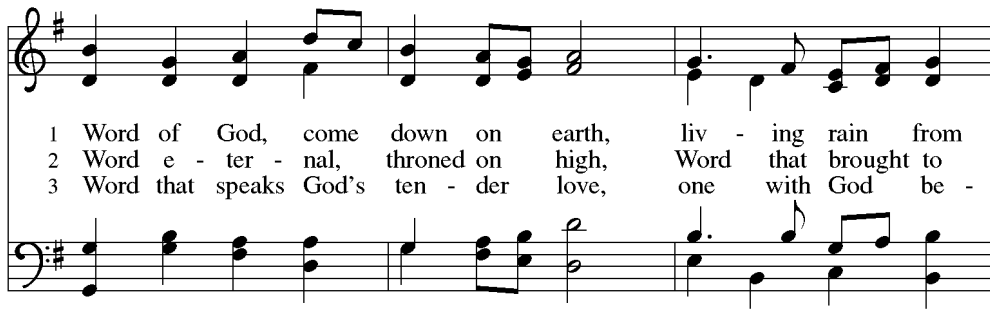
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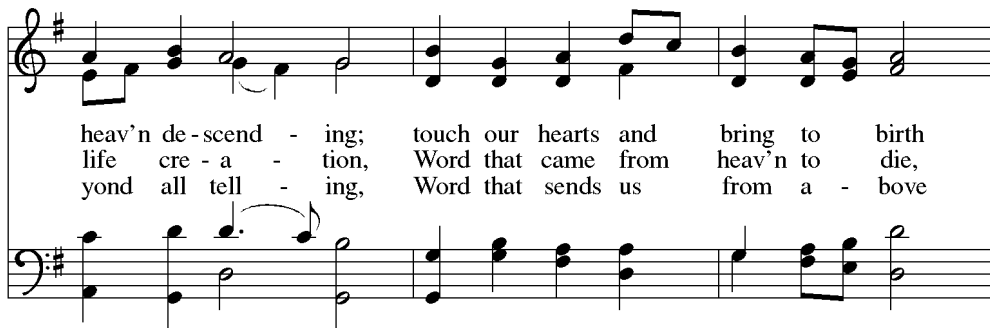
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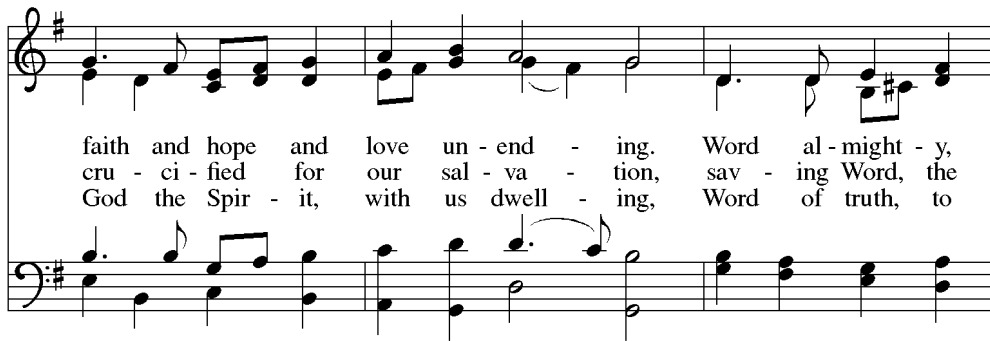
# Word of God, Come Down on Earth



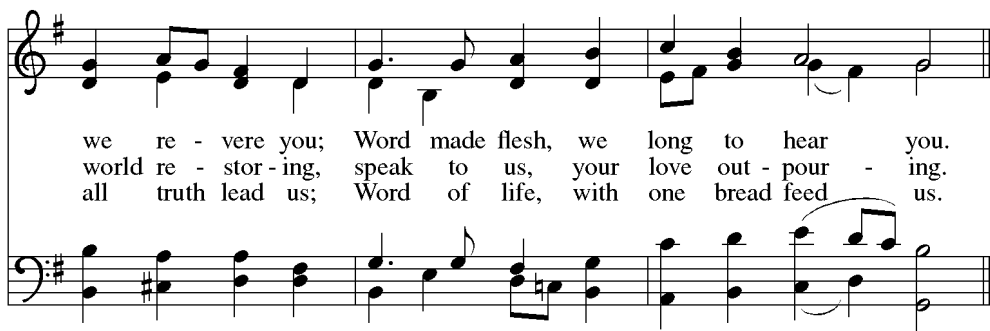
1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from  
2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to  
3 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, one with God be -



heav'n de - scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth  
life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,  
yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove



faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,  
cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, sav - ing Word, the  
God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to



we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.  
world re - stor - ing, speak to us, your love out - pour - ing.  
all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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