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LORD OF LIFE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

*These are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah,
the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in His name. ~ John 20:31*

JESUS, THE WORD

Text: John 1:1-18

Key Verse: *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 1:14*

Biblical Background: The Word that exists from the foundation of the world becomes flesh in Jesus. This is the mystery of the Incarnation. Our Savior, Christ the Lord, is present among us in Word and Sacrament. And in the word of his life and death and resurrection is salvation for us, who become adopted children of God. St. John incorporated an existing hymn (verses 1-5, 9-13) at the beginning of his Gospel in order to proclaim that the divine sonship of Jesus preceded even his conception and birth.

Sermon Reflections

Text Messages

for personal and small group reflection

Why do you think John starts his Gospel: "In the beginning...?"

What do you think of when you hear the phrase "Word of God"?

What does verse 1 say about Jesus' relationship to the Father?

What has Jesus done to make God known to you?

What was the darkest moment of your life? How did God's light shine for you during that time?

What does it mean to you personally that the Word became flesh?

What's the meaning of verse 18? Is this a good summary of the passage? Why or why not?

Faith Spark

Bring your family together, turn out the lights and light a candle. Can darkness ever overcome the light? In the past week, how has each of you shown the light of Jesus in the darkness of this world—at home, at school, at work? In the upcoming week, how will you shine the light to someone specific who needs to know about the love and grace of Jesus?

To read for next week: John 1:19-51

Read the text. As you read, jot down any questions or comments you have.

What do you wonder about? What catches your eye?
What effect do these words have on you personally?