

The background of the image is a vibrant, abstract composition of colors including red, orange, yellow, pink, purple, and blue, with a textured, painterly appearance. A large, dark blue inverted triangle is positioned in the center, and a dark blue 'X' shape is formed by two intersecting lines at the bottom of the triangle.

BIRTH STORIES

NOVEMBER 27, 2016

WELCOME and RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” [LSB 411]

OPENING LITURGY [p. 158]

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON **Genesis 2:18-25** [NIV]

¹⁸The LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.” ¹⁹Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.

But for Adam no suitable helper was found. ²¹So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man’s rib and then closed up the place with flesh. ²²Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. ²³The man said, “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called ‘woman,’ for she was taken out of man.” ²⁴That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. ²⁵Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL VERSE “Prepare the Way”

HOLY GOSPEL **Luke 1:26-38** [NIV]

²⁶In the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. ²⁸The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.”

²⁹Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. ³¹You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”

³⁴“How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?”

³⁵The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. ³⁷For no word from God will ever fail.” ³⁸“I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN “Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending” [LW 15, v. 1-3]

SERMON “THE ORIGINAL MCRIB”

SERMON RESPONSE “Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending” [LW 15, v. 4]

PEOPLE of PEACE in PRAYER

Father in Heaven:

- Peace, Comfort, and Healing** for Jean (Melissa Deur’s mother)-continued prayers for healing from a broken hip due to a fall; the family of Jason Humle (14-year-old friend of Emaly Nicholson)-died Sunday, Nov. 20.

- Wisdom and Courage** for Elders and Shut-ins.

THE LORD’S PRAYER *The Family Prayer of the People of God*

WORDS of INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

OFFERING

(Before Communing, please take time to read our statement of faith found in the pew rack in front of you; fill out and place your attendance card and offering in the basket as you come forward.)

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“What is This Bread” [*LSB 629*]

“No Longer Slaves”

Jonathan David Helser and Melissa Helser

Beau Jacobson

“Prepare the Royal Highway” [*LW 27*]

CLOSING HYMN “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus” [*LW 22*]

CONNECT

- **Parent’s Night Out** | Friday, December 2 | 6:00-9:00pm | **Register Online**
- **“Let it Snow”** | Sunday, December 4 | 5:00-8:00pm | **Mark Your Calendars**
 - *Don’t forget to register for the Chili Cook Off!*
- **Middle School Late Night** | Friday, December 9 | 6:00-10:00pm | **Register Online**
- **Ladies’ Night** | Ornament Exchange | Friday, December 9 | 6:30pm | **Register Now**
- **Night of Hope** | December 12 & 15 | **Register Online @ www.6stones.org/noh**
- **Rogue One Movie Screening** | Sunday, December 18 | 1:30pm | \$10 | **On Sale Soon**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Prepare the Royal Highway”

arr. Michael Burkhardt

SERMON: *Rev. James L. Mueller*
LITURGIST: *Rev. Morgan Hamilton*