

Das 1. Kapitel.

Das ewige Wort Gottes ist Fleisch geworden. Zeugnis des Lärmers von Konstantinopel. Erste Fassung des Textes.

1. Im Anfang war das Wort, und das Wort war bei Gott, und Gott war das Wort.

2. Dasselbe war im Anfang bei Gott.

3. Alle Dinge sind durch dasselbe gemacht, und ohne dasselbe ist nichts gemacht, was gemacht ist.

4. In ihm war das Leben, und das Leben war das Licht der Menschen.

5. Und das Licht scheint in der Finsternis, und die Finsternis hat's nicht begriffen.

6. Es ward ein Mensch, von Gott gesandt, der hieß Johannes.

7. Dieser kam zum Zeugnis, daß er von dem Licht zeugte, auf daß sie alle durch ihn glauben.

8. Er war nicht das Licht, sondern daß er zeugte von dem Licht.

9. Das war das wahre Licht, welches alle Menschen erleuchtet, die in diese Welt kommen.

10. Es war in der Welt, und die Welt ist durch dasselbe gemacht; und die Welt kannte es nicht.

11. Er kam in sein Eigentum; und die Seinen nahmen ihn nicht auf.

12. Wie viele ihn aber aufnahmen, denen gab er Macht, Gottes Kinder zu werden, die an seinen Namen glauben.

13. welche nicht von dem Geblüt noch von dem Willen des Fleisches noch von dem Willen eines Mannes, sondern von Gott geboren sind.

14. Und das Wort ward Fleisch und wahrte unter uns, und wir sahen seine Herrlichkeit, eine Herr-

16. Und von seiner Gnade wir alle genommen Gnade.

17. Denn das Gesetz ist gegeben; die Gnade und Wahrheit durch Jesus Christum gen-

18. Niemand hat Gott jege eingeborene Sohn, der in d Schoß ist, der hat es uns v-

19. Und dies ist das Zei Johannes, da die Juden sa Jerusalem Priester und Lei sie ihn fragten: Wer bist du?

20. Und er bekannte und nicht; und er bekannte: Ich Christus.

21. Und sie fragten ihn: B Bist du Christus? Er sprach: nicht. -- Bist du der Prop er antwortete: Nein!

22. Da sprachen sie zu ihm: du denn? daß wir Aukonen, die uns gesandt habi sagst du von dir selbst?

23. Er sprach: Ich bin ein eines Predigers in der Wä den Weg des Herrn! wie der Jesaja gesagt hat.

24. Und die gesandt waren, von den Phariseen.

25. Und sie fragten ihn und zu ihm: Warum taufst du du nicht Christus bist noch der Prophei?

26. Johannes antwortete i sprach: Ich taufe mit Wasser; i mitten unter euch getrete nicht kenne.

27. Der Christus, der nach mi wird, welcher vor mir gewes ich nicht wert bin, daß ich sei räumen auflese.

28. Ich habe zu Bethsa ritt, wo Johannes

29. Ich antage ihm kom sprich: Sieh, das ist Gatte welt, der Welt Sünde t

30. Dieser ist's, von dem

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B I B L E

D I S P L A Y

For those who thirst after God, reading and meditating upon Scripture is often a daily drink of cool refreshing water. The Bibles to which we turn to therefore become treasured, meaningful items. This Lenten season features a sanctuary display of Bibles on loan from individuals of the Hutterthal community. Do you have a Bible that has special meaning to you?

a family heirloom Bible? a Bible commemorating a special event in your life? the Bible of a parent or grandparent who has passed on? If you wish to have a Bible included in the display, please speak to Pastor Todd or Michelle L Hofer. A time of sharing around the Bible display is being planned.



Memorizing Scripture is one of the many ways to experience the presence and comfort of God with us. During this Lenten season, you and your children are encouraged to work at memorizing Colossians 1:15-23:

Age 4 years and under - Colossians 1:15

Age 5-7 - Colossians 1:15-18

Age 8-11 - Colossians 1:15-20

Age 12 and up - Colossians 1:15-23

Pastor Todd's children's moments explore a key word each Sunday from this great

hymn written by the apostle Paul. Let us encourage one another, children and adults, to hide this passage in our hearts. May you be blessed in your meditation upon the glorious expression of God's salvation and "continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast,...not moved away from the hope of the gospel."

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT **March 16, 2014**

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

L: We look to the hills and to the mountaintops;

P: where does our help come from?

L: We look to the sun, the moon, and the stars above;

P: where does our help come from?

L: We look to the God of Abraham, maker of heaven and earth;

ALL: our help comes from the Lord!

Hymn: STJ no. 35,

O Breath of Life

Scripture Reading:

Genesis 12: 1-4a (Pew Bible p. 6)

Silent Reflection

Time of Confession

L: We think that who we are makes us heir to God's kingdom:

NORTH: the family we are born into,

SOUTH: The name game we play.

L: We think that what we have done makes us citizens of God's nation:

NORTH: which school we went to,

SOUTH: what agency we volunteered with.

L: We think that what we look like will make us worthy of God's blessing:

NORTH: the shape we're in,

SOUTH: the clothes we wear,

L: We think that what we believe will save us from death:

NORTH: the laws we follow to the letter,

SOUTH: the convictions we blindly defend.

ALL: We want who we are, where we come from, what we've done, what we believe, to be enough. Like Nicodemus,

we don't understand how to be reborn. We speak only about what we know, testify only to what we can prove. Lord, hear our prayer.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

L: Let go of who you are, let go of where you come from, let go of what you have done, let go of what you believe. Receive new birth; open your hands to God's gift of a transformed life.

ALL: ***For the gift of Jesus Christ is the gift of rebirth as a child of God, an heir to the heavenly kingdom, and is ours through faith and not our works.***

Theme Song: STJ no. 100,

Here I Am

Children's Time:

Before

Sharing Time

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts and debtors)

Hymn: HWB no. 498,

He Comes to Us as One Unknown

Scripture Reading:

John 3: 1-17 (Pew Bible p. 561)

Brief Reflections

Prayer

Message:

Blessing

Child Dedication: Ethan Joel Waltner, son of Brandon & Kylea Waltner and Brother to Isabel and Addison Waltner

Witnessing

Time of Offering

Offertory Invitation

Sharing Our Gifts

Offering Prayer

Hymn: HWB no. 102,

To God be the Glory

Benediction:

L: We've encountered God's love and call.

P: **Let us go then as witnesses to that love, eager to call others to the generosity we've experienced, on the lookout in the week ahead for where God is meeting us – body, mind, and**

spirit.

ALL: Amen.

Musical Response

Worship Participants: Michelle Hofer (bulletin cover art), Paige Zachariasen (piano), Les Rensink (song leader), Todd Jones (worship leader, children's time & message), Jill Hofer (witnessing)

We respectfully request that the **designated pews** remain open for families with young children and those with physical needs. We also request that the **crying room** remain available for infants and nursing mothers.

A **Handicap Accessible Bathroom** is located in the basement.

PRAYER CONCERNS/PRAISES

- **Family of Faith Ann (Stahl) Sarfarazi**
- **Dorothy Haas** (daughter of Moses Glanzer)
- **Carol Detweiler** (wife of Conf. Min. Tim; scheduled for surgery 3-17)
- **Heather VanMeveren** (wife of Pastor Shane at Bethany Mennonite)
- **From CPMC:** Pray for the Constituency Leaders Council meeting next weekend and for Executive Conference Minister David Boshart as he, along with members of the Executive Board Task Force, provides leadership to the discernment process there.
- **MMN:** MMN thanks you for praying for the Evangelical Mennonite Church of Congo mediation process that took place in December. Praise God for a good outcome and for the cooperation among the three Mennonite denominations in the country. Pray that church unity would continue to grow.

TODAY:

9:00am: Gathering 58:6

Greeters: Gordon & Alvina Hofer

Coffee Time: John & Deloris Stahl

2:30pm: Movie Event: *The Illuminator*

MW Mar. project: Hygiene Kits and or Soap - see *Connection!* for details

Children's Sun. School project: MMN N. Ireland Peacemaking

NEXT SUNDAY:

Greeters: Harold & Phyllis Hofer

Organ: Phyllis Hofer

Coffee Time: Harold & Phyllis Hofer

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: Pastor-Peer, 9:15am (Sioux Falls)
Deacons Meeting, 7pm (Parsonage)

Thursday: Church Board, 7pm

Friday: Men's Group, 10am (Parsonage)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar. 26: April Connections Newsletter Deadline

Mar. 28: Men's Group, 10am (Parsonage)

Apr. 2: Freeman Network for Justice & Peace, 12pm @ Public Library

Apr. 3: Freeman Ministerial, 10am (North Church)
Worship, 7pm @ Salem Home

Apr. 6: Baby shower for Michelle Neuharth @ 2pm

Apr. 7: Mennonite Women Work Night

Apr. 11-14: Hosting Eastern Mennonite High School students

See the power and beauty of God's WORD in the *Saint John's Bible* –The artist-in-residence program at Hutterthal is planning two upcoming events featuring this incredible work of art:

Public movie event, Sunday, March 16th, 2:30pm - The public is invited to attend a viewing of the documentary on *the Saint John's Bible* project, "The Illuminator and a Bible for the 21st Century". The film will be shown in the Hutterthal Mennonite Church basement fellowship hall. Refreshments will be served.

***Saint John's Bible* Retreat Day Trip to Collegeville, MN** – You are invited to join us for an outing to view actual pages of the *Saint John's Bible* on the campus of Saint John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota while enjoying a relaxing and meditative day of activities including prayer and Bible study. The trip includes an overnight stay on **Wednesday, April 23rd** and activities on the University campus on **Thursday, April 24th**. Please sign up with Michelle L Hofer if you are interested in attending or would like more information.

Hutterthal ladies are invited to a **baby shower** in honor of Eric and Michelle Neuharth and their anticipated new baby on **Sunday, April 6, at 2:00 p.m.** If you wish to participate in a group gift, contributions may be given to Charlene Friesen or Kim Jones.

MW Worknight is approaching and we are requesting that, if you have sewn **comforter tops to be tied** that evening, you would **bring them to church by March 23**. Also, we are looking for a good number of people to bring sewing machines to work night. Contact Sherryl, Barbie or Edie if you have comforter tops and also if you can bring your machine.

Hutterthal has been asked to host **40 students and 4 chaperones** for the MSC Choir Festival at Freeman Academy on April 11-13. **Please contact Edie Tschetter if you are able to host.**

The Schmeckfest Country Kitchen is asking for donations of food items. Poppyseed rolls, fruit pockets, pumpkin rolls, caramel rolls, jams, horseradish and summer savory sell especially well. Items should be labeled.

Table clearers and re-setters are needed on **Friday, March 28**, and **table servers on Saturday, March 29** for Schmeckfest. If you can help in those areas, please call Debra Schmeichel, 648-3430.

South Church is hosting another **freezer meal assembly** opportunity on **Saturday, April 5 at 9 a.m.** Recipes will be finalized and announced next week. Anyone interested in participating should contact Vernetta Waltner at 925-7620 or waltners@hotmail.com for more details. **Deadline** to register is **March 30**.

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GENESIS 12:1-4a

¹Now the LORD had said to Abram:

“Get out of your country,
From your family
And from your father’s house,
To a land that I will show you.

²I will make you a great nation;
I will bless you
And make your name great;
And you shall be a blessing.

³I will bless those who bless you,
And I will curse him who curses you;
And in you all the families of the
earth shall be blessed.”

⁴So Abram departed as the LORD had spoken to him, and Lot went with him.

JOHN 3:1-17

¹There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.”

³Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

⁴Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?”

⁵Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of wa-

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ter and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel

that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

⁹Nicodemus answered and said to Him, “How can these things be?”

¹⁰Jesus answered and said to him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? ¹¹Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness.

¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?

¹³No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, *that is*, the Son of Man who is in heaven. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

¹⁵that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁶For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. ¹⁷For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

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WORD IN WITNESS

Michael Sattler (1495 - 1527), was a leader in the Anabaptist movement. He and his wife, Margaretha were martyred along with other members of their congregation.



Margaretha and Michael Sattler, as portrayed in the 1990 film, *The Radicals*.

CLOUD OF WITNESSES P R O J E C T

Having launched our church website, www.hmcfreeman.org, last summer, we are excited to introduce a new ministry focus for Hutterthal. Called the "Cloud of Witnesses Project," we are seeking to create an online archive of faith statements of the members and friends of Hutterthal

Mennonite Church. We ask that you prayerfully consider recording your story to be a part of this online witness opportunity. Visit the Leadership page now to read the statements of our Pastor and Deacons. More information will be coming soon.