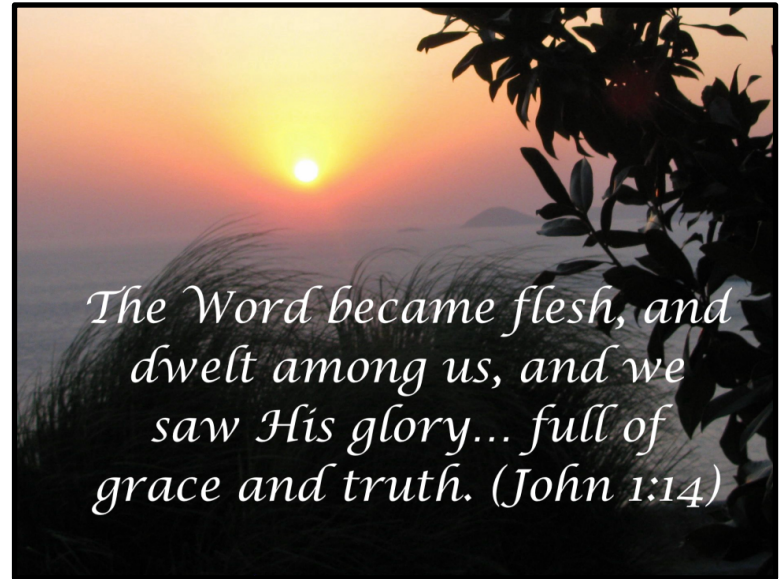


**The Lord clothes His people** *“with the garments of salvation”* and covers them *“with the robe of righteousness”* (Is. 61:10). So the blessed Virgin Mary *“rejoices in God [her] Savior”* (Luke 1:47). The Lord was gracious to her. She *“believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord”* (Luke 1:45). That is why *“all generations will call [her] blessed”* (Luke 1:42, 48); likewise, *“blessed ... are those who hear the word of God and keep it”* (Luke 11:28). She has the unique honor of being the one from whom the Righteous One *“sprouts”* on earth *“before all the nations”* (Is. 61:11). But she sings as a recipient of His great mercy. *“God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons”* (Gal. 4:4–7). Mary is rightly called “Mother of God” because of the nature of the Son she bore, but He alone is called “Savior,” “Redeemer” and “Advocate.” Jesus Christ is the *“one thing ... necessary,”* come to rescue and heal and save us (Luke 10:28–42). He is the seed of the woman at last come to crush the serpent’s head for us (Gen. 3:15).

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### **WORSHIP PREPARATION**

Today as we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion we will receive the Body and Blood of our Savior for the forgiveness of our sins. Because Holy Communion is a public confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, we invite those who are members of this congregation or another congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod to commune. Other guests wishing to receive the Sacrament should speak with the pastor before the service.

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**Today's Hymns:**

**Opening: 588, "Jesus Loves Me"**

**Sermon: 545, "Word of God, Come Down On Earth"**

**Communion: 817, "Earth and All Stars"**

**739, "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"**

**Closing: 715, "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"**

**Today's Scripture Readings:**

**Old Testament: Job 38:4-18**

**Epistle: Romans 10:5-17**

**Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33**

**Today's Sermon:    "Crown of Incarnation"**

**Prayer List:** Lennis Walker, Deborah Perleberg, Tyler, Jeanne, DJ, Macie, Lisa, Thompson Family, Kerry, Roy and Dale Esau, David Lukow, Carol Unger, Deborah Unger, Shanda Unger, Shea and Jessica, Debra Mobley, Jack McKeever, Annette Lewis, Jason Hobbs

### **CALENDAR for THE WEEK**

Tuesday- Elders' Meeting.....6:30 PM  
Tuesday- Church Council Meeting.....7 PM  
Thursday- Solo Sisters at Dianna Thur's.....11 AM  
Thursday- Worship Service w/HC..... 3 PM  
Next Sunday- Bible Study.....9 AM  
Next Sunday- Worship Service w/HC.....10:15 AM

### **Last Week's Attendance**

July 30- 5

August 2- 46

**Prayer ministers will be available after the service today to pray with you.**

**Zion is in need of people to help with the powerpoint and the music.** If you would like to help out or want more info, please see Candace, Lorna or pastor. Thank you for your help and consideration.