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Week 1 – IN THE BEGINNING (John 1:1-18, pp. 3-9)

John 1 takes us back to the beginning. How do the Words in this passage connect directly to the first chapter of Genesis 1? **(Read Gen. 1:1-3)**

What John is saying about Jesus' identity is so profound and important. The significance of the cross, which is the center and focus of our lives, our worship, and our faith depends directly on the identity of the one who hangs on it.

Who does the world say that Jesus is? _____

According to John 1:1-18, who is Jesus? _____

Why does it matter who Jesus is? _____

Read the following passages which were referenced in last week's devotions. ***What does each tell you about "the Word?"***

Psalms 33:4-9 _____

Hebrews 1:1-2 _____

Colossians 1:15-20 _____

Among the most significant facts about Christ is his identity as the "God-Man." The miracle of the incarnation is that the eternal Son of God took on human flesh, becoming one of us.

Why did Christ become flesh? _____

How does faith in Jesus make us "really human?" _____

How is rejecting Him also rejecting ourselves? _____

John 1:1-18 reminds us that Jesus came to a broken world, lost in darkness.

Where do you see evidence of this brokenness? _____

John calls Jesus and the good news that He brings, "the true Light." In the historic service of Evening Prayer, we likewise sing that "Jesus Christ is the Light of the World...the Light no darkness can overcome."

How is Jesus the Light for our world? _____

How has Jesus overcome the darkness of this world? _____

Read **Matthew 5:14-16** and **Philippians 2:14-16**.

In what ways can the light of Christ shine in and through us individually and together as members of Faith Lutheran Church? _____

For Next Time:

Week 2 – THE ANNUNCIATION TO MARY (Luke 1:26,39, pp. 11-17)