

Week #4: The Kingdom of God

The Incarnation

From the Small Catechism

Second Article of the Apostles' Creed Explanation—First Paragraph

"I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, . . ."

From the Liturgies:

Divine Service 1, 2 and 3, Gloria in Excelsis "O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; . . ."

The Apostles' Creed "And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary . . ."

The Nicene Creed "And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; . . ."

The Nicene Creed "Who for us men and for our salvation was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man"

Proper Preface for Epiphany: In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory.

Proper Preface for Lent Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh . . .

Prayer of Thanksgiving, Divine Service Setting 1 and 2 Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior.

Post-Communion prayer: "O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, Who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, . . ."

From the Litany: "By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your holy nativity; . . . Help us, good Lord."

From the Scriptures:

John 1:1-3, 14, 18; Lk 1:30-35; Lk 24:39; John 20:28; 1 Cor 8:6; Gal 4:4-5; Col 1:16-20; Col 2:9; 1 Tim 2:5-6; Heb 1:3; Heb 2:10-12, 14-17

The Atonement

From the Small Catechism

Second Article of the Apostles' Creed Explanation—Second Paragraph “who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death”

From the Liturgies:

Divine Service 3, Absolution “Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins.”

Divine Service 1 and 2, “This is the Feast” “Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.”

Divine Service 1, 2 and 3, Gloria in Excelsis “O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father: That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us;”

The Apostles' Creed, Second Article “. . . suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.”

The Nicene Creed, Second Article “. . . and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.”

Proper Preface for Advent “. . . whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, . . .”

Proper Preface for Lent “. . . and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally.”

Proper Preface for Easter “. . . Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death . . .”

Prayer of Thanksgiving, Divine Service Setting 1 and 2 “. . . we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.”

Prayer of Thanksgiving, Divine Service Setting 4 “At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.”

The Divine Service, All settings: Words of Institution “Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.””

The Divine Service, All settings: Agnus Dei “O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.”

From the Litany: “by your agony and bloody sweat; by your cross and passion; by your precious death and burial; . . . Help us, good Lord.”

From the Scriptures:

Is 53:4-6; Mk 10:33-34; Mk 10:45; John 1:29; John 6:51; John 10:17-18; Rom 3:21-25; Rom 4:25; Rom 5:6-10; 1 Cor 1:20-24; 1 Cor 2:1-2; 1 Cor 11:23-26; (See also, Mat 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20); 2 Cor 5:21; Phil 2:8; Heb 1:3b; Heb 9:13; Heb 9:25-28; 1 Pet 1:18-19; 1 Pet 2:24; 1 Pet 3:18; 1 John 2:1-2; 1 John 3:8; Rev 1:5; Rev 5:6, 9-12; Rev 7:13-14