



Order of Worship October 27, 2024 Twenty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time

## We Gather to Worship God

Welcome Worship in Song Call to Worship Worship in Song Prayer

## We Listen to the Word

Sermon Series: The Core Sermon: "The Need For Jesus"

## We Come to the Table

Prayer of Confession and Consecration The Lord's Prayer We Eat and Drink Together We Celebrate the Eucharist in Song Prayer

## We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life Doxology Blessing and Sending

\*Words to music, responsive readings and The Lord's Prayer will be on the screen\*



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### Doggy Bag-

### Some questions to chew on:



- 1. Why is it important to answer the question of Jesus for ourselves?
- 2. What are the biggest questions you have about Jesus? What aspects of the evidence about Jesus did you find convincing/not convincing?
- 3. Why does it make sense for Jesus to be born of a virgin?
- 4. In your own words, what does salvation mean? What does Jesus save us from? What has Jesus saved you from?
- 5. Why is it important to recognize that Jesus not only saves us from sin but also transforms us?
- 6. Why is the resurrection difficult for many people to believe? But why is it essential to the Christian faith?
- 7. Why does it matter to believe in Jesus? If you are a Christian, what difference does Jesus make in your life?



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# The Core "The Need for Jesus" Pastor Kris Beckert

#### Who do you believe Jesus to be?

- I. How do we know Jesus existed?
  - A. Evidence \_\_\_\_\_ the Bible
    - Tacitus and Suetonius, Roman historians
    - Josephus, Jewish historian
  - B. Evidence \_\_\_\_\_ the Bible
    - Gospels, letters, and documents referred to
    - Eyewitnesses

Luke 1:1-4 Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, <sup>2</sup> just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. <sup>3</sup> With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, <sup>4</sup> so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.

### II. What do Christians believe about Jesus?

The \_\_\_\_\_ Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

- 1. Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_
  - Jesus' birth narrative is included in \_\_\_\_\_ of the 4 gospels
  - Virgin birth is possible in nature and by science (cloning) so it could be possible by God
  - Shows how Jesus can be both \_\_\_\_\_ and

Matthew 1:23 "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

#### 2. Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_

• "Jesus" is the Greek form of Yeshua, which means

Matthew 1:21 "She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

- Jesus came to save people from \_\_\_\_\_\_
- Sin is \_\_\_\_\_
- Jesus also came to \_\_\_\_\_ people
- Atonement is the word for what Jesus did through the cross, which has multiple meanings: An expression of love and sacrifice, a payment to purchase slaves' freedom, Jesus as the Passover lamb that delivers from death, taking on consequences of sin for others, Jesus' solidarity with humanity, the beginning of the New Creation, restoration of humanity's relationship with God.

#### 3. Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

- "Christ" means \_\_\_\_\_, which refers to a coronation ceremony where one is made King
- "God's Son" shows a unique \_\_\_\_\_ with God
- Not "a" son but "THE" Son

Philippians 2:6-8 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; <sup>7</sup>

rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. <sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!

- 4. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ from the dead
  - The Early Church believed Jesus descended to
    \_\_\_\_\_\_ in the time between his death and
    resurrection
  - Jews believed that after death, the soul went to the realm of the dead under the earth, which had two sections: \_\_\_\_\_ and
  - \_\_\_\_\_ was where the righteous dead were comforted until the final resurrection
  - Jesus' resurrection was \_\_\_\_\_ not figurative
  - Most of the disciples gave their lives on the claim that Jesus actually \_\_\_\_\_\_
  - 1000's saw Jesus after the resurrection and the good news spread quickly

#### III. Why does it matter?

- The story of Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ defining story
- Jesus shows us what \_\_\_\_\_ is like and what/ who God values
- Jesus showed us the depth of God's \_\_\_\_\_ on the cross
- Jesus defeated \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and offers salvation and freedom to us

### **Big Idea:**