

The Word Became Flesh John 1:1-18

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome[a] it.

6 There was a man sent from God whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. 8 He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

9 The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. 11 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. 12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— 13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

15 (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'") 16 Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and[b] is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

John the Baptist Denies Being the Messiah

19 Now this was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders[c] in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask

him who he was. 20 He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, "I am not the Messiah."

21 They asked him, "Then who are you? Are you Elijah?"

He said, "I am not."

"Are you the Prophet?"

He answered, "No."

22 Finally they said, "Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?"

23 John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, "I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.'"[d]

24 Now the Pharisees who had been sent 25 questioned him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?"

26 "I baptize with[e] water," John replied, "but among you stands one you do not know. 27 He is the one who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie."

28 This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

John Testifies About Jesus

29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' 31 I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel."

32 Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. 33 And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' 34 I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One."[f]

John's Disciples Follow Jesus

35 The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. 36 When he saw Jesus passing by, he said,



"Look, the Lamb of God!"

37 When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. 38 Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?"

They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?"

39 "Come," he replied, "and you will see."

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

40 Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. 41 The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter[g]).

Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael

43 The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me."

44 Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. 45 Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held at the Sidney Fire Station, 302 South David Street, Village of Sidney, Champaign County, Illinois, beginning at 6:00 PM, Wednesday, July 1, 2026, for the purpose of considering the Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the revenue year 2026 for the SIDNEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance in its tentative form is available for public inspection on the bulletin board located outside of the Sidney Fire Station in the Village of Sidney, Illinois, where any and all interested persons may examine it.

At the meeting the Trustees will also consider and adopt the Levy Ordinance for the revenue year 2026.

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46 "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked.

"Come and see," said Philip.

47 When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit."

48 "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked.

Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you."

49 Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel."

50 Jesus said, "You believe[h] because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that." 51 He then added, "Very truly I tell you,[i] you[j] will see 'heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on'[k] the Son of Man."

A show in the western sky

The show continues in the western sky after sunset. I hope you've been attentive! Tonight a thicker crescent Moon is above and left of Jupiter. In fact, you can draw a line angled to the horizon from the Moon, through Venus and Jupiter towards the horizon and you have just drawn the "ecliptic," which is plane of the solar system. It's like the solar system is flattened like a pancake but

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held at the Homer Fire Station, 501 North Main Street, Village of Homer, Champaign County, Illinois, beginning at 6:00 PM, Monday, July 6, 2026, for the purpose of considering the Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the revenue year 2026 for the HOMER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance in its tentative form is available for public inspection on the front door of the Homer Fire Station in the Village of Homer, Illinois, where any and all interested persons may examine it.

At the meeting the Trustees will also consider and adopt the Levy Ordinance for the revenue year 2026.

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Pastor Stahl's Weekly Message of Faith



Hello Everyone!

I hope all the Moms had a Happy Mother's Day last week! I took Jill out to Texas Road House, one of our favorites! As we continue on in May, our plans are busy with Mother's Day, Graduations, and Memorial Day. They pop up one right after the other.

In the life of the Church, this coming Sunday is Pentecost. The celebration of Pentecost is what the Church calls the Birthday of the Holy Spirit. When God Poured out His Spirit on the early church, and they were appointed by God Himself to go out and preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

"On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. Suddenly, there was a sound from Heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled each of them. And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability." (Acts 2:1-4)

God Spoke, and the universe came into existence. God Created human beings in His own Image, God Sent Jesus to Die for us, God Resurrected Jesus on the third day, God Gave the church the Holy Spirit. The Prime Mover in all things is God. He Loves us

with an Everlasting Love, He Created us in our mother's womb, He Promises that He Will be with us always.

"Don't be afraid, for I Am with you.

Don't be discouraged, for I Am your God.

I Will Strengthen you and Help you.

I Will Hold you up with My Victorious Right Hand.....

For I Hold you by your right hand--

I, the Lord your God.

And I Say to you, 'Don't be afraid. I Am here to Help you.'

(Isaiah 41:10, 13)

Our Lord Jesus Held the Disciples hands when He Broke Bread with them on the night before He Went to the Cross. "This Is My Body, Broken for you. This Is My Blood, Shed for you." Jesus Loved them with an everlasting Love. He Ascended into Heaven 40 days after His Resurrection so He Could Impart the Holy Spirit to them. That way, Jesus was not limited to Jerusalem, but He Could be everywhere, all at once. Jesus Came down from Heaven to Save us, and went back to Heaven to Prepare a place for us. He has Empowered us with the Spirit to go into all the world and tell them about Jesus.

Thanks be to God!

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In the night sky

By David Leake



we're living inside of it. So we don't see planets just anywhere in the sky but they follow a particular path. By this coming weekend, Mercury joins the scene and that line you just drew will point to it, much lower to the horizon. This is a great opportunity to catch elusive Mercury, which will be highest in our evening

sky in mid-June. Start early! While you're at it, look at Venus with binoculars when the sky darkens to see if you can see the rich star cluster M35 just below & left of the planet. In a dark sky, you can see more stars in the cluster. There are over 400 stars there at a distance of roughly 3000 light years.

OSF Peace Meal Menu

Here is the Sidney, Homer, Philo, Tolono, Sadorus, and Pesotum Peace Meal menu for Thursday, May 21 through Wednesday, May 27.

Thursday, 5/21/26 - Tortellini/pepperoni salad, peas, 5 cup salad, wheat roll served with butter or margarine, fruit cup, and a half pint of milk.

Friday, 5/22/26 - Salisbury steak, parsley potatoes and green beans, fruit cup, wheat bread served with butter or margarine, and a half pint of milk.

Saturday, 5/23/26 - Chicken cranberry tossed salad, yogurt, grapes, wheat bread served with butter or margarine, and a half pint of milk.

Sunday, 5/24/26 - OSF Peace Meal is closed.

Monday, 5/25/26 - OSF Peace Meal is closed for Memorial Day.

Tuesday, 5/26/26 - Swedish meatballs, asparagus, fruit cup, wheat bread served with butter or margarine, and a half pint of milk.

Wednesday, 5/27/26 - OSF

Peace Meal is closed.

OSF Peace Meal provides seniors, age 60 and older, with a nutritious lunch Monday through Saturday and are closed on Sunday and Wednesday. There is a suggested donation of \$4.00 for each meal, however, no senior will be denied a meal because of an inability to financially contribute. The Illinois Link Card is an accepted form of payment. For more information, please go to <https://www.osfhealthcare.org/osf-peace-meal/> or call 1-309-665-5900.

The Homer Peace Meal congregate site is at the Homer Village Hall located at 500 East Second Street. It is currently carry-out only. For reservations, please call 1-309-665-5900. Home delivery in southern Champaign County is currently available in Sidney, Homer, Philo, Tolono, Sadorus, and Pesotum.

Menu substitutions may occur due to global supply chain shortages, but a nutritious meal is still guaranteed.

The OSF Peace Meal menu is submitted for the OSF Peace Meal Senior Nutrition Program by Ann Rhoton.

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