

December 13, 2020

Order of Worship

Meditation: “For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

Hebrews 4:15-16 ESV

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 95:6-7 ESV

Hymn (*TH 208*): *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Opening Prayer

Advent Reading: Luke 2:8-14 ESV

Hymn (*TH 203*) *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

Congregational Prayer: Rick Vander Kam, Elder

Hymn (*TH 196*) *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

Sermon Passage: Hebrews 2:14-18 ESV

Sermon Title: “*What if Christmas Had Never Happened?*” – Pastor Jeff Landis

Hymn (*TH 257*) *Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted*

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Tithes and Offerings

The Lord’s Blessing

Closing Hymn (*TH 195*) *Joy to the World* (verse 1)

Outline

Introduction

I. No Mediator

- A. Christmas presupposes the problem of sin
- B. To be our Mediator Jesus had to be like us

II. No Salvation

- A. Propitiation – v. 7
- B. In order for Christ to die he had to become man
- C. Result of Christ’s death – freedom for the fear of death – vv. 14-15

III. No Experiential Help in Times of Need

- A. Jesus experienced life and so is able to help us
- B. He gives sympathetic help in our times of need

Conclusion