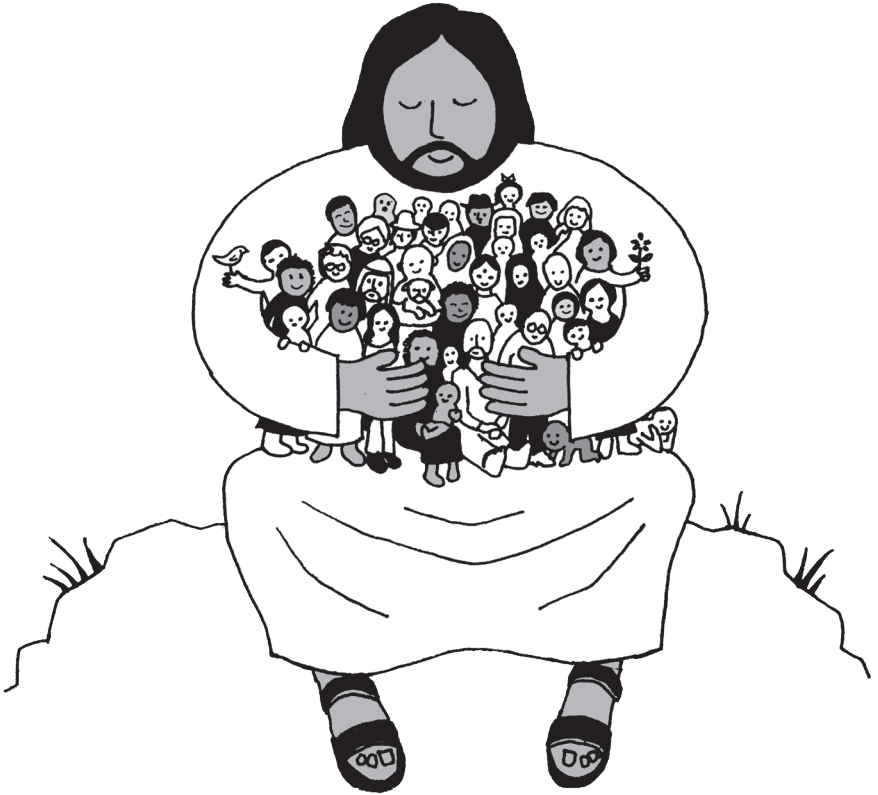


A LUTHERAN WELCOME TO JESUS



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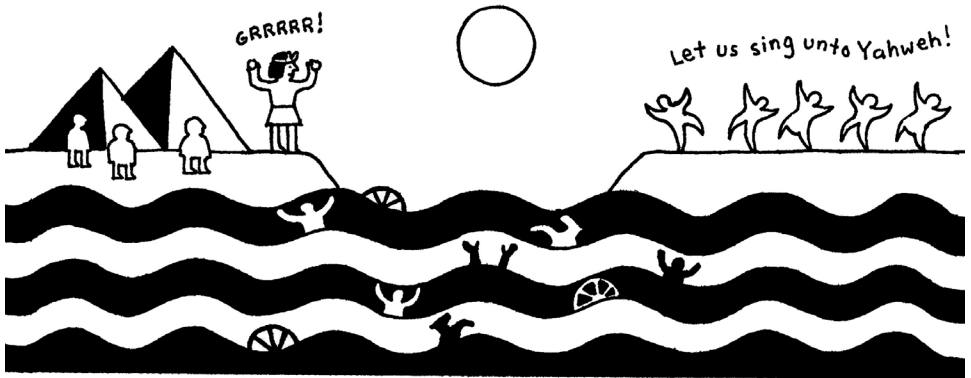
God Comes to Us

Jesus Christ is where God meets us.

Lutheran Christians understand that God is the only being in the universe who is utterly free. And God has chosen to be in relationship with the world.



Throughout time, God has chosen to remain mostly hidden. The Bible's story contains moments when God's power emerged in mighty acts of salvation and gracious gifts of mercy, as well as in words announced through the visions and dreams of prophets. These actions and words were always wrapped in mystery and delivered from beyond the day-to-day workings of creation and its creatures.



Lutherans believe the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus are, collectively, the pivotal moment in that long story of God and the world. We refer to this moment as the incarnation, when the God of everything decided to step out from the metaphysical shadows into the undignified exposure of real and raw history. A baby was born in a rustic stable in Bethlehem. His parents named him Jesus.

The Word became flesh

Something long hidden was revealed.

In Jesus, God chose to exist and act within the ordinary. God came to us not in unmistakable power and irresistible glory but hidden in the weakness of a newborn child.

Lutherans believe this is how God wants to be known and how God chooses to be found. In Jesus Christ, all of God comes all the way into all of our humanity.

