Week 18 November 9-15, 2026
Word of God: *The Word Became Flesh*
Gathering Song ***Thy Word Became Flesh by The Grace Full Life***
Daily Prayer *Jesus, Jesus you are with me as I step into this day.*
Let me hear you gently calling, "Precious child, walk this way."
Jesus, Jesus when I hear you, calling me to follow you,
In that hour, give me grace to love my neighbor like you do. Amen.

Scripture: John 1:1 & 14 **Context: 1-14 The Word Became Flesh**
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

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.

Devotional Thoughts I have a close friend, Maddie, who is the embodiment of joy. Joy is her gift. Joy can be seen on her face as well as through how she acts and treats other people. Although I have also seen her frustrated and disappointed, she responds to those situations by finding joy in the opportunity presented to her. As far as I can tell, she is the closest thing I know to "joy incarnate" or joy in the flesh.

What does this have to do with God's word? Jesus is the Word incarnate, or the Word of God made flesh. Why is this important? In John, we come to understand that Jesus , the divine word, became human. The Word became incarnate, which refers to something being embodied in human form. Jesus is not a created being, but is eternal, with God, and is God.
We also learn from John about the nature of God as Creator, Savior and Holy Spirit all being present "in the beginning". Not just the Creator creating, but Jesus and the Holy Spirit were also present as an integral part of the creation story, with the Word becoming flesh, as Jesus, to bring light and life and connection and relationship with the Creator.
This Week's Challenge?
What does it mean "to become something"? What do we become through our baptism? Both the Word, Jesus incarnate and the Holy Spirit are present at our Baptism. We are called through our baptism to be Jesus in the world, through our relationships and through our encounters with others every day.

Take a moment this week to dwell on the idea of becoming the embodiment of Christ for other people. How can you be like Jesus, the Word incarnate? How can we be lights in our relationship with God and with others in the world?
Affirmation of Christian Vocation: Make the sign of the cross on your forehead (or if you are doing this devotion with others, make the sign on the forehead of another) while saying…
All that we do belongs to God—our work and our rest.
We follow Jesus with thankful hearts and open hands, serving our neighbor in love.
Morning and evening, at work and at play, our life is in Christ Jesus our Lord. AMEN.