



*All things were made through Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. (John 1:3-4)*

When we proclaim the sanctity of life from fertilization into eternity, we in turn proclaim Christ Himself, “by whom all things were made”: incarnate, crucified, died, risen, and ascended, for us and for all people. At Christmas and throughout the Church Year, we thank God for His having granted us the new birth in Holy Baptism, in which we have been made members of the Body of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ (LSB 271), and thus been given the right to become His children (John 1:12). We thank Him for His ongoing gifts of forgiveness, life temporal and eternal, and salvation. What more do we truly need? We thank God also for the privilege of sharing His deep love for us and for each and every person, at every stage of development, no matter how strong or weak s/he may appear, with our unchurched neighbors and friends. Knowing that He desires for all to be saved (1 Timothy 2:4), we pray that He will use our winsome witness to bring them to the font as well, to join us as brothers and sisters in Him, now and forevermore.

Merry Christmas and God’s richest blessings on you and your family throughout the New Year!