



The Sound of Morning Star
 Morning Star Lutheran Church ~ Missouri Synod
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Friends and family of MSLC,

Hopefully the new year has started out on a good note. Speaking of the new year, I was watching the New Year's Day Parade this year on my own. Normally I get stuck watching it because the wife likes watching. When I was a kid, I watched because Mom watched the parade waiting to see the Lutheran float.

This year, the theme for the parade was "The Power of Hope." When I first heard that from a volunteer at Atonement, I thought about what a great way to introduce the Gospel to the world watching. I sat watching the parade, but not necessarily waiting for the Lutheran float. As the commentators exclaimed the theme, I was curious to see how the secular world viewed the 'power of hope'. I will admit that my sampling of floats was very minimal, but the overall theme of the floats was the same. The secular world puts its hope in man-kind.

As the Lutheran float passed by, it came early in the parade to my total surprise, I saw the theme for our float was "Anchored in Jesus." It was awesome. Of course, the commentators passed right by and headed for the next float. I was expecting that, but then I had to stop and realize the differences between the floats. Theirs was covered with children who were dressed up as various professionals. The Lutheran float was an anchor, cross, and a guy dressed to be Jesus.

As I have thought about that scene, I realized that I was looking at a picture of original sin—we don't need a savior, mankind is capable of achieving utopia and immortality on its own. The children represented man's next and greatest hope as anyone of them could be the one to bring peace on earth, eradicate all disease, or find the next great cure.

John 3:16 says it all for believers. For non-believers, it's up to us to continue to 'go' and spread the good news. Jesus has already won while man continues to lose.

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 ~ Jerry Grambow

Sunday Services
8:45 a.m.

Sunday School
 Youth/Adults/Conf.
10:15 a.m.



ASH WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 26
7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service
WILL BE AT ATONEMENT