

Monday, January 25

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*In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ~ Luke 1:26-33*

### **"The 'Unborn' Almighty"**

You might wear the 10-week old 'Precious Feet' pin, now the International Pro-Life Symbol. Or perhaps you possess the 11-14 week fetal models from Heritage House or an 'Owen's Mission' kit from Lutherans For Life. Through 'Touch of Life' models you might have perceived the size and weight of an unborn child of 12 to 24 weeks development.

However, while holding or wearing these models, have you ever considered the 'unborn Almighty'?

***And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus."***  
(ESV, Luke 1:30-31)

Almighty God took on human flesh. For nine months Jesus was UNBORN! Jesus, the Redeemer of the world - UNBORN. Jesus, whom we receive as forgiveness in the Sacrament - UNBORN. Jesus, whose resurrection anchors our hope that we too will rise from the dead and live eternally with the Father in heaven - UNBORN.

At what point was this Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world ever dispensable? Never.

Here is Good News: When, in error, we mistake the unborn for something dispensable, the Almighty Jesus bears and forgives even that sin through His death and resurrection. Trusting in His perfect work, from conception as unborn to His holy life and work for you on the cross, you are forgiven and restored in Him.

**Prayer:** Dearest Jesus, forgive my trespasses against the unborn. In them, let me see the perfect work for which You came, once unborn, entering my humanity to redeem me from sin, death, and the power of the devil. Help me receive every unborn child as indispensable, just as You are indispensable! Amen.