

## MID-WEEK REFLECTION 7

*“At Our Savior’s Way Lutheran Church, we value growing God’s family.”*

### GETTING STARTED:

Think about how God has worked in your life. When has God come to you through a member of your family, a friend or even a stranger to bless your life and bring out the best in you?

### DIGGING DEEPER:

**Luke 1:26-38** *In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.”*

*Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the most high. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end.” “How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?”*

*The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the most high will overshadow you. So, the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. For nothing is impossible with God.” “I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May it be to me as you have said.” Then the angel left her.*

**Question:** Has anyone told you that your life is precious? Who has helped you to know God’s love?

**Question:** Mary was troubled by the message that she was highly favored! “The Lord is with her.” Why is it hard for us to accept positive things that people say about us?

**Question:** Does humility and the ability to feel good about yourself go together? Why or why not?

**Question:** Mary was asked to do an impossible task to be the mother of the Savior of the world, when she was a virgin. What was the angel’s answer to her?

**Question:** What difficulties or challenges are you facing? What can you apply to your situation from the words of the angel, “Nothing is impossible with God” and Mary’s response, “I am the Lord’s servant, may it be to me as you have said”?

**Question:** How would you describe the attitude of a servant?

### **APPLICATION:**

**Question:** Think about the people in your life, and the message of the angel to Mary, that she was blessed and God was with her. Who has God put into your life that needs to hear the message of His love?

### ***CHALLENGE:***

Take time to pray for those who are spiritually, physically, mentally or emotionally struggling, and ask God to surround them with His love.

Pray for the members of your family and do something special to share God's love with them.

Pray for the members and staff of OSWLC, for the families and the students and the staff of Open Arms. Ask God to pour His Holy Spirit into their lives and strengthen them with His love.