

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church Peachtree City, Georgia

The Second Sunday in Advent ☩ December 5, 2020 ☩ 8:30 A.M.

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Miriam Beecher, Pastor David Beecher, Minister of Music
Music and the Master and sKIDdles young musicians, Worship Leaders

P = Pastor **L** = Lector [reader] **C** Congregation *ELW*=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (hymnal, if you have one at home)

PRELUDES

Welcome to worship! Worship this hour is built around the children's musical, "Glory to God in the Lowest." It tells the Christmas story from the point of view of the shepherds, who were the first to hear the news of the newborn Jesus.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Fritz

GATHERING HYMN: *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn*

ELW Hymn 242

- 1** **Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn, for angels herald its dawning.
Sing out your joy, for soon he is born, behold! the Child of our longing.
Come as a baby weak and poor, to bring all hearts together,
he opens wide the heav'nly door and lives now inside us forever.**
- 3** **In darkest night his coming shall be, when all the world is despairing,
as morning light so quiet and free, so warm and gentle and caring.
Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in wonder,
the weak be raised above the strong, and weapons be broken asunder.**
- 4** **Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night, though dark the winter and cheerless,
the rising sun shall crown you with light, be strong and loving and fearless.
Love be our song and love our prayer and love our endless story;
may God fill ev'ry day we share and bring us at last into glory.**

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GREETING

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C **And also with you.**

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE and PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** **Amen.**

GOSPEL: Luke 2: 8-18

—Common English Bible

- P** The Holy Gospel according Luke, the second chapter. **C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Nearby [Bethlehem] shepherds were living in the fields, guarding their sheep at night. ⁹The Lord's angel stood before them, the Lord's glory shone around them, and they were terrified.

¹⁰The angel said, "Don't be afraid! Look! I bring good news to you—wonderful, joyous news for all people. ¹¹Your savior is born today in David's city. He is Christ the Lord. ¹²This is a sign for you: you will find a newborn baby wrapped snugly and lying in a manger." ¹³Suddenly a great assembly of the heavenly forces was with the angel praising God. They said, ¹⁴"Glory to God in heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors."

¹⁵When the angels returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go right now to Bethlehem and see what's happened. Let's confirm what the Lord has revealed to us." ¹⁶They went quickly and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they reported what they had been told about this child.

¹⁸Everyone who heard it was amazed at what the shepherds told them.

- P** The Gospel of the Lord. **C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Glory TO GOD IN THE Lowest

A children's musical created by Steve Moore, Rob Howard, and David Guthrie.
Songs by Rob Howard.
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CAST

SHILOH: FROSKA LEE	Dissatisfied shepherd. Her father owns the flock. She wants more out of life than shepherding.
TABITHA: MARIAN GROOVER	She just entered her first year at the Shepherding Academy. This is her first night on the job.
EZRA: ANDRE OKORONKWO	He is the most experienced shepherd in the field. Very devout and waiting for the Messiah.
ANNA: OLIVIA MILBURN	A quirky shepherd, showing Tabbie the ropes on her first day
SAM: DANTE OKORONKWO	A quirky shepherd who falls asleep counting sheep
JESS: ERIN GAMBREL	The town veterinarian who makes "hill calls" and brings news from town
CENSUS TAKER: ERIN GAMBREL	In town to count people; awake in the middle of the night
ANGEL: BREANNA BROADWELL	
LEAH: BREANNA BROADWELL	A shepherd, on the scene 35 years after the birth of Jesus
ELSA: MORGAN PEARSON	A new shepherd, just joining the group
LEO: BROOKS HUDSON	A shepherd who helps bring Elsa up to date
LINK: JONAS BARBOUR	A shepherd who reminds us of a scripture verse
PHINEHAS: FINN GUNDERSEN	A shepherd who reminds us of a scripture verse
JACOB: JACK GUNDERSEN	A shepherd who reminds us of a scripture verse
SOLOISTS: MARIAN GROOVER, OLIVIA MILBURN, JONAS BARBOUR	
SHEEP: SKIDLES SINGERS	(PLEASE SEE PAGE 5.)

LIFE IN THE HILLS

1. Most nights it's quiet just outside the streets of Bethlehem. Most nights we try and get some sleep, just to get up again
And fill our days with nothing but sheep.

CHORUS: We live in the hills, we sleep under the stars at night. We're shepherds with a flock of sheep we will be alright
This is life in the hills, it's the kind of life we wanna lead. We have everything we'll ever need, this is the life for me
This is life in the hills.

2. Most of us were born here, in the little town of Bethlehem.

Most of us would volunteer to spend our nights among the hills and fill our days with nothing but sheep.

CHORUS

BRIDGE: People say shepherds keep their watching O'er silent flocks by night. Yes, this is life in the hills.

CHORUS

SCENE 1

WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?

CHORUS: Hey, what's the big idea? There's gotta be something in the works, we know you.

Say, what's the big idea? You've always been looking for your big break through,

Even though it seems our dreams are slowly passing us by.

Why, we like to pack less, travel light, no stress, we love the simple life. But hey, what's the big idea?

What's the big idea?

DIALOGUE

CHORUS 2: Hey, what's the big idea? There's gotta be something in the works, we know you.
 Say, what's the big idea? You've always been looking for your big breakthrough,
 Even though we don't rub shoulders with high society,
 We've got the sunset, shade tree, mindset, living life carefree. But hey, what's the big idea?
 What's the big idea?

DIALOGUE

CHORUS TAG: Even though some days we're facing the teeth of a wild beast, We're mostly fearless, semi-heroic.
 In case you didn't hear us, We're gallant and stoic rescuers of sheep. But hey, what's the big idea?
 What's the big idea?

SCENE 2

O LITTLE TOWN

CHORUS: O little town of Bethlehem, As the prophets have foretold,
 From you shall come the ruler we've been waiting for.
 O little town of Bethlehem, We look to you alone For the Promised One that we've been waiting for.
 O little town

VERSE: O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!
 Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by;

CHORUS

BRIDGE: Oh, we look for the Child to be born. We wait for the Son to be given:
 Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

CHORUS

SCENE 3

FOR UNTO YOU

CHORUS: For unto you is born this day In the city of David, a Savior.
 For unto you is born this day A Baby laid in a manger.
 Glory to God in the highest, Peace has come to earth.
 For unto you is born this day Christ the Lord.

SOLO: Out of the darkness of night, Angels in flight, A blinding light, To the shepherds huddled in fear
 The message is clear: Messiah is here.
 So, come and behold Him Born the king of angels.

SOLO: For unto you is born this day In the city of David, a Savior.
 For unto you is born this day A Baby laid in a manger.
 Glory to God in the highest, Peace has come to earth.

ALL: For unto you is born this day Christ the Lord.

DIALOGUE

BRIDGE: O come, let us adore Him. O come, let us adore Him. O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

CHORUS

SCENE 4

LET'S GO TO BETHLEHEM

CHORUS: Let's go, let's go to Bethlehem, And see, see the Baby born tonight.

You know, we've been praying For this moment all our lives, And now our Savior has arrived.
Let's go, let's go, let's go to Bethlehem.

SOLO: When the angels had come and gone, And they were left with the echo of the angels' song,
The shepherds had a wonderful thought: Let's go find the Baby wrapped in swaddling cloths.

CHORUS

BRIDGE: Shepherds in the fields abiding, Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing, Yonder shines the infant Light.

CHORUS (THEN REPEAT)

SCENE 5

THE BIRTHDAY OF A KING (*Please join in singing as indicated, remaining seated.*)

SOLO: Alleluia! O how the angels sang. Alleluia! How it rang!

And the sky was bright with a holy light, 'Twas the birthday of a King.

SCRIPTURE

ALL: Infant holy, Infant lowly, For His bed a cattle stall; Oxen lowing, Little knowing
Christ the Babe is Lord of all.

Angels winging, Praises singing, Noels ringing, Tidings bringing; Christ the Babe is Lord of all.
Christ the Babe is Lord of all.

SCRIPTURE

ALL: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.

The first Noel the angel did say, Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel. Born is the King of Israel.

SCRIPTURE

ALL: Alleluia! O how the angels sang. Alleluia! How it rang!

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SCENE 6**ALL GLORY TO GOD**

CHORUS: Glory to God in the highest, Our God has come to earth.

Glory to God in the lowest, Rejoice in His humble birth.

This good news, this great joy Is for all the world to hear.

Glory to God in the highest, Glory to God in the lowest. All glory to God, All glory to God

Solo: For the lost, the broken and needy Jesus, our Savior has come.

For those in humility seeking He has mercy, grace, and love.

Look at all our God has done. He who was rich for our sake became poor.

Look at the gift He gave to us When the humble Christ was born.

CHORUS

BRIDGE See Him in a manger laid, Whom the choirs of angels praise;

Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, While our hearts in love we raise. Gloria, sing gloria.

CHORUS

GLORY TO GOD IN THE LOWEST**“For unto You”:** BRIDGE

O come, let us adore Him. O come, let us adore Him. O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

CHORUS: For unto you is born this day In the city of David, a Savior.

For unto you is born this day A Baby laid in a manger.

Glory to God in the highest. Peace has come to earth

For unto you is born this day Christ the Lord.

Glory to God in the highest. Peace has come to earth.

For unto you is born this day Christ the Lord, Christ the Lord .

“All Glory to God”

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BENEDICTION

P The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus for whom we wait. **G** Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: *He Came Down**ELW Hymn 253*

1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love; hallelujah forevermore.

2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
he came down that we may have light; hallelujah forevermore.

4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;
he came down that we may have joy; hallelujah forevermore.

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.
Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus’ pathway of joy and life.

G Thanks be to God.

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