

*Newark Lutheran Church
December 13th 2023
Advent Service*

Prelude & Greeting

*Song~ Hymn 27: “From Heaven Above to Earth I
Come”*

From heav’n above to earth I come,
To bear good news to ev’ry home,
Glad tidings of great joy I bring,
Whereof I now will gladly sing.

This night to you is born a child,
The chosen Virgin’s Infant mild.
And He, a child of lowly birth
Shall be the joy of all the earth.

He is the Christ, our God and Lord,
Whose name we praise with one accord;
Your Savior He has deigned to be
And from all sin will set you free.

These are the tokens you shall mark:
The swaddling clothes, the manger dark;
In these the infant now is laid
By whom both heav’n and earth were made.

We welcome Thee, most noble Guest,
Through whom this sinful world is blest
Thy coming is a boon for me;
What thanks shall I return to Thee?

Were earth a thousand times as fair,
Beset with gold and jewels rare,
It still were far too poor to be
A narrow cradle, Lord, for Thee.

Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child,
Make Thee a bed, soft, undefiled,

Within my heart, and let it be
A quiet chamber, kept for Thee.

Praise be to God upon His throne
Who gave the world His only Son;
For this His hosts, on joyful wing,
A blest New Year of mercy sing.

Advent Devotions

Song~ Hymn 13: “Prepare the Way, O Zion!”

Prepare the way, O Zion!
Ye awful deeps, rise high;
Sink low, ye lofty mountains,
The Lord is drawing nigh;
The righteous King of glory,
Foretold in sacred story.

Refrain:

**O blest is He that came
In God the Father’s Name!**

O Zion, He approaches,
Your Lord and King for aye;
Strew palms where He advances,
Spread garments in His way;
God’s promise faileth never,
Hosanna sound forever. **(Refrain)**

Fling wide your portals, Zion,
And hail your glorious King;
His tidings of salvation
To every people bring,
Who, waiting still in sadness,
Would sing His praise with gladness. **(Refrain)**

The throne which He ascended
Is fixed in heaven above;
His everlasting kingdom
Is light and joy and love;
Let us His praise be sounding

For grace and peace abounding. **(Refrain)**

Scripture Reading: 2 Samuel 7:12-17

When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and

I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.” In accordance with all these words, and in accordance with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.

Meditation:

Offertory: “We Give Thee but Thine Own”

We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate’er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

Lord’s Prayer & Benediction

Song~ Hymn 20: “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.”
Joyful all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th’ angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem.”
Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King.”

Christ, by highest heav’n adored,

Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of a virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail th’ Incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with man to dwell;
Jesus, our Immanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King.”

Hail, the heav’n-born Prince of Peace!

Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!

Light and life to all He brings,
Ris’n with healing in His wings.

Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King.”



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