

Newark Lutheran Church
December 21st 2022
Advent Service

Prelude & Greeting

Song~Hymn 35: “While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”

While shepherds watch'd their flocks by night,
 All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down,
 And glory shone around,
 And glory shone around.

“Fear not!” said he, for mighty dread
 Had seized their troubled mind;
“Glad tidings of great joy I bring
 To you and all mankind,
 To you and all mankind.”

“To you in David’s town this day
 Is born, of David’s line,
The Savior who is Christ the Lord,
 And this shall be the sign—
 And this shall be the sign.”

“The heav’ly Babe you there shall find
 To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapt in swathing bands
 And in a manger laid,
 And in a manger laid.”

“All glory be to God on high,
 And to the earth be peace:
Good will henceforth from heav’n to men
 Begin and never cease!
 Begin and never cease!”

Song~ Hymn 21: “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

O little town of Bethlehem,
 How still we see thee lie;
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
 The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
 The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
 Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary;
 And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
 Their watch of wond’ring love.
O morning stars, together
 Proclaim the holy birth;
And praises sing to God our King,
 And peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently
 The wondrous gift is giv’n!
So God imparts to human hearts
 The blessings of His heav’n.
No ear may hear His coming,
 But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still,
 The dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,
 Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
 Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
 The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
 Our Lord Immanuel.

Advent Devotions

Scripture Reading: Micah 5:1-4

Now you are walled about with a wall;
 siege is laid against us;
with a rod they strike upon the cheek
 the ruler of Israel.

But you, O Bethlehem Eph'rathah,
who are little to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
 one who is to be ruler in Israel,
 whose origin is from of old,
 from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in travail has brought forth;
then the rest of his brethren shall return
 to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,
 in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great
 to the ends of the earth.

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 44: "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

Refrain:

Go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and ev'rywhere:
 Go tell it on the mountain
 That Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching

O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens
 There shone a holy light.

(Refrain) The shepherds feared and trembled
 When, lo, above the earth
 Rang out the angel chorus
 That hailed our Savior's birth.

(Refrain) Down in a lonely manger
The humble Christ was born;
 And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn.

