

ADVENT WORSHIP

Wednesday

December 14, 2022

Welcome & Announcements

* Pastoral Prayer

* Confession of Sins

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

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C: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.

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* Hymn # 270

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

* Invocation & Prayer

Pastor: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray...

Congregation: Our Father in Heaven, Through the Old Testament prophets, you promised your people that you would send them a Savior. Then you fulfilled that promise with the birth of Jesus on the first Christmas Day. During this Advent season, we pray that you will prepare our hearts to receive Jesus again this year, in a new and meaningful way. Help us to draw closer to him this Christmas. And strengthen us to live for him in the New Year. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Scripture Lesson – Micah 5:1-5a

5 Now muster your troops, O daughter of troops; siege is laid against us; with a rod they strike the judge of Israel on the cheek. **2** But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. **3** Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. **4** And he shall stand and shepherd 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. **5** And he shall be their peace.

When the Assyrian comes into our land and treads in our palaces, then we will raise against him seven shepherds and eight princes of men;

Matthew 2:1-11

2 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." ³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

⁶"And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." ⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

Hymn # 277

"Away In A Manger"

Sermon – Part 3

"O Little Town Of Bethlehem"

Pastor Matthew Shields

(sermon text: Micah 5:1-5a & Matthew 2:1-11)

***Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn #279

"O Little Town Of Bethlehem"

Offering

Doxology

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

***Benediction**

***Hymn # 290**

"Go Tell It On The Mountain"

***Dismissal – "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!"**

C: Thanks be to God!