

# Scripture and Song

## The Fourth Sunday of Advent

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Resurrection Lutheran Church of Mankato, MN  
Sunday, December 18, 2022 | 9:30am

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### WELCOME *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

*If you haven't already, please consider signing the friendship pad at the end of your pew.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord, you know what was written about Jesus in Scripture: how he would suffer and die and then rise from the dead on the third day; how, through his death and resurrection, the forgiveness of sins is real for all those who repent. So let us boldly approach God, trusting in his mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination*

P: Gracious God,

**C: We daily fall short of your glory. We turn inward, ignoring the world around us. We forget that you have saved your people before and promise to do so again. Remember not the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the cross of Christ, where your forgiveness is sure, your welcome clear, and your love overflows. Amen.**

P: Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces you in his tender care. Like manna in the desert, God feeds you with his mercy. Like a loving Father, God runs to meet you this day. Hear the good news: our Lord Jesus Christ, by his death and resurrection, has forgiven our sins and raised us to new life in the Holy Spirit!

**C: Amen!**



## GATHERING HYMN: O Jesus, You Were Born to Be

- 1 | O Jesus, you were born to be  
God's gift to save humanity;  
And one great day we're moving toward,  
All life will bow and call you Lord!
- 2 | You taught the people every day  
As Rabbi, Teacher of the Way;  
O Master, may we learn from you  
To love both God and neighbor, too.
- 3 | You are the Bread that satisfies,  
The Light that guides us through our lives,  
The Gate that leads us safely home,  
The Shepherd calling to your own.
- 4 | You are Messiah, you are Christ,  
Anointed One, God's sacrifice.  
In you, God's mercy is revealed:  
We're saved from sin, forgiven, healed.
- 5 | O Jesus, you're the living Way,  
The Resurrection, God's new Day.  
You give us hope and make us new;  
How wondrous is our life in you!

## CHOIR: Christmas Praise *(by Jim Murray)*

*As we prepare to celebrate, the birth of our Lord, let us always remember why He came;  
And as we present our gifts to our friends and all our loved ones, let us offer Him the holy gift of praise.  
Allelu, alleluia! Allelu, alleluia! Allelu, alleluia! Praise the Lord!*

*As we offer Him our praise, let us sacrifice our lives, so that all the world may know of His love;  
For His birth in Bethlehem was a gift from God to man, thank-you, Father, for Your perfect gift of love.  
Allelu, alleluia! Allelu, alleluia! Allelu, alleluia! Praise the Lord!*

## ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

R: Advent is the time for God's people to awaken their longings.

**C: God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son.**

R: When we longed for the silence to be broken,

**C: God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son.**

R: When we longed for the light that shines in the darkness,

**C: God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son.**

R: When we longed for the peace that surpasses understanding,

**C: God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son.**

R: As all four candles are lit, please join in singing: "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly."

## CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: Infant Holy, Infant Lowly *(see page 6)*

## GOSPEL READING: Luke 1:39-56 (ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, <sup>40</sup>and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy

Spirit, <sup>42</sup>and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! <sup>43</sup>And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup>For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.” <sup>46</sup>And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, <sup>47</sup>and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, <sup>48</sup>for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; <sup>49</sup>for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. <sup>50</sup>And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. <sup>51</sup>He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; <sup>52</sup>he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; <sup>53</sup>he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. <sup>54</sup>He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, <sup>55</sup>as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.” <sup>56</sup>And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

**C: Praise to you, O Christ!**

**SERMON: How Can This Be?**

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming...RECLAIM No. 116**

**READING: Luke 2:8-14; John 10:11-16**

<sup>8</sup>And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. <sup>10</sup>And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup>For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup>And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

<sup>11</sup>Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.”

**CHOIR: Each Little Lamb** *(by Diane Beckstead)*

*He watches over each little lamb and holds them in the palm of his hand.  
With love, the shepherd cares for his sheep, by day or night, awake and asleep.*

## THE NICENE CREED

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.**

P: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in this peace and in community with one another, let us confess our faith:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Each petition ends with the words **Lord, in your mercy.** Respond by saying **Hear our prayer.***

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right and salutary, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to you, O Lord, Holy Father, for in the night of his betrayal...

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER

**C: 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.

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*All who are baptized, have been instructed properly, and trust God's Word are welcome to communion, where our Lord is present, offering his gifts of forgiveness and life. If partaking in the Lord's Supper, please indicate this on the friendship pad at the end of your pew.*

### READING: Luke 2:1-7

<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>And all went to be registered, each to his own town. <sup>4</sup>And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, <sup>5</sup>to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. <sup>6</sup>And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

### CHOIR: A Christmas Canon (by Donald Moore)

*A tiny child was born this night, a wondrous joy, a wondrous sight,  
A star of heav'n, a star of might shined down on him with radiant light.*

*That glorious light led wise men three did guide them to the king of Kings  
They traveled far, their gifts to bring and glorify the newborn King.*

## BENEDICTION

### CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: Go, Tell It on the Mountain (see page 7)

## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, loving and serving in the name of the babe of Bethlehem!

C: Thanks be to God!

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## THOSE SERVING TODAY

**Pastor:** Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch

**Keyboardist:** Nikki Basel

**Ushers:** Daryl and Rita Schoemaker

**Greeters:** Don Peterson and Pastor Aaron

**Tech Team:** Mike and Vicki Youngerberg

**Communion Set Up:** Darlene Korstad

**Communion Assistants:** Mike and Vicki Youngerberg

## CONTACT OUR PASTOR

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# Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

W ZLOBIE LEZY

1. In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, for His bed a cat - tle stall;  
2. Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keep - ing vig - il till the morn - ing new

ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know - ing Christ the Babe is Lord of all.  
saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry, tid - ings of a gos - pel true.

Swift are wing - ing an - gels sing - ing, no - els ring - ing, tid - ings bring - ing:  
Thus re - joic - ing, free from sor - row, prais - es voic - ing, greet the mor - row:

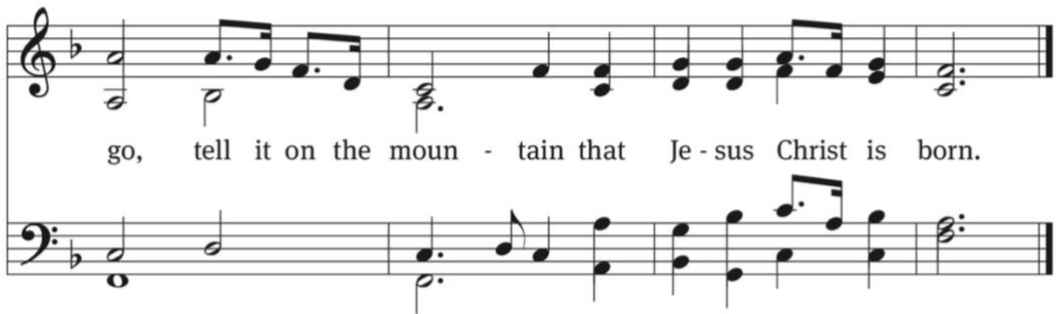
Christ the Babe is Lord of all, Christ the Babe is Lord of all.  
Christ the Babe was born for you. Christ the Babe was born for you.

# Go, Tell It on the Mountain

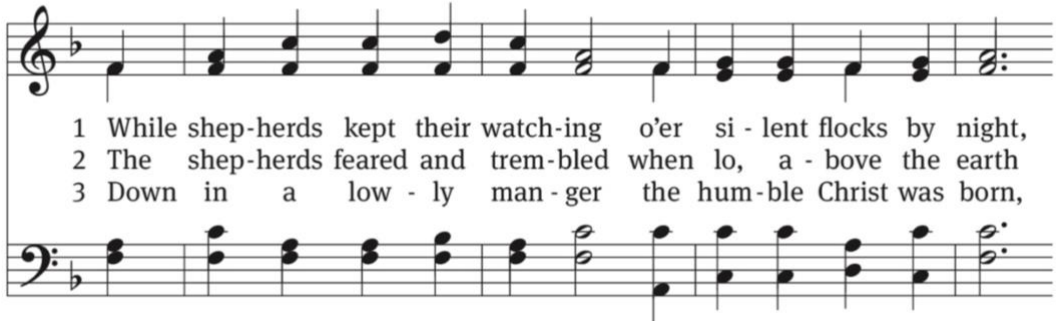
*Refrain*



Go, tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills, and ev - 'ry - where;

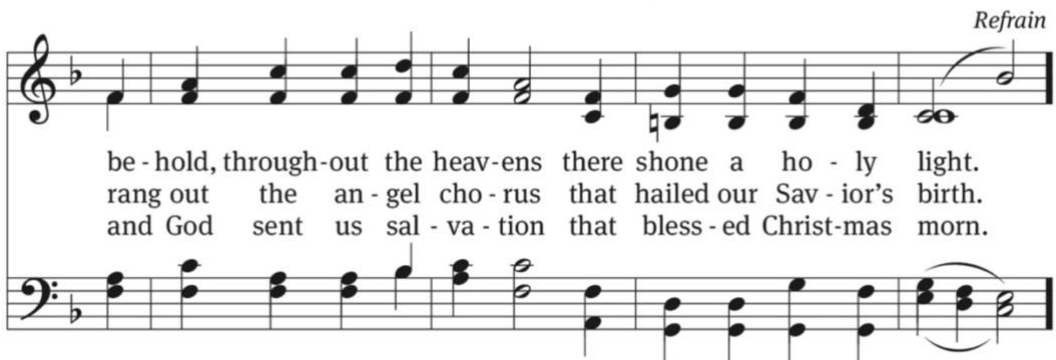


go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born.



1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,  
2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when lo, a - bove the earth  
3 Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum-ble Christ was born,

*Refrain*



be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.  
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ-mas morn.