

Christmas Worship Service

December 25, 2018 at 10:00 am

Prelude - Peters Family

Music Ministry - Choir

Welcome and Prayer – Dennis Derksen

Lighting the Advent Candle - Jake & Judy Unrau

Advent Video

Worship in Song - Pastor Victor Engbrecht/Lori Klassen

MH #122 Joy to The World

Scripture Reading - Alvin Thiessen

Luke 2:1 - 24

Message - Pastor Dean Huber

“The Birth of the Eternal King”

Music Ministry - Choir

Worship in Song - Pastor Victor Engbrecht/Lori Klassen

MH #132 O Come, All ye Faithful

Music Ministry - Terry Peters

Music Ministry - Choir

Music Ministry - Pastor Victor Engbrecht

Worship in Song - Pastor Victor Engbrecht/Lori Klassen

MH #135 Hark The Harold Angels Sing

Closing Remarks - Pastor Dean Huber

Closing Song - Voluntary Mass Choir

Pastor Victor Engbrecht, Lori Klassen

Der Friedensfuerst

Sound: John Penner **Computer:** Stephanie Beatty

Video: Chris Loewen

Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church
The Greatest Story Ever Told (Pt.4)
The Birth of the Eternal King

Luke 2:1-24

By Pastor Dean G. Huber

I. His Timely _____ (vs. 1-7)

Caesar Augustus had been an excellent leader in terms of bringing _____ to much of the known world. History tells us that because of his political astuteness and military strength, he was able to put an end to the _____ of war throughout the Roman world. Thus, the stage was set for the entrance of Christ's coming and eventually for the _____ of the gospel.

Although, Caesar wanted to collect taxes from the subjects, he gave every _____ to international customs. Thus, Joseph knowing that he was from the line of David decided that he would go to the town of _____ to be taxed.

It also could be possible that both Joseph and Mary _____ that the Savior had to be born in the town of David. Although, it was genuinely _____ for them make the trip to pay for the taxes at this time; they were able to accomplish the most important task, which is to give birth to the child in Bethlehem.

II. His Welcomed _____ (vs. 8-20)

Somewhere in the fields near Bethlehem, shepherds were keeping watch over their sheep. These shepherds represented those who were the _____ people of that day. They were ordinary people, who were pious, God _____ and ones who were anticipating a Messiah.

Once again, this points out clearly that God is not a respecter of a person's _____. Rather, he is interested in those who are _____ of his coming. He could have sent his angels to anyone in high positions to proclaim the birth of Jesus. Rather, he chose _____ people to celebrate the Lord's birth.

Notice, once again, it is the angels who are _____ with this very important message. God could have made this _____ announcement himself, but rather he chose to use angels.

As we can see, there was a _____ reception for the king of kings. Not only did the angels proclaim and rejoice at his coming, but the shepherds came to welcome the Christ child. There may have been no room for Lord in the Inn, but there was room for the Lord in the hearts of these _____ people.

III. His Dedication (vs. 21-35)

You could just imagine how _____ and excited Mary and Joseph were at this time. Although, by now they are beginning to realize the reality of this extraordinary event, they still go about raising the baby Jesus like any other _____.

The circumcision and the purification customs had the thought of removing _____ from within the life of the mother and child. However, Jesus was pure and spotless and he had no obligation to fulfill these requirements because he was sinless. However, he _____ and totally humbled himself to being under the law.

What an _____ Christ laid before all those who would follow him. The question that each of us has to ask ourselves is, do I will fully submit to the authority even when I may be above the requirement so that I may become _____ like Christ.

In summary, I believe there are two things we can say about “The Birth of the Eternal King.”

First, although, the shepherd’s hearts were open and receptive toward the coming Christ child, the rest of Bethlehem had no _____ for Him.

In a similar way, this is the way we _____ Jesus every year when we celebrate Christmas. We buy gifts for one another, but we fail to give to the Lord’s work and especially to those who are in need around us. Remember Jesus’ words, *“When you have done it unto the _____ of these, you have done it unto _____.”*

Then we fail to make Christ the _____ of our thoughts, feeling and activities in the Christmas season. All our time is spent with our friends and family without talking to the Lord except for our short _____ before the meal.

Let us _____ things this year and give to those who are in need. Let’s make Christ our conversational piece as we _____ about Him, and _____ on Him, this Christmas season. Then we will truly _____ “The Birth of an Eternal King” within our hearts.

He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

John 1:10 -13 (NIV 84)

Christmas is the incredible story of our coming of Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. After He created the world and sin entered the human race, man became a fallen creature. No longer was man righteous and without sin, but now he himself and creation had become stained with sin. No longer could man have fellowship with God as he did before the fall. Instead he would have to bring a sacrifice in order to make atonement for his sin.

The Christmas story is all about God sending his son into the world to redeem mankind. Jesus entered this world as baby to become like us. He identified with us in our humanity, living in a cursed and fallen world, being tempted in all ways like, and yet without falling to sin. He then went to the cross to pay for our debt by becoming the final sacrifice for all time.

This is the story of Christmas and we are so glad that Jesus has come because without Him we would be lost.

MERRY CHRISTMAS to you from the staff,

*Edwin & Debbie Siemens
Victor & Eileen Engbrecht
Dank & Carol
Klassen
Susan Klassen
Dean & Cheryl Affler
Harold Cipriose
Teresa*