

*SUNDAY MORNING – Pastor P. van der Hoek  
December 24, 2023*

Pre-service Psalter 219 \*\*

Silent Congregational Prayer

Votum and Salutation

Psalter 50 \*\*

Reading of the Law: Exodus 5

Psalter 47:5,6,11 \*\*

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1-7

Congregational Prayer

Offerings for the Lord's service (2 collections)

Psalter 243:1,3,5-6,15 \*\*

**Text: Luke 2:7**

**Theme: The Savior's Humbling yet Glorious Birth**

**1. The Savior's Royalty**

**2. The Savior's Reception**

**3. The Savior's Rejection**

Prayer

Psalter 306 \*\*

Benediction

Doxology: "Praise God..." \*\*

\*\* Please stand if you are able

**Family Sermon Discussion Questions:**

1. What does it mean that Christ was Mary's firstborn son? What does this mean in light of the Old Testament? Why does this suit Christ to be our Savior?
2. Why was Christ wrapped in swaddling clothes? What does that make us think of? How does Psalm 22 shed new light on this passage? How does this show the glory of Christ's salvation?
3. What does it mean that Christ was laid in a manger and that there was no room? What does that have to teach us? How can the fact that Christ was laid in a manger bring comfort to sinners?
4. \* What was so humbling about Jesus' birth? What was so glorious about Jesus' birth? Why do we need Jesus's birth to be saved? \*

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Pre-service Psalter 404:1,5 \*\*

Silent Congregational Prayer

Votum and Salutation

Psalter 15 \*\*

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:8-20

*Nicaean Creed*

Congregational Prayer

Offerings for the Lord's service (2 collections)

Psalter 399 \*\*

**Text: Luke 2:14**

**Theme: Adoring Angels at Christ's Birth**

**1. Glory to God**

**2. Peace on Earth**

**3. Goodwill toward men**

Prayer

Psalter 292:1,2,5 \*\*

Benediction

Doxology: 279 \*\*

\*\* Please stand if you are able

**Family Sermon Discussion Questions:**

1. Why were the angels full of adoration at Christ's birth? How does the Jesus' birth bring glory to God?
2. In what ways does Christ bring peace? To whom does Christ bring peace?
3. What does the sending of God's only begotten Son show to sinners? What does God's *goodwill toward men* mean?
4. How does Christ become our Savior and our Peace?
5. \* Can you think about a few places where you meet angels in the Bible? Why were the angels at Christ's birth so full of praise? \*

***Question for Self-reflection***

- # Does this passage and this verse tune your hearts to praise God? Why, or why not? How can it be more the melody of our hearts?

\* Questions for younger children