



Christmas

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Law/Gospel

Death is a consequence of sin and causes me sorrow. **God comforts me with the promise of the resurrection to eternal life for all who believe in Christ.**

Bible Words

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given. Isaiah 9:6

Bethlehem

The town of Bethlehem is located about six miles south of Jerusalem. Vineyards, olive groves, tiny villages, and the mountain range near the Jordan River beyond the Dead Sea surround present-day Bethlehem. The busy market supplies the needs of local residents, as well as the large number of tourists who visit Bethlehem each day. This includes olive wood carvings, jewelry made from mother-of-pearl, and embroidered items.

Prayer

*Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child,
Prepare a bed, soft, undefiled,
A quiet chamber set apart
For You to dwell within my heart.*
Lutheran Service Book 358:13

The Birth of Jesus

Luke 2:1–20

Over 2,000 years ago, the Roman ruler told all the people to register for a census, each to his own town. Joseph went to Bethlehem. He also took Mary.

While they were there, the time came for her to give birth. She gave birth to her first child, a Son. She wrapped Him in cloths and placed Him in a manger. There was no room for them in the inn.

Not far away, shepherds were watching their flock by night. An angel appeared. The glory of the Lord shone around them. They were filled with fear.

The angel said, “Fear not. For behold! I bring you good news of a great joy for all people. To you is born this day a Savior. He is Christ the Lord. You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

Suddenly there were many angels. They praised God and said, “Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth!”

The angels went away. Then the shepherds said, “Let us go and see this thing.”

They went quickly. They found Mary and Joseph and the baby in a manger. Then they told others about this child. All who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. Mary treasured up all these things in her heart.

Sing

What is your favorite Christmas hymn or song? Sing it with your family.

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