



# ADVENT PREPARATIONS

Fourth Week:

PREPARE  
YOUR  
COMMUNITY

*Luke 2:8-20*

## Luke 2:8-10

8 And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 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. 10 And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for look, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

## Luke 2:11-14

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, 14 “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

## Luke 2:15-16

15 When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." 16 And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

## Luke 2:17-20

17 And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. 18 And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. 20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

PEOPLE MUST KNOW.  
THE SAVIOR IS BORN.

*“In those days a decree went out from  
Caesar Augustus...” (Luke 2:1; 6 BC)*

*“Providence has set the world in most  
perfect order by giving us Augustus.  
Augustus, whom she filled with virtue that  
he might benefit humankind, sending him  
as a savior, both for us and for our  
descendants, that he might end war and  
arrange all things... We declare that the  
birthday of the god Augustus was the  
beginning of the gospel for the world.”  
(Priene Calendar Inscription; 9 BC)*



PEOPLE MUST KNOW.  
THE SAVIOR IS BORN.  
HE IS BORN IN A MANGER.



*“Man looks on the outward appearance, but the  
LORD looks on the heart.”  
(1 Samuel 16:7)*

*“And you, O Migdal Eder, the tower of the flock, hill of the daughter of Zion, to you shall it come, the former dominion shall come, kingship for the daughter of Jerusalem...”*

*(Micah 4:8)*

*“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. 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. 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. And he shall be their peace...”*

*(Micah 5:2-5a)*

*“Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin  
of the world.”*  
(John 1:29)

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HE IS BORN IN A MANGER.  
AND HE SHALL BE OUR PEACE.

*“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace  
among those to whom God wills good [upon whom  
his pleasure and gracious favor rests].”*

*(Luke 2:14)*