



[WORSHIP AT HOME ADVENT & GATHERING SONGS](#)

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***Live-stream video is unavailable for December 20/20.** *The worship service will be video recorded and will be available in the VIDEO LINK or on the "Bethel CRC Lacombe" Youtube channel after the Worship service at approximately 12 noon on Sunday.

Advent Song Video: *Angels (Singing Gloria)*

Gathering Song: (Youtube)
While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Welcome

Opening Prayer

O God, whose will is justice for the poor and peace for the afflicted, let your herald's urgent voice pierce our hardened hearts and announce the dawn of your kingdom. Before the Advent of the one who baptizes with the fire of the Holy Spirit, let our complacency give way to conversion, oppression to justice, and conflict to acceptance of one another in Christ. We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near: your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

Call to Worship: based on Joel 2:1

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy hill. Let all who live in the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming. It is close at hand. Come, let us worship God.

God's Greeting

Song of Praise:

O Come, All Ye Faithful LUYH 76:1,3

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

Lighting of the Candle of LOVE

Advent Song:

Silent Night, Holy Night LUYH 85:2,4

Prayer for God's People

WE HEAR THE WORD

Readers' Theater: Angels Proclaim

Shepherd boy: Have you ever seen an angel? Well I got to see not just one angel, but a whole sky full of angels! It was scary and exciting, all at the same time!

City friend: Mom said that something special happened last night, that all of you hurried into town really early this morning, talking about angels and a special baby. What happened out there?

Shepherd boy: It was really quiet out there; it was just before morning. The stars were shining and I had just been woken up to take my turn watching the sheep. Suddenly there was this huge man floating in the sky, shining like the sun. I was scared to look at him!

City friend: What did you do? Did he say anything? What about the grownup shepherds, did they do anything? Were they scared?

Shepherd boy: The head shepherd seemed to know right away it was an angel and he looked at the man in the sky and asked, "What is your message, why have you come?"

City friend: And?

Shepherd boy: The angel said to us, "Don't be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is he Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

City friend: That's why you all came into town! Did you find the baby? Was it really special? How about his mom and dad, were they kings and queens?

Shepherd boy: After the angel gave his message, a whole bunch more angels showed up and sang us a song and then we ran into town to find the baby. You'll never believe it; he was sleeping in a manger in a stable. He didn't look special and his mom just looked tired. I wonder if he is going to grow up to be the Messiah?

City friend: I hope so, I hate these Romans. I want to be free.

Shepherd boy: I do too, but I wonder what freedom is going to look like. See you later, I need a nap.

Scripture: Luke 2:8-14

Sermon: Angels Proclaim

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN HOPE

Song of Response:

Go, Tell It on the Mountain LUYH 93:1-2

**Offering for Tuition Relief for
Central AB Christian High School**

Prayer for Offering

O Mighty One, you have done and are doing great things for us, and holy is your name. Bless all we offer you - ourselves, our time, and our possessions - that through us your grace and favor may be made known to all the world, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

ALL: Amen.

GOD'S BLESSING

May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Closing song:

Angels We Have Heard on High LUYH 82