

SUNDAY MORNING

12/25/22

Pastor Darryl Dedert

Pre-service Psalter 35

Votum and Salutation

Psalter 14:1, 4, 5, 7

Reading of the Law of God

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1-7

Prayer

Psalter 243:1-5

Sermon Text: Luke 2:1-7

A Providential and Holy Birth

1. *The perfect time*

2. *The perfect place*

3. *The perfect child*

Psalter 303 (standing)

Closing Prayer

Psalter 3

Doxology of Praise (pg. 415)

Benediction

1. *How does Luke show that he is writing historical fact?*

2. *How does God use Augustus and his decree to bring about His purpose?*

3. *How is the birth of Jesus “a great and terrible day of the Lord,” and how is it a day of salvation or judgment for you?*

4. *What does the place and manner of Jesus’s birth have to say about God’s attitude towards the social status and wealth of people?*

5. *God came to be with us. How is this important for the forgiveness of sin and for the living of the Christian life?*

6. *Do you think Jesus is the greatest gift you have ever received? Why?*

SUNDAY EVENING

Pastor John Byl

Pre-service Psalter 397:1–4, 7

Votum and Salutation

Psalter 15

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:8–20

Reading of the Apostle's Creed*

Prayer

Psalter 60

Sermon Text: Luke 2:10–12

The Message of Good News

1. *The Revelation of the Message*

2. *The Response to the Message*

Psalter 103 (standing)

Closing Prayer

Psalter 111

Doxology (Psalter 199:4, 5)

Benediction

*congregation standing,
reciting Creed together

1. *In what ways was the message unexpected?*
2. *Why is the message needed? How is this seen in the passage?*
3. *How were the shepherds encouraged to believe the message that they heard? How are we encouraged to believe?*
4. *How did the shepherds' respond to the message from the angel of the Lord? What four characteristics of the shepherds' response should also characterize our response?*
5. *How did Mary respond to this visit of the Shepherd?*
6. *How does this message of Good News counter the world's message of finding happiness, joy, and fulfillment in yourself or in other people or things?*