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Dear Friends in Christ,

The Christmas Gospel is well known. You can probably quote it from memory: “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 behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 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.” (Luke 2:8-12). The shepherds who heard this message were in awe as they heard the Heavenly Host proclaim: “Glory to God in the highest.”

But the Christmas story didn’t end there. Can you imagine if it did? If the Christmas story had ended with the angels singing, we would have never known the joy and Good News of Christmas. Thanks be to God, something happened after this Christmas story.

Note well what Luke records: “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. 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.” (Luke 2:15-18). The shepherds went to tell others about the birth of the Christ child. And they told their friends, and so on, and so on, and so on.

Do you have friends and family members who don’t come to church? Do what the shepherds and others did when they encountered the Christ Child. Go and invite them to come worship the Lord. We will have two services on Christmas Eve, at 4:30 and 7:00pm. Extend an invitation to your friends and family to come to church with you. Let them hear and see for themselves this Good News of Christmas, that to you is born a Savior, Christ the Lord.

Have a blessed Christmas,

Pastor Davidson

