

Adult Bible Discovery- December 27, 2020:

As we celebrate the coming of the Messiah at Christmas we also remember that Christ has come. He became Immanuel, that is God with us! For the weeks of Advent and Christmas we will be using devotions from Lutheran Hour Ministries and their resource entitled *God With Us*. If you are interested in more devotions and studies like this, click on this link: <https://www.lhm.org/advent/> Please also consider giving a donation to LHM to help them bring Christ to the nations and the nations to the Church.

Christmas is a time for reflecting. We think of holidays past and the one that's upon us. As you read the messages of *God with Us*, consider the many ways that God is present in your life—through His Word, your loved ones, the fellowship of believers, Holy Communion, and more. His love for us is personal. He proved that in a Bethlehem manger—God's only Son born for all mankind, so that through the Christ Child we might know life with Him forevermore.

GO AND SEE

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!" 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." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this Child. (Luke 2:13-17)

Once the angels went away into heaven, the shepherds had a decision to make. What should they do with what they had just learned? Why, go and see, of course! They would have arranged for their flocks' safety as best they could and then ... away to Bethlehem, as fast as possible, to see what the Lord had given them.

And they found Him—Jesus, the newborn Savior, lying in a manger, exactly as God had told them. So again, they did what came naturally—they spread the word to all their friends and neighbors, telling them about Jesus and what the angels said.

We can do that, too. "*Taste and see that the Lord is good,*" says the psalmist (Psalm 34:8a). "*Come and see,*" said Philip to his doubting friend. We, too, can come and see, come and taste that Jesus is good. And then we can share that news with the people we love, so they can have Him, too—trusting in the Savior who was born for them, who died for them, and who rose to give them everlasting life.

Father, thank You for telling me about Your Son Jesus! Amen.

Reflect & Discuss:

- 1. Do you try everything first, or do you wait till others try it first?*
- 2. When did you try something so wonderful that you just had to tell others about it?*
- 3. Who told you about Jesus?*