

Message Outline
Teaching Tradition:
Christmas Carols
Luke 2:8-16



Intro: Exploring traditions of Christmas that reveal something about Christ...

- Last 2 weeks: Cards and Colors...
- This week: Christmas Carols...

The Season of Singing

- Christmas...its own musical genre...
- Pandora's station selections...
- St. Francis of Assisi and live nativity pageants...
- Martin Luther and popularizing Christmas hymns...
- Carols leading into the Christmas Story...

- 1) _____ Lk.1:46ff.
- 2) _____ Lk.1:68ff.
- 3) _____ Lk.2:14

Read: Luke 2:8-16

v.8—Night noises (or lack thereof) in remote, rural, Bethlehem...

v.9—Good light with good music...

v.10—Angels address shepherds fear...

- A message of “good news” and “great joy”...

v.11—Savior, Messiah, Lord...

v.12—“a sign” shows more signs to come...

- The meaning behind the manger...

v.13—“a host”...angelic army...not your typical choir boys!

v.14—Lines of the lyrics...

- In Jesus heaven and earth meet!

v.15-16—The music prompts a movement...

3rd Sunday of Advent:
Candle of Joy



¹ The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is upon me,
for the Lord has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted
and to proclaim that captives will be released
and prisoners will be freed.

² He has sent me to tell those who mourn
that the time of the Lord's favor has come,
and with it, the day of God's anger against their
enemies.

³ To all who mourn in Israel,
he will give a crown of beauty for ashes,
a joyous blessing instead of mourning,
festive praise instead of despair.
In their righteousness, they will be like great oaks
that the Lord has planted for his own glory.

⁴ They will rebuild the ancient ruins,
repairing cities destroyed long ago.
They will revive them,
though they have been deserted for many
generations.

⁸ “For I, the Lord, love justice.
I hate robbery and wrongdoing.
I will faithfully reward my people for their suffering
and make an everlasting covenant with them.

⁹ Their descendants will be recognized
and honored among the nations.
Everyone will realize that they are a people
the Lord has blessed.”

¹⁰ I am overwhelmed with joy in the Lord my God!
For he has dressed me with the clothing of
salvation
and draped me in a robe of righteousness.

I am like a bridegroom dressed for his wedding
or a bride with her jewels.

¹¹ The Sovereign Lord will show his justice to the
nations of the world.

Everyone will praise him!
His righteousness will be like a garden in early
spring,
with plants springing up everywhere.

-Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 NLT