

CHRISTMAS DAY THOUGHTS TOLD BY CITY PASTORS

Rev. Fackler Tells of Shep-
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lehem.

Christmas day thoughts figured in the Sunday morning sermon of Rev. Louis C. E. Fackler, pastor of St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church, while preaching on "The Shepherd Scene on Bethlehem Plain."

"What a holy peace," Rev. Fackler said; "what a heavenly silence and a blessed joy must have reigned in the souls of Mary and Joseph after the angel assured them that there was no need of fear. After receiving this assurance they patiently waited for the day of fulfillment."

A number of months after Gabriel appeared to Joseph the heavenly messengers appeared on the plains of Bethlehem. They did not appear in the palace of rulers nor to prominent men, but to the shepherds who were silently watching over their flock by night. This angel's scene on Bethlehem plain brings us to the very threshold of Christmas. "The Shepherd Scene on Bethlehem Plain" is a picture which we have depicted again and again as we approach Christmas day.

"While the shepherds were silently watching over their flock there appeared an angel from heaven.

The shepherds were not slumbering, though not in the act of devotion, when the angel delivered the message they wondered what this meant. Like Zacharias, like Mary, like Joseph they were filled with fear, but the angels assured them that there was no need of fear.

Great Picture

"Can you picture in your mind a plain in the stillness of night on which there is huddled together a flock of sheep cared for by devout men? Then in the silence of night imagine a streaming light bursting forth upon them from heaven and in the midst of it an angel appearing. That has made known to us."

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BOY BUMPS INTO TRUCK

Charles Brickert, 3241 W. Washington St., today was charged with assault and battery, after Adolph Widner, 14, of 1017 N. Hamilton Ave., ran against side of truck that Brickert was driving at Hamilton Ave. and tenth St.

Jack Rollen, 222 N. Noble St., is held on charges of drunkenness and driving a machine while intoxicated after machine he was driving crashed into a safety gate at Lincoln St. and Madison Ave. Saturday. Rollen was cut by flying glass.

Edward King is held for driving his machine while intoxicated, after crashing into machine driven by George Fortune, 1345 S. Belmont Ave., at Harding and Jones Sts., Saturday.

Thoughts of Shepherds

"At this point the shepherds could have thought, 'Much could be promised, but it is true.' Suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of heavenly hosts praising God with these wonderful words 'Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men.'

"This was sufficient assurance to convince the shepherds that that which they saw was not an illusion.

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HERE'S FINAL LIST FOR SANTA CLAUS

Nine Families Still Need Aid to Make This Christmas One of Cheer.

This is the final list of families in need of Christmas cheer:

No. 62. School nurses hope this family of children will receive food, clothing and tops. The father's wage was small and the demands are many. Children have not been well. Girls are 4 and 7. Boys are 5, 12, 9 and 13.

No. 63. This mother of three (dead), worked in a laundry until her heart trouble became so bad the city physician forbade any more work for a time. Her husband has been out of steady employment for a long time and has only irregular jobs now. The social service department recommends this family for Christmas dinner. Girls are 4 and 14. Boys are 3, 10 and 17.

No. 64. Four little children look to their mother as their only support since the father deserted them. The girls are 2, 3 and 4 years old, and the baby boy is four months old. The mother has been under the care of the dispensary aid at the city dispensary. Needs: Food, clothing and toys.

No. 65. The woman in this family has been working to the limit of her strength to add to her husband's meager and irregular wages. There are three girls, ages 2, 8 and 11. They have been under the care of the city dispensary, social service department. Needs: Food and toys.

No. 66. After being sick two years with rheumatism, this mother finally wrote a letter to Santa Claus, III.

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