

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The Nativity of Our Lord

Christmas Day, December 25, 2020

9:30 a.m.

The Word Became Flesh and Dwelt Among Us! “Softly from His lowly manger / Jesus calls / One and all, / ‘You are safe from danger. / Children, from the sins that grieve you / You are freed; / All you need / I will surely give you.’” (Paul Gerhardt). Welcome to the Divine Service. Guests desiring to commune are asked to speak to the Pastor before approaching the altar. For the spiritual care and welfare of all we practice closed communion. Guests, please sign our guest register in the narthex.

Order of Service

Divine Service Setting Three, Hymnal p. 184

Please follow the order of service printed in the hymnal beginning on page 184. The propers for the day (readings, hymns) are listed below.

Hymn of Invocation

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“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Introit *sung responsively with the choir*

Antiphon

(Is. 9:6)

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a | Son is giv’n; *
and the government will be upon His | shoulder,
and His name will be called Wonderful, | Counselor, *
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, | Prince of Peace.

Psalm

(Ps. 98:1-4)

Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! for He has done | marv’lous things;*
His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the | victory.
The LORD has made known His sal-|vation; *
His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the | nations.

He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness
to the house of | Israel; *

all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.
Shout joyfully to the LORD, | all the earth; *
break forth in song, rejoice, and sing | praises.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son *
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning, *
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

(Antiphon is repeated.)

Old Testament Reading**Exodus 40:17-21, 34-38**

The Old Testament Tabernacle of the Lord

Choral Response

“Manger Carol”

Traditional Polish text and tune/Setting by Mark Sedio

In a manger lowly Lies the babe so holy; Born a child, the infant Savior, Angels sing His glory; Born a child, the infant Savior, Shepherds tell the story.	Joyous light of heaven, God’s own Son is given; Word of God in flesh, Emmanuel, Brings the world salvation, Clothed in flesh, God’s Word, Emmanuel, Light to ev’ry nation.
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Epistle**Titus 3:4-7**

The kindness and love of God our Savior appeared.

Choral Hymn before the Gospel

“And the Word Became Flesh” by Heinz Werner Zimmermann

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| 1. And the Word became flesh
and dwelt among us,
full of grace and truth.
We have beheld His glory,
glory as of the only Son
from the Father. | 3. From His store of love
He has blessed us fully,
grace on top of grace.
God gave the Law through Moses,
yet surely it was love and truth
came through Jesus. |
| 2. It was John who spoke out
about Him, saying,
“This is He, the One.
Though He comes after me now
greater than I is He,
for He was before me. | 4. No one ever sees God,
nor has he seen Him;
but God’s only Son,
He who is near the Father,
He it is who has made God known,
brought Him to us. |

Holy Gospel**John 1:1-18**

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

*The Gospel is read from the midst of the congregation
in celebration that God’s Son became man and dwells among us.***Nicene Creed****Hymn of the Day****360**

“All My Heart Again Rejoices”

<i>St. 1: All</i>	<i>St. 4: Women and Children</i>
<i>St. 2: Men</i>	<i>St. 5: Choir</i>
<i>St. 3: Choir</i>	<i>St. 6: All</i>

Choral Offertory

“Blessed Be that Maid, Marie”

Text: 15th Century/ Tune: William Ballet’s Lute Book

Blessed be that Maid Marie, Born He was of her body Very God ere time began. Born in time the Son of Man. Eya! Jesus hodie natus est de Virgine. (Jesus is born today of the virgin.)	Sweet and blissful was the song Chanted of the angel throng. Peace on earth, Alleluia. In excelsis Gloria! Eya! Jesus hodie natus est de Virgine.
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Fare three kings from far off land,
Incense, gold and myrrh in hand;
In Bethl’em the Babe they see,
Stelle ducti lumine (led by the star).
Eya! Jesus hodie natus est de Virgine.

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“Let Our Gladness Have No End”