

**P:** Help Thy messengers to prepare the way before Thee in every land.  
Endue Thy ministers with righteousness and knowledge, preserve all  
who put their trust in Thee; and give peace unto all Thy people:

**C:** **Hear our prayer, O Lord, and let our cry come unto Thee.**

**P:** Prepare us for Thy coming:

**C:** **And save us from our sins.**

**C:** **Our Father who art in heaven...**

**P:** Let us bless the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the  
communion of the + Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**C:** **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**

“See In Yonder Manger Low”

*Children sing st. 1*

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# Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

## Sunday School Christmas Program

December 10, 2023

9:30 a.m.

### The Ark of the Covenant— “The Word Became Flesh and Tabernacled Among Us”

**Processional Hymn**

“Come, Thou Long—Expected Jesus”

*Children sing st. 1*

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**Invocation, Advent Versicles, and Collect**

**P:** In the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

**P:** The Spirit and the Church cry out:

**C:** **Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P:** All those who await His appearance pray:

**C:** **Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P:** The whole creation pleads:

**C:** **Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P:** Stir up, we implore You, Your power, O Lord, and come that by  
Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of  
our sins and be saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live  
and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and  
forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

**Introduction:**

**The Word Became Flesh**

**I. The Promises of God’s Word**

*Readings from Holy Scripture*

**Hymn**

“Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord”

*Stanzas 1–3, 5*

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## II. The Old Testament Tabernacle

*Readings from Holy Scripture*

Hymn

“The Infant Priest”  
*Stanzas 1, 3, 5, and 6*  
*Children sing st. 1*

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## III. Immanuel Is Promised

*Readings from Holy Scripture*

Hymn

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”  
*Stanzas 1 and 3*  
*Children sing st. 1*

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## IV. Emmanuel Is Born

*Readings from Holy Scripture*

Hymn

“O Jesus Christ, Thy Manger Is My Paradise”  
*Children sing st. 1*

Below

1. O Jesus Christ,  
Thy manger is  
My paradise at which my soul reclineth.  
For there, O Lord,  
Doth lie the Word  
Made flesh for us; herein Thy grace forth shineth.
2. He whom the sea  
And wind obey  
Doth come to serve the sinner in great meekness.  
Thou, God’s own Son,  
With us art one,  
Dost join us and our children in our weakness.
3. Thy light and grace  
our guilt efface,  
Thy heav’nly riches all our loss retrieving.  
Immanuel,  
Thy birth doth quell  
The pow’r of hell and Satan’s bold deceiving.

4. Thou Christian heart,  
Whoe’er thou art,  
Be of good cheer and let no sorrow move thee!  
For God’s own Child,  
In mercy mild,  
Joins thee to Him; how greatly God must love thee!

Hymn

“Angels We Have Heard on High”  
*Children sing st. 1 and 2*  
*Congregation sings st. 3*

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## The Prayers

- P:** O Emmanuel, our King and our Lord, the anointed for the nations and their Savior: Come and save us, O Lord our God.
- C:** **Amen, Come Lord Jesus.**
- P:** Lord, have mercy upon us.
- C:** **Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
**Lord, have mercy upon us.**
- P:** JESUS, Name called Wonderful;  
JESUS, Our Great counselor;  
JESUS, True and Mighty God;  
JESUS, Everlasting Father  
JESUS, Prince of Peace:
- C:** **We praise and bless Thy holy Name.**
- P:** JESUS, Son of David;  
JESUS, Branch of Jesse;  
JESUS, Rose of Sharon;  
JESUS, Bright and Morning Star:
- C:** **Deliver us from our sins, we beseech Thee.**
- P:** JESUS, Scepter of Israel;  
JESUS, Light of the Gentiles;  
JESUS, Desire of all Nations;  
JESUS, Sun of Righteousness;  
JESUS, Prophet, Priest, Judge, and King:
- C:** **Help us and bless us.**
- P:** O JESUS, hear us:
- C:** **And prepare us for Thy coming.**
- P:** Gather Thine ancient people, the Jews, unto Thyself; Cause all the Gentiles to come to Thy Light and Truth; Convert all kings and rulers to fall before Thee, and to desire Thy beauty:
- C:** **Hear our prayer, O Lord, and let our cry come unto Thee.**