

## Distribution Hymns

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## Hymn to Depart

*"See in Yonder Manger Low"*

### All:

- 1 See in yonder manger low,  
Born for us on earth below,  
See, the gentle Lamb appears,  
Promised from eternal years.  
Hail, O ever blessed morn!  
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!  
Sing through all Jerusalem:  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

### Men:

- 2 Lo, within a stable lies  
He who built the starry skies,  
He who, throned in height sublime,  
Sits amid the cherubim.  
**All:** Hail, O ever blessed morn!  
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!  
Sing through all Jerusalem:  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

### Women and Children:

- 3 Sacred Infant, all divine,  
What a tender love was Thine,  
Thus to come from highest bliss  
Down to such a world as this.  
**Men:** Hail, O ever blessed morn!  
**Women:** Hail, redemption's happy dawn!  
**All:** Sing through all Jerusalem:  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

### All:

- 4 Teach, O teach us, holy Child,  
By Thy face so meek and mild,  
Teach us to resemble Thee  
In Thy sweet humility.  
Hail, O ever blessed morn!  
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!  
Sing through all Jerusalem:  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

# Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

## The Nativity of Our Lord

Christmas Day, December 25, 2023

9:30 a.m.

*The Word Became Flesh and Dwelt Among Us!* "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." (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 Two, Hymnal p. 167

*Please follow the order of service printed in the hymnal beginning on page 167. The propers for the day (readings, hymns) are listed below.*

*Stand and face the processional cross*

### Processional Hymn

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"Joy to the World"

### Introit sung by the choir

#### Antiphon

(Isaiah 9:6)

For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given;  
and the government shall be upon His shoulder,  
And His name shall 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'ulous things!  
His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.  
The Lord has made known His salvation;  
He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.  
He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness  
to the house of Israel,  
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.  
Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit...

**Old Testament Reading**

The Old Testament Tabernacle of the Lord

**Exodus 40:17-21, 34-38**

**Gradual Hymn**

“The Infant Priest” — *Choir sings stanzas 2 and 4*

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**Epistle**

The kindness and love of God our Savior appeared.

**Titus 3:4-7**

*Stand and face the processional cross.*

**Alleluia Verse** *sung by the choir*

Alleluia. A holy day has dawned upon us.

Come, all you nations and worship the Lord,  
a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. Alleluia!

**Holy Gospel**

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

**John 1:1-18**

**Hymn of the Day**

“O Jesus Christ, Thy Manger Is”  
*Choir sings stanzas 2 and 4*

**Insert**

**Offertory Hymn**

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

**1. All:**

O little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.

**3. Choir:**

How silently, how silently,  
The wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of His heav'n.  
No ear may hear His coming;  
But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive Him,  
Still the dear Christ enters in.

**2. All:**

For Christ is born of Mary,  
And, gathered all above.  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
Their watch of wond-ring love.  
O morning stars together  
Proclaim the holy birth,  
And praises sing to God the King  
And peace to all the earth.

**4. All:**

O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in  
Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell:  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Emmanuel.

**Jesus Christ, Thy Manger Is**

Luke 2: 7

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Paul Gerhardt, 1653, cento  
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O Jesu Christ, dein Kripplein  
Johann Crüger, 1653

1 O Je-sus Christ, Thy man-ger is My par-a-dise at which my  
2 He whom the sea And wind o-bey Doth come to serve the sin-ner  
3 Thy light and grace Our guilt ef-face, Thy heav'n-ly rich-es all our  
4 Thou Christian heart, Who-e'er thou art, Be of good cheer and let no

soul re-clin-eth. For there, O Lord, Doth lie the Word  
in great meek-ness. Thou, God's own Son, With us art one,  
loss re-triev-ing. Im-man-u-el, Thy birth doth quell  
sor-row move thee! For God's own Child, In mer-cy mild,

Made flesh for us; here-in Thy grace forth shin-eth.  
Dost join us and our chil-dren in our weak-ness.  
The pow'r of hell and Sa-tan's bold de-ceiv-ing.  
Joins thee to Him; how great-ly God must love thee! A-men.

5 Remember thou  
What glory now  
The Lord prepared thee for all earthly sadness.  
The angel host  
Can never boast  
Of greater glory, greater bliss or gladness.

6 The world may hold  
Her wealth and gold;  
But thou, my heart, keep Christ as thy true Treasure.  
To Him hold fast  
Until at last  
A crown be thine and honor in full measure.