

# To Shepherds as They Watched by Night 103

Luke 2: 10, 11  
 Vom Himmel kam der Engel Schar  
 Martin Luther, 1543  
 Tr., Richard Massie, 1854, alt.

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Puer nobis nascitur  
 "Musae Sioniac." VI, 1609

1 To shep-herds as they watched by night Ap-appeared a  
 2 At Beth-le-hem, in Da-vid's town, As Mi-cah  
 3 Oh, then re-joice that thro' His Son God is with  
 4 What harm can sin and death then do? The true God

host of an-gels bright; Be-hold the ten-der Babe, they  
 did of old make known; 'Tis Je-sus Christ, your Lord and  
 sin-ners now at one; Made like your-selves of flesh and  
 now a-bides with you. Let hell and Sa-tan rage and

said, In yon-der low-ly man-ger laid,  
 King, Who doth to all sal-va-tion bring.  
 blood, Your broth-er is th'e-ter-nal God.  
 chafe, Christ is your Broth-er-ye are safe. A-men.

5 Not one He will or can forsake  
 Who Him his confidence doth make.  
 Let all his wiles the Tempter try,  
 You may his utmost powers defy.

6 Ye shall and must at last prevail;  
 God's own ye are, ye cannot fail.  
 To God forever sing your praise  
 With joy and patience all your days.

# Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The Nativity of Our Lord  
 Christmas Eve, December 24, 2021  
 4:00 p.m.

**Blessed Nativity of Our Lord!** "There was no help for us until the only Son of the Father in His unfathomable goodness had come down from heaven to help us." - Martin Luther. Welcome to the Divine Service. Guests desiring to commune are asked to speak to the Pastor. For the spiritual care and welfare of all we practice closed communion.

## 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.

Preservice Music "Sing We All Noel" – Allen Pote

Stand and face processional cross

Processional Hymn

"From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"

Stanzas 1-7

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Introit sung responsively with the choir

Antiphon

(Liturgical Text)

When all was still, and it was | midnight, \*  
 Your almighty Word, O Lord, descended from  
 the | royal throne.

Psalm

(Ps. 2:1-2, 4-6)

**Why do the | nations rage, \*  
 and the people plot a | vain thing?**

The kings of the earth set themselves,  
 and the rulers take counsel to-|gether, \*  
 against the Lord and against His A-|nointed.

**He who sits in the heav-|ens shall laugh; \*  
 the Lord shall hold them in de-|rision.**

Then He shall speak to them | in His wrath, \*  
 and distress them in His deep dis- | pleasure:

**"Yet I have | set My King \*  
 on My holy hill of | Zion."**

**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**

**Isaiah 9:2-7**

“For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given.”

**Choral Response**

“Manger Carol” – Leo Sowerby

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| <p>1. Here betwixt ass and oxen mild,<br/>Sleep, sleep, sleep my little Child.<br/>Angels from on high hover in the sky,<br/>Keeping watch above the incarnate<br/>God of love.</p>     | <p>3. Here betwixt rose and lily white,<br/>Sleep, sleep, sleep my Son tonight.<br/>Angels from on high hover in the sky,<br/>Keeping watch above the incarnate<br/>God of love.</p> |
| <p>2. Here in the crib, secure from harms,<br/>Sleep, sleep in Your mother’s arms.<br/>Angels from on high hover in the sky,<br/>Keeping watch above the incarnate<br/>God of love.</p> | <p>4. On this fair night of holy joy,<br/>Sleep, sleep, sleep my little Boy<br/>Angels from on high hover in the sky,<br/>Keeping watch above the incarnate<br/>God of love.</p>     |

**Epistle**

**Titus 2:11-14**

The grace of God has appeared to bring salvation to all.

*Stand and face the processional cross.*

**Alleluia Verse sung by the choir**

Alleluia. Oh come, let us sing to the LORD! *(Ps. 95:1a, 6b)*  
Let us worship and bow down;  
Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker. Alleluia.

**Holy Gospel**

**Luke 2:1-20**

The Birth of Christ in Bethlehem

**Hymn of the Day**

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“From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”

*Stanzas 8-15*

St. 8 – All	St. 12 - All
St. 9 – Choir	St. 13 - Choir
St. 10 – Women and Children	St. 14 - All
St. 11 – Men	St. 15 – All

**Choral Offertory**

“Myn Lyking” – Terry/Mills

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| <p>1. I saw a fair mayden sytting<br/>and sing.<br/>She lulled a lyttel Childe,<br/>a sweete’ lording.<br/>Lullay myn lyking, my dere Son,<br/>my sweeting.<br/>Lullay my dere herte,<br/>myn own dere darling.</p>      | <p>3. There was mickle (much) melody<br/>at that Chylde’s birth.<br/>All that were in heav’nly bliss,<br/>they made mickle mirth.<br/>Lullay myn lyking, my dere Son,<br/>my sweeting.<br/>Lullay my dere herte,<br/>myn own dere darling.</p> |
| <p>2. That same Lord is He that made<br/>allé thing<br/>Of allé Lord is He is Lord of<br/>Allé kynges Kyng.<br/>Lullay myn lyking, my dere Son,<br/>my sweeting.<br/>Lullay my dere herte,<br/>myn own dere darling.</p> | <p>4. Angels bright sang their song to<br/>that Child;<br/>Blyssid be Thou, and so be she,<br/>so meek and so mild.<br/>Lullay myn lyking, my dere Son,<br/>my sweeting.<br/>Lullay my dere herte,<br/>myn own dere darling.</p>               |

**Distribution Hymns**

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”	<b>380</b>
“Away in a Manger”	<b>364</b>
“Angels We Have Heard on High”	<b>368</b>
“To Shepherds as They Watched”	<b>Back Cover</b>

*Choir sings stanzas 1 and 3*

**Hymn to Depart**

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

*All:*

1. Silent night, holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.

*All:*

3. Silent night, holy night!  
Son of God, love’s pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

*Choir:*

2. Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!  
Alles schläft, einsam wacht  
Nur das traute, hochheilige Paar.  
Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,  
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh,  
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh.

*All:*

4. Silent night, holy night!  
Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing,  
Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born,  
Christ the Savior is born.