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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 Circumcision and Name of Jesus

New Year’s Day—January 1, 2026
9:30 a.m.

I Have Called You by Name: You Are Mine!

The Naming of Jesus declares Him to be the Lord, our salvation. In Holy Baptism, God calls us by name and joins us to Christ! “Receive the holy cross both upon your forehead and upon your heart that marks you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.” This declaration from the baptismal liturgy proclaims a reality that is the foundation for our lives as Christians and enables us to face each day with confidence and hope.

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.

Hymn of Invocation

“On Christmas Night All Christians Sing”
Choir sings stanza 3

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Entrance Hymn

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

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Old Testament Reading

Numbers 6:22-27

The Aaronic Blessing.

Choral Response

“Oh, Come, the Nations’ Savior”

1. Oh, come, the nations’ Savior;
Virgin’s Son, our life restore.
Marvel now, O heav’n and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.
2. He came from the Father’s will,
And lives with the Father still,
Captive leading death and hell,
Now our triumph loud we swell.
3. How bright doth Thy manger shine!
Glorious is its light divine.
Let not sin o’ercloud this light;
May our faith be e’er thus bright.
4. Praise to God the Father sing,
Praise to God the Son, our King,
Praise to God the Spirit be
Ever and eternally.

Epistle

Sons of God through Faith in Christ Jesus

Galatians 3:23-29**Choral Response**

“Jesus Name of Wondrous Love”
by: Carl Schalk and Jonathan Kohrs

Jesus! Name of wondrous love,
Name all other names above,
Unto which must ev’ry knee
Bow in deep humility.

Jesus! Name of wondrous love,
Name all other names above.

Jesus! Name decreed of old,
To the maiden mother told
Kneeling in her lowly cell
By the angel Gabriel.

Jesus! Name of wondrous love,
Name all other names above.

Jesus! Name of priceless worth
To the fallen of the earth
For the promise that it gave,
“Jesus shall His people save.”
Jesus! Name of wondrous love,
Name all other names above.

Jesus! Name of mercy mild,
Given to the holy Child
When the cup of human woe
First He tasted here below.
Jesus! Name of wondrous love,
Name all other names above.

Jesus! Only name that’s giv’n
Under all the mighty heav’n
Whereby those to sin enslaved
Bursts their fetters and are saved.
Jesus! Name of wondrous love,
Name all other names above.

Jesus! Name of wondrous love,
Human name of God above;
Pleading only this, we flee,
Helpless O our God to Thee.
Jesus! Name of wondrous love,
Name all other names above.

Gospel

The Circumcision of Our Lord

Luke 2:21**Nicene Creed** following the reading of the Gospel**Hymn of the Day**

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“From East to West”

Choral Offertory

“The Great God of Heaven” arr. Carl Schalk

The great God of heaven is come down to earth,
His mother a virgin, and sinless His birth;
The Father eternal, His Father alone;
He sleeps in the manger; He reigns on the throne.
Then let us adore Him and praise His great love;
To save us poor sinners, He came from above.

Lo, here is Emmanuel, here is the Child,
The Son that was promised to Mary so mild;
Whose pow’r and dominion shall ever increase,
The Prince that shall rule o’er a kingdom of peace.
Then let us adore Him and praise His great love;
To save us poor sinners, He came from above.

The Word in the bliss of the Godhead remains,
Yet in flesh comes to suffer the keenest of pains:
He is that He was and forever shall be,
But becomes that He was not for you and for me.
Then let us adore Him and praise His great love;
To save us poor sinners, He came from above.

Proper Preface for the Nativity of Our Lord

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying: Holy, Holy, Holy...