

Bethania Moravian Church



A CHRISTMAS LOVEFEAST



Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude

Call to Worship

“Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace, good-will towards all.”

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

All please sing – Words are on the back bottom of your insert

Welcome and Announcements

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Prayer

Offertory Anthem

Response: Be near me, Lord Jesus! I ask you to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
And fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

Scripture

Luke 2

Serving the Lovefeast



O Come, All Ye Faithful

TUNE: ADESTE FIDELES

O Come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, born the king of angels;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above:
Glory to God, glory in the highest;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

TUNE: ST. LOUIS

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

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 men on earth.

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 Immanuel.

O Savior of Our Race

TUNE: WEST (582 C)

O Savior of our race, welcome indeed thou art,
Blessed Redeemer, fount of grace, to this my longing heart!

Light of the world, abide through faith within my heart;
Leave me to seek no other guide, nor e'er from thee depart.

Thou art the life, O Lord! Sole light of life thou art!
Let not thy glorious rays be poured in vain on my dark heart.

Star of the East, arise! Drive all my clouds away;
Guide me, till earth's dim twilight dies into the perfect day.

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

TUNE: CAROL

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
 Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heav'n's
 all gracious King!
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

O ye, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low,
 Who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow;
Look now! for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing.
 O rest beside the weary road and hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hast'ning on, by prophet bards foretold,
When with the ever-circling years comes round the age of gold,
When the new heav'n and earth shall own the Prince of Peace their King
 And the whole world sends back the song which now the angels sing.

The Moravian Blessing

*Come, Lord Jesus, our guest to be,
And bless these gifts bestowed by thee.
 Bless our loved ones everywhere,
 And keep them in thy loving care. Amen.*

Special Music

Collecting the Lovefeast



What Child Is This

TUNE: GREENSLEEVES

What child is this, who, laid to rest on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are
keeping?

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing.
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing.
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing.
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

TUNE: HERALD ANGELS

Hark! The herald angels sing: Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful all you nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim: Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Hark! The herald angels sing: Glory to the newborn King!

Christ, by highest heav'n adored! Christ, the Everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come to the earth from heaven's home;
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail th'incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus our Immanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing: Glory to the newborn King!

Hail, the heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing: Glory to the newborn King!

Joy to the World, the Lord is Come!

TUNE: ANTIOCH

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room, and heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let us our songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrow grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

The Meditation

The Candle Service



Silent Night, Holy Night

TUNE: STILLE NACHT

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.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories steam from heaven afar, heav'nly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born.

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from your holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

Morning Star, O Cheering Sight

TUNE: HAGEN (310 B)

(Led by our Morning Star Choir – congregation sings the words in bold)

Morning Star, O cheering sight! Ere thou cam'st how dark earth's night.
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Jesus mine, **in me shine**; in me shine, **Jesus mine**;
fill my heart with light divine.

Morning Star, thy glory bright far excels the sun's clear light.
Morning Star, thy glory bright far excels the sun's clear light.
Jesus be, **constantly**, constantly, **Jesus be**
more than thousand suns to me.

Thy glad beams, thou Morning Star, cheer the nations near and far.
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Thee we own, **Lord alone**,
Lord alone, **thee we own**,
our dear Savior, God's dear son.

Morning Star, my soul's true light, tarry not, dispel my night.
Morning Star, my soul's true light, tarry not, dispel my night.
Jesus mine, **in me shine**,
in me shine, **Jesus mine**
fill my heart with light divine.

Christ the Lord, the Lord Most Glorious

TUNE: CHRIST THE LORD

(Please stand)

Christ the Lord, the Lord most glorious, now is born; O shout aloud!
We by him is made victorious; praise the Savior hail our God!

Praise the Lord! On us is shining Christ, the sun of righteousness;
He, to us in love inclining, cheers our souls with pard'ning grace.

Praise the Lord, whose saving splendor shines into the darkest night;
O what praises shall we render for this never ceasing light.

(Raise your candle high!)

Praise the Lord, God our salvation, praise him who retrieved our loss.
Sing, with awe, and love's sensation, hallelujah! God with us!

Benediction

Postlude



If you do not wish to keep this ode as a keepsake, we ask that you please leave it in your pew uncreased after the lovefeast has concluded so that it may be of use for many years to come!



Prelude

“Still, Still, Still”
Hayes and Wagner
Alex Coulson, Organ



Offertory Anthem

“Love Came Down at Christmas”
Jason W. Krug
The Bethania Handbells
Alex Coulson, Piano



Special Music During Eating

“Hymn of Angels”
Thomas Grassi
The Bethania Choir

“A Midwinter Noel”
Holst and Rouse
The Bethania Choir



Postlude

“Chorale and Fughetta on Genevan 42”
Lasky
Alex Coulson, Organ



Welcome to Bethania Moravian Church!

We are so glad you are in worship with us today! Please check out our announcements and events to see what is going on in the life of the church. If you would like to receive more information about the Church, please contact the Church office.

Our Prayer Requests

Carmen Barnard, Tony Bricca, Bob Delp, Lloyd Flynn, Scott Hankins, the family of Gene Hauser, the family of Todd Martin, Bill and Rita Nye, Dick Mock, Phyllis O'Keef, E.J. Oehman, J'nee Watts, Lawana Yarbrough.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

(To add or remove from this list, please contact the church office.)

Our Church Staff

Ministers – The Sisters and Brothers of Bethania Moravian Church

Pastor – The Reverend Linda Seippel

Director of Music – Br. Joshua D. Whitt

Organist and Pianist – Br. Alex Coulson

Handbells Director – Sr. Faye Bricca

Announcements and Events

Sunnyside Ministry is in current need of cereal, green beans, corn, canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned meat, and crackers!

Volunteers/donations are highly needed. For more info, please speak to Sr. Carol or Br. Sean.

The 2026 flower calendar is up! Grab your preferred Sundays!

The Mus. Dept. strings and choir rehearsal: Tue., Dec. 23rd at 7:00 PM.

The Christmas Eve Lovefeast: Wed., Dec. 24th at 5:00 PM.

The Festival of Lessons and Carols: Sun., Dec. 28th at 11:00 AM.

The Lighters of Today's Advent Candles

Alice-Kaye, Emma, Rocklyn, and Khaki Ogburn



*And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love,
For that child, so dear and gentle, is the Lord in heav'n above,
And he leads his children on to the place where he has gone.*