

(The congregation sings the **bold** text.)

HAGEN/281

*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.*

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

*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.*

*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.*

(On the final verse of the following hymn, you are invited
to lift your candle high as a symbol of Christ's light in the world.)

CHRIST THE LORD/298

*Christ the Lord, the Lord most glorious,
Now is born; O shout aloud!
We by him are made victorious;
Praise the Savior, hail our God!*

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

*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, God our salvation,
Praise him who retrieved our loss;
Sing, with awe and love's sensation,
Hallelujah, God with us.*

Benediction and Postlude

Fries Memorial Moravian Church
Christmas Eve
Lovefeast



December 24, 2022

Welcome to Fries Memorial Moravian Church and our Christmas Eve Lovefeast! We are delighted you are here to join us to celebrate the birth of Jesus as we share a simple meal, called a “Lovefeast.” Lovefeast services became a part of the Moravian worship tradition after a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit on August 13, 1727. During a service of worship on that day, many doctrinal disputes and personal hostilities were laid aside, and a new spirit of love and fellowship prevailed. A simple meal was brought into the sanctuary where all continued to worship. This brought to mind Acts 2:46 when early Christians “partook of food with glad and generous hearts.” Today Moravians around the world continue to share the Lovefeast to celebrate significant occasions.

A Lovefeast service is primarily a music service designed to convey a thematic message. The hymns and music in a Christmas Eve Lovefeast tell the story of our Savior’s birth. A special part of the Christmas Eve Lovefeast is the candle service, during which beeswax candles, trimmed in a red paper skirt, are distributed to the congregation. These candles remind us that Christ said, “I am the light of the world,” and “you are the light of the world—let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”

We hope that you will return and join us for Sunday School and Worship on Sunday mornings. Virtual Sunday School begins at 9:00 a.m. and Worship begins at 11:00 a.m.

Our Christmas Eve offerings will be split equally between Crisis Control and Sunnyside Ministry – a Moravian outreach ministry in southeast Winston-Salem. We thank you for your generosity this Christmas.

Worth Green, Pastor
Dana Myers, Associate Pastor

Instrumentalists:
Michael Westmoreland, Director and Organist
Sophie Anderson, violin
Margaret Rehder, violin
Corinne Serfass, percussionist
Cameron Snyder, trumpet

Collection of Christmas Offering

Thankful

arr. Mark Hayes

Christmas Meditation

Choir Anthem

The First Noel/Pachelbel’s Canon

Michael Clawson

STILLE NACHT/297

*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.*

*Silent night, holy night,
Darkness flies, all is light;
Shepherds hear the angels sing,
Alleluia! Hail the King!
Christ the Savior is born.*

*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 your birth.*

HERALD ANGELS/295

*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!"*

(Please Stand)

ANTIOCH/294

*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.*

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

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

Christmas Eve Lovefeast Service

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, goodwill to all."

Prelude Music

Fries Memorial Band

Call to Worship

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Dan Forrest

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.
For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;
and the government will be upon his shoulder,
and his name will be called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Opening Hymn

ADESTE FIDELES/283

*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, Christ, the Lord.*

*The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
Son of the Father now in flesh appearing!
O come let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.*

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

Welcome and Prayer

A Reading From Holy Scripture

Luke 2: 1-20

Lovefeast Hymns

*Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for his bed.
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.*

*He came down to earth from heaven
Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable,
And his cradle was a stall;
With the poor and meek and lowly
Lived on earth our Savior holy.*

IRBY/292

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

GREENSLEEVES/305

*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!*

*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!*

SOFTLY THE NIGHT/ 284

*Softly the night is sleeping on Bethlehem's peaceful hill;
Silent the shepherds watching, the gentle flocks are still.
But hark! The wondrous music falls from the op'ning sky;
Valley and cliff re-echo, "Glory to God on high!"
Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God, it rings again,
Peace on the earth, goodwill to men.*

*Come with the gladsome shepherds, quick hast'ning from the fold;
Come with the wise men, pouring incense and myrrh and gold.
Come to him, poor and lowly, around the cradle throng,
Come with your hearts of sunshine, and sing the angels' song.
Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God, it rings again,
Peace on the earth, goodwill to men.*

GLORIA/288

*Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night,
And the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

*Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why these songs of happy cheer?
What great brightness did you see? What glad tidings did you hear?
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

*Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing.
Come adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn king.
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

*See him in a manger laid whom the angels praise above.
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

The Partaking of Lovefeast

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

Choir Anthems

*Candlelight Carol
Hail Infant Newborn
Glory to God in the Highest
We Three Kings*

*John Rutter
David Moritz Michael
Christian Gregor
Craig Courtney*

Candlelight Carol – John Rutter

*How do you capture the wind on the water?
How do you count all the stars in the sky?
How can you measure the love of a mother,
Or how can you write down a baby's first cry?*

*Candlelight, angel light, firelight and starglow
Shine on his cradle till breaking of dawn.
Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Angels are singing, the Christ child is born.*

*Shepherds and wise men will kneel and adore him,
Seraphim round him their vigil will keep;
Nations proclaim him their Lord and their Savior,
But Mary will hold him and sing him to sleep.*

*Find him at Bethlehem laid in a manger:
Christ our Redeemer asleep in the hay.
Godhead incarnate and hope of salvation:
A child with his mother that first Christmas Day.*

Hail Infant Newborn – David Moritz Michael

*Hail Infant newborn whom angels adore,
Who came to redeem us and life to restore;
What Adam had lost, he has brought us again,
Ye people be joyful for God loveth men.*

*Praise, honor and glory forever pertain
Unto this dear infant who for us was slain.
What Adam had lost, he has brought us again,
Ye people be joyful for God loveth men.*

Glory to God in the Highest – Christian Gregor

*Glory to God in the highest!
Glory to God in the highest!
Glory to God and peace upon earth,
And peace upon earth!*

*Glory to God and to people goodwill,
Goodwill, goodwill, to people goodwill!
Glory to God in the highest!
Glory, Glory, Glory to God!*

We Three Kings – Craig Courtney

*We three kings of Orient are;
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.*

*O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.*

*Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign.*

*Frankincense to offer have I;
Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, voices raising,
Worshiping God on high.*

*Glorious now behold Him arise;
King and God and sacrifice:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Sounds through the earth and skies.*

The First Noel / Pachelbel's Canon – Michael Clawson

*The first Noel, the angel did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay.
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.*

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.*

*For all to see there was a star
Shining in the east beyond them far.
And to the earth it gave great light,
And it continued both day and night.*