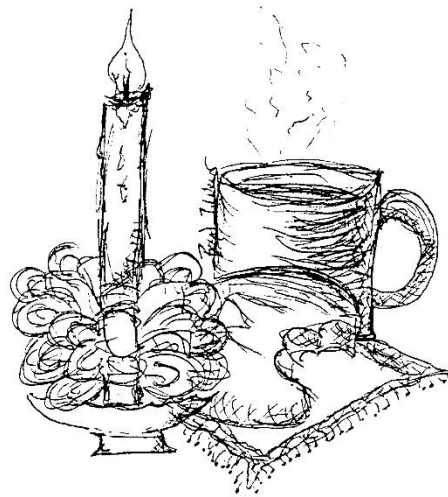


For Unto Us Is Born...



The Light...

The Bread...



The Savior...

Of The World

*St. David's Evangelical Lutheran Church
The Lovefeast and Candle Service*

PRELUDE

Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day a Savior (*Luke 1:10*)

Hymn "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

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;

Refrain:

*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, all glory in the highest; [*Refrain*]

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n; Word of the Father, late in flesh appearing; [*Refrain*]

Hymn

"Angels From the Realms of Glory"

Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Refrain:

*Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.*

Shepherds, in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
yonder shines the infant light:
[Refrain]

Sages, leave your contemplations,
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations;
ye have seen his natal star: [Refrain]

Invocation

The Reverend Faron Johnson

Scripture

Welcome

(The Dieners will serve everyone a bun and a cup of Lovefeast coffee, or hot chocolate.)

Christmas Pageant – Scene One

Hymn "Once in Royal David's City"

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 mean, and lowly,
Lived on earth our Savior holy.

And through all His wondrous
childhood
He would honor and obey,
Love and watch the lowly maiden,
In whose gentle arms He lay:
Christian children all must be
Mild, obedient, good as He.

For he is our childhood's pattern;
Day by day, like us He grew;
He was little, weak and helpless,
Tears and smiles like us He knew;
And He feeleth for our sadness,
And He shareth in our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see Him,
Through His own redeeming love;
For that Child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heaven above,
And He leads His children on
To the place where He is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see Him; but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high;
Where like stars His children crowned
All in white shall wait around.

Hymn "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

Infant holy, infant lowly,
for his bed a cattle stall;
oxen lowing, little knowing
Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging angels singing,
noels ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds
keeping vigil 'til the morning new
saw the glory, heard the story,
tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,
praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the babe was born for you.
Christ the babe was born for you.

Hymn

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

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 heaven's all-gracious
King." The world in solemn stillness
lay, to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they
come with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats
o'er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains,
they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel sounds
the blessed angels sing.

And you, 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 hastening on,
by prophet seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world send back the song
which now the angels sing.

Sunday School Choir Anthem

“Hear the Bells”

Hymn “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

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.

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.

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.

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!

The Moravian Table Blessing

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

“Dinner Music”

Special Musical Selections

Youth Bell Choir Anthem

“The First Noel”

Brass Choir Anthem

“Medley of Christmas Carols”

*(The Deiners return to pick up the empty
dishes)*

Hymn “On Christmas Night”

On Christmas night all Christians sing
to hear the news the angels bring;
on Christmas night all Christians sing
to hear the news the angels bring:
news of great joy, news of great mirth,
news of our merciful King’s birth.

Then why should we on earth be sad,
since our Redeemer made us glad?
Then why should we on earth be sad,
since our Redeemer made us glad,
when from our sin He set us free,
all for to gain our liberty?

When sin departs before His grace,
then life and health come in its place;
when sin departs before His grace,
then life and health come in its place;
angels and men with joy may sing,
all for to see the newborn King.

All out of darkness we have light,
which made the angels sing this night;
all out of darkness we have light,
which made the angels sing this night:
“Glory to God and peace to men
now and forevermore. Amen.”

Christmas Pageant – Scene Two

Hymn

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echo back their joyous strains.

Refrain:

*Gloria in excelsis Deo,
gloria in excelsis Deo.*

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be,
which inspire your heav'nly song?
[Refrain]

Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
[Refrain]

Youth Choir Anthem
“Good Christian Friends Rejoice”

Offertory Prayer
Giving of the Christmas Offering
Piano Solo
“Here We Come A Caroling”

Meditation

The Reverend Michael L. Rhyne
Bishop, Allegheny Synod

Hymn “Silent Night, Holy Night”

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 stream from heaven afar
Heavenly 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 Thy holy face
With dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth

Hymn “Away in a Manger”

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his
sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down
where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby
awakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying he
makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down
from the sky
And stay by my cradle 'til morning is
nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to
stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I
pray;
Bless all the dear children in thy
tender care,
And take us to heaven, to live with
Thee there.

Mini Choir Anthem
“Happy Birthday Jesus”

Christmas Pageant – Scene Three

Hymn "Morning Star"

(When all have received a candle, we will stand and sing antiphonally, the congregation singing the words in italics)

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.

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Jesus mine, *in me shine*; in me shine,
Jesus mine;
Fill my heart with light divine.

Hymn "Joy to the World"

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 heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns:
let men their 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 sins and sorrows 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.

Benediction

Response

In the name of Jesus. Amen!

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