

Leinbach

1. Christ, the Lord, the Lord most glorious,
Now is born; O shout aloud!
Man by him is made victorious;
Praise your Saviour, hail your God.
2. Praise the Lord, for on us shineth
Christ, the Son of righteousness;
He to us in love inclineth,
Cheers our souls with pardoning grace.
3. Praise the Lord, whose saving splendor
Shines into the darkest night;
O what praises shall we render
For this never ceasing light.
4. Praise the Lord, God our salvation,
Praise Him Who retrieved our loss;
Sing, with awe, and love's sensation,
Hallelujah, God with us.

BENEDICTION

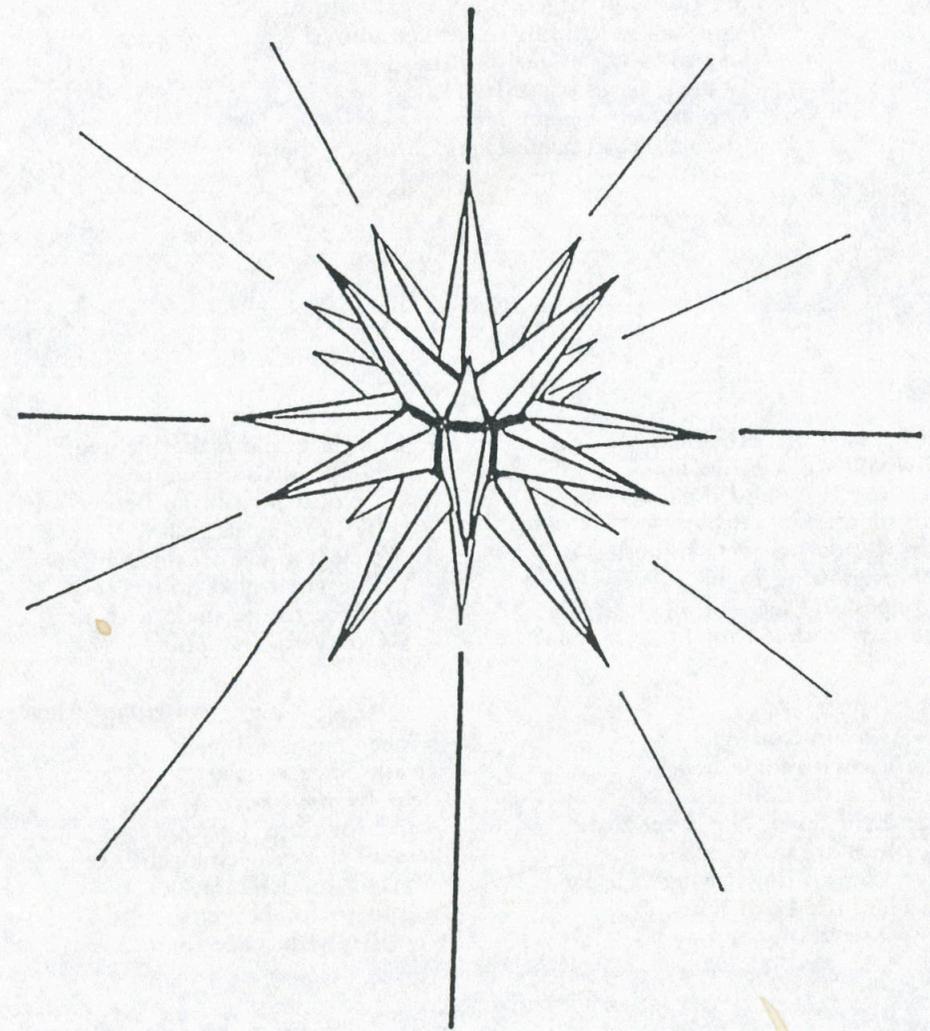
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POSTLUDE

The early Christians met and broke bread together to signify their union, fellowship and love. In 1727, the Moravian Church revived this practice, and it has established the custom of celebrating the great church festivals by partaking together in a simple meal known as a "lovefeast." The first lovefeasts of the Moravian Church in North America were held in Savannah, Georgia during the years 1735-1740. The first lovefeast in North Carolina was held on the evening of the arrival of the first Moravian colonists in the settlement of Bethabara on November 17, 1753

The Christmas lovefeast, with its lighted candles is one of the most beautiful services of the Moravian Church. The custom originated on the European continent at Marienborn in the year 1747 and spread throughout the Moravian world. The first Christmas Lovefeast in North Carolina was held at Bethabara in 1753 and at Salem in 1771. In North Carolina, the candles were used for the first time in the children's lovefeast of Bethania and Bethabara in 1762. Every person was given a candle as a reminder that Christ said, "I am the light of the world," and "You are the light of the world- let your light so shine before men that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in Heaven."

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and
candlelight service



NOTES INSIDE

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Glory to God in the highest, and on earth
peace to all on whom His favor rests.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

- 1 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.
2. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all 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.

PRAYER

READING OF GOD'S WORD

WELCOME

- 1 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.

- 1 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 on the hay.

1. 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.

Adeste Fideles

2. 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.

Away in a Manger

2. 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 fit us for heaven
To live with Thee there.

Carol

2. 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.

The First Noel

1. The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds
in fields as they lay;
In fields as 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.

2. Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made heaven
and earth of nought,
And with His blood
mankind has bought.
Noel, noel, noel, noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

Regent Square

1. Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing you flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth;
Come and worship, Come and worship
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

2. Shepherds, in the field abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing,
Yonder shines the infant Light;
Come and worship, Come and worship
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

BLESSING

Come, Lord Jesus, our Guest to be,
and bless these gifts bestowed by Thee. Amen.

PARTAKING OF LOVEFEAST

Herald Angels

1. Hark, the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark, the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

2. Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory be,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark, the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Antioch

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing.
3. 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.

2. Joy to the earth, the Saviour reigns;
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy.
4. He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love.

Silent Night

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.

2. Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia;
Christ, the Saviour, is born,
Christ, the Saviour, is born!

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.

- COFFEE: ALLOW AT LEAST ONE FULL HR FOR COOKING - REELEASE OF 2 LBS PER 100 COFFEE
- QUITE STRONG FOR A FULL COOK
1^{1/4} QT 1/2 | 1/2 PER 190 WKS WELL
3 CBS SUGAR - GOOD -
- DO NOT POUR UNTIL 10:55 AT EARLIEST. PLACE TRAYS ON CART + ROLL DOWN TRAIL TO STIRWELL TO AVOID SERVING. ROLL ONLY ON CURE OF DIENERS.
- USE 6 PERSONS (MAX) FOR CLEANUP. ALLOW 1/2 HRS FOR CLEANUP.
- SET-UP: USE CHANEL MONITOR + ONE OTHER FR INTERNS

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