

PROGRAM OF MUSIC

Christmas Lovefeast - December 24, 2024 - 7:45 p.m.

Chorales and Carols.....Home Church Band, Erik Salzwedel, director

Organ Prelude - *Voluntary on "Hark the Herald-Angels Sing"*T. Mendelssohn
David Willcocks (1919-2015)

Serving

"Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light"
from *Christmas Oratorio*J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Choir and Strings

Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light and usher in the morning;
Ye shepherds, shrink not with affright, but hear the angel's warning.
This child, now weak in infancy, our confidence and joy shall be,
The power of Satan breaking, our peace eternal making.

Partaking

There Is No RosePhilip Stopford (2015)

There is no rose of such virtue as is the rose that bare Jesu. *Alleluia*. For in this
rose contained was heaven and earth in little space. *Res miranda* [wondrous thing].
By that rose we may well see there be one God in persons three. *Pares forma* [One
in form]. The angels sungen the shepherds to: *Gloria in excelsis Deo* [Glory to
God in the highest]. *Gaudeamus* [Let us rejoice]. Leave we all this worldly mirth
and follow we this joyful birth. *Transeamus* [Let us cross over].

Thou Child DivineJames Bates (1952-2014)

Thou Child Divine, Immanuel, welcome unto thy humble manger. With heartfelt
joy thy birth we hail, and greet with songs the heavenly stranger. Our doubts and
fears and sadness are turned to joy and gladness. Good will to men and peace on
earth are now declared by a savior's birth. Hosanna! Blessed is he that comes in
the name of the Lord!

Offertory

"Laudamus te" from *Mass in C Minor* (K427)...Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)
Veronica Siebert, Mezzo Soprano, and Strings

We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you.

Candle Anthem

Thou Child Divine.....J.A.P. Schulz (1749-1800)

Choir

(See text above)

Postlude - *Fantasia on "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"* (BWV 729)....T. In *dulci júbilo*
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Morning Star soloist: Lilly Greene
Thou Child Divine soloists: Eve Salzwedel, soprano; Glenn Siebert, tenor

Instrumentalists:
Vivian Mayers, Violin I Brian Ford, Violin II Laurence Brooke, Viola
Lee Richey, Cello Evan LaVack, Oboe

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A Christmas Prayer

Rejoice, for to you is born a Savior who is Christ the Lord! We join in prayer for the indwelling of the Spirit of Christ as we offer God our worship in this holy season. May the peace of the Lord abide with us all.

Virginia Hege Tobiassen, *Pastor*
Craig Atwood, *Associate Pastor*
Glenn Siebert, *Director of Music* Jonathan Williams, *Organist*
Erik Salzwedel, *Gregor BellChor Director*

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The boutonnières provided for the ushers, dieners, and pastors are given by Deb and Mike Garner in memory of *our beloved Home Moravian sisters and brothers who have gone to their heavenly home since last Christmas.*

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