



MATINS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

The Service begins in a sanctuary illuminated only by the light of candles as we prepare to welcome the Christ Child who is the Light of the World. Please stand as your individual candles are lit and remain standing for the opening hymn. The liturgy that follows the hymn is Matins for Christmas Day from the Augustana Synod Hymnal of 1925 which was used by Bethany in its first location in lower East Denver.

Pastor: Jesus Christ is the light of the world!

Congregation: The light the darkness cannot overcome.

JULOTTA SERVICE

DECEMBER 25, 2008

6:30 A.M.

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH



HYMN

When Christmas Morn Is Dawning

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1 When Christ-mas morn is dawn - ing I wish that I could be
2 How kind of you, our Sav - ior, For us to come to earth.
3 We need you, O Lord Je - sus, To be our dear - est friend.

There by the man - ger - cra - dle God's Son, new-born, to see,
Oh, may we not by sin - ning De - spise your low - ly birth.
Your love will guard and guide us And keep us to life's end.

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Please extinguish your candles at the conclusion of the hymn.

Pastor: Grace be unto you and peace from God, our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker, for He is our God.

Let us pray: O God, who has made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true light, we praise your Holy Name. Above all things we give thanks and praise to You, that you have given us your only Son to become man for our salvation. We pray to you, merciful Father, to keep us by your Spirit in a living knowledge of our Savior, that we may ever be comforted by His incarnation and serve You as Your children, until with all the angels and the saints in light, we may praise You forevermore, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The name of the Lord be blessed from this time and forevermore. From the rising of the sun to its going down, let the name of the Lord be praised. The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens. Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high, but stoops to behold all things in heaven and on earth. (Psalm 113:2-6)

GLORIA PATRI

Congregation Please Stand

Pfälzische Kirchenordnung, 1570.



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, And to the Ho - ly
Spir - it; As it was in the be - gin - ning, Is
now, and ev - er shall be, World... with - out end. A - MEN.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Isaiah 9:2-7 (Read in English by Leslie Stevenson)

Luke 2:1-20 (Read in Swedish by Nina Olds)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth;


And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body; and the Life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN

More Secure Is No One Ever

"Children of the Heavenly Father"
Original Translation



1. More se - cure is no one ev - er Than the
2. God his own doth tend and nour - ish, In his
3. Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
4. Lit - tle flock, to joy then yield thee! Ja - cob's
5. What he takes or what he gives us Shows the
loved ones of the Sa - vior Not yon star on high a -
ho - ly courts they flour - ish; Like a fa - ther kind he
Lord his child - ren sev - er; For his love and deep com -
God will ev - er shield thee; Rest se - cure with this de -
fa - ther's love so pre - cious; We may trust his pur - pose
bid - ing Nor the bird in home nest hid - ing.
spares them, In his lov - ing arms he bears them.
pas - sion Com - forts them in trib - u - la - tion.
fend - er At his will all foes sur - ren - der.
whol - ly 'Tis his child - ren's wel - fare sole - ly.

THE SERMON

Julotta Memories: Rev. Dr. Carl Hansen

PRAYER

Lord God, our heavenly Father: Through your holy angels you announced to the shepherds in the field the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ. You told them not to be fearful, but to rejoice that Christ the Savior was born in the city of David. Through your Holy Spirit, remove from us all fear and grant us true and lasting joy. For those who are rejected and who suffer much in this present time, grant a firm faith that they may know your Son, Jesus Christ. For our sake, he became man to save us from death and evil and opened for us the door of salvation. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,

we praise you on this Christmas morning as we remember the saints who gave birth to this congregation so many years ago.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Congregation: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

LAMB OF GOD MOST HOLY

Lamb Of God Most Holy

Lamb of God most ho - ly! Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
Pa-tient still and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer,
Our sins by thee were tak - en, Or hope had us for -
sak - en: 1. Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus!
2. Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus!
3. Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus!

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, you have called us to this holy feast of light. We thank you for your mercy and nourishing us with your body and blood. You have filled us with your compassion and your goodness. O Lord, abide in us, as we commit ourselves into your hands putting our trust in you. Grant us favor to dwell with you in your holy house forever.
Amen

BENEDICAMUS

Preussische Kirchenordnung, 1625.

Let us thank and praise the Lord!

The Congregation shall sing:

Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord! Hal - le -
lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

BENEDICTION

Bow your hearts to God and receive the Benediction. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

CLOSING HYMN: JOY TO THE WORLD: ELW #267

The congregation is invited to gather for coffee and rolls in Fellowship Hall as the service comes to an end. A plate will be available for the morning offering. God Jul!

Service Participants

Liturgist/Officiant: Rev. Ronald Glusenkamp
Preacher/Pianist: Rev. Dr. Carl Hansen
Readers: Nina Olds
Leslie Stevenson
Sacristan: Ronald Swanson
Ushers: Dave and Jean Scott
Sound Tech: Jake Newell
Swedish Baked Goods provided by Nina Olds, Leslie Stevenson, Sarah Hulslander and Betty Hansen