

Third Sunday of Easter - April 15, 2018

MORNING WORSHIP - 10:00 A.M.

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: *See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are.* I John 3:1

WELCOMEThe Rev. Andrew Heil

PRELUDE - *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*.....T. Llanfair
setting by Robert Powell (1995)

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN 368 - *With High Delight Let Us Unite*T. *Mit freuden zart*

LOVE. LIVE. SERVE. - *Serving Our Neighbors*The Rt. Rev. Graham H. Rights

SCRIPTURE: Acts 3:12-22, page 887
Psalm 4

Answer me when I call, O God of my right!

You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame?

How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?

But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him.

When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent.

Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord.

There are many who say, "O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!"

You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound.

I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.

Luke 24:36b-48, page 861

(During the singing of the next hymn, children age 4 and up are welcome to follow Godly Play leaders to continue their worship in RB-227. At 11:00, children will travel to the second floor of the CE building for the Comenius Corridor and then Sunday School.)

HYMN 779 - *Father, Now Your Sinful Child*T. *Herrnhut*

EPISTLE LESSON: I John 3:1-6, page 990.....The Rev. Ginny Tobiassen

SERMON - *Knowing and Growing*

HYMN 784 - *This Is a Day of New Beginnings* (verses 1-4)T. *Beginnings*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY INVITATION

ANTHEM – *Children of the Heavenly Father*...Swedish folk tune, arr. Paul Sjolund (1981)
Choir

DOXOLOGY.....T. *Old Hundredth*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

LITURGY FOR COMMISSIONING SYNOD PARTICIPANTS (insert)

HYMN 799- *Jesus, Still Lead On*T. *Seelenbräutigam*

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE - *Now the Vault of Heaven Resounds*T. *Lasst uns erfreuen*
setting by Mark Sedio (1996)

Virginia Hege Tobiassen, *Pastor*
Andrew Heil, *Associate Pastor*
Margaret Norris, *Director of Christian Education*
Glenn Siebert, *Director of Music*
Susan Foster, *Organist*
Anne Saxon, *Director of Children's and Youth Choirs*
Erik Salzwedel, *Director of Gregor BellChor*
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

We extend a cordial welcome to all of our visitors this morning, and we invite you to join us again whenever possible. Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Register, pass it both ways in your pew, and greet those near you after the service. Visitors, members and friends are invited for Coffee Fellowship in the Lovefeast Serving Room to the right of the Sanctuary immediately following the morning worship service.

The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary today in loving memory of *Harold and Mariam Garner* by Hal and Patty Garner.

Interested in joining Home Church? Inquirers' classes will be offered each week through Sunday, May 6. Classes will meet during the Sunday School hour (11:15-noon) and will focus on the theology, history, and ministries of the Moravian Church and our congregation.

The 78th Annual Apple Blossom Festival will be held today at Willow Hill Moravian Church. The mountains decked in blankets of white blossoms are a sight to behold. Join the folks at Willow Hill at 2:30 p.m. for the band prelude and the service at 3 p.m. Everyone welcome!

Senior Friends will meet on Thursday, April 19 for a presentation from Dena Grillo, a Moravian ministerial candidate from Albania. Dena will share her faith journey by means of a video, then talk with us using Skype. Dena is using the internet to study at Moravian Theological Seminary in Bethlehem. We will begin at noon with a pot luck lunch in the Parlor and move to the Saal for our Skyping with Dena. Please bring your favorite dish and join us!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children/Youth

Nursery: *Thank you, Jesus!* CE-104 (Nursery)

Age 4 - Kindergarten: *Walking with Jesus*, CE-205

1st - 4th grades: *God Calls Paul, Art*, CE-202

5th-7th grades: *Submerge Yourself in the Bible*, CE-301

8th-Post High: *Bible Trivia*, CE-302

Adult

Scripture Encore: *Continued exploration of today's service scripture passages*, CE-101

Bible Discussion: *Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 6:15 & following*, Club Room

Faith Journeys Class: *The Art of Sacred Reading, Luke 24:36b-48*, CE-208

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP ON APRIL 18

Bill Leonard, *Welcoming the Stranger: Has Everyone Been Served?* is this week's Wednesday Night Fellowship program. Come join us for dinner at 5:45 p.m. The meal this week will be Greek chicken souvlaki, pita, spanikopita, Greek salad, and lemon cake. The cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 12 and under. Members and guests are also welcome to come only to the program, which begins at 6:30 p.m. RSVP for dinner by 5 p.m. on Monday.

----- Tear off and place in offering plate -----

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP – April 18, 2018

Name _____ Attending _____

Dietary restrictions _____

CALENDAR

- Today - 10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
11:00 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship (Elders)
11:15 a.m. - Sunday School
Inquirers' Class, Saal
3:00 p.m. - *Music@Home* Concert, Sanctuary
North Carolina Brass Band
- Monday - 5:00 p.m. - *HTH* deadline
- Tuesday - 7:30 a.m. - Men of the Church Group, Club Room
10:00 a.m. - Bible Study, Club Room
5:15 p.m. - Christian Education Committee, RB-225
- Wednesday - 7:00 a.m. - Breakfast, Lighthouse Restaurant
4:45 p.m. - Chorister Choir & Celebration Singers
5:45 p.m. - WNF Supper, Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. - WNF Program, CE-101
- Thursday - Sunday
Synod, Black Mountain, NC
- Thursday - 12:00 p.m. - Sr. Friends Potluck, Parlor
12:15 p.m. - Men of the Church Group, Club Room
6:30 p.m. - Choir, RB-5
- Friday - 9:00 a.m. - Circle 6, Parlor
- Saturday - 9:00 a.m. - Shredding Event, Fine Arts Parking Lot
- Next Sunday - 10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
11:00 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship (Church Interpretation)
11:15 a.m. - Sunday School
11:15 a.m. - Inquirers' Class

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Shredding Event, sponsored by the World Mission Ministry Team, will be held this coming Saturday, April 21, 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon in the Fine Arts Parking lot. Cost is \$5 per box and proceeds will go to Ahuas, Honduras for food and milk.

Save the Date! Our Celebration Singers and Carolers will present a musical, *Once Upon a Parable*, on Wednesday, May 2nd in Fellowship Hall.

Shepherd's Center Used Book Sale - The Shepherd's Center of Greater Winston-Salem will hold its 31st Annual Used Book Sale on Thursday, May 3 and Friday, May 4 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and on Saturday, May 5 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Parking and Admission are FREE! All proceeds of the sale benefit the ministry's programs and services for older adults in our community. The sale will be held in the Education Building at the Winston-Salem Fairgrounds. Entrance for parking is through Gate 5 from Deacon Boulevard. There will be tens of thousands of used books and other items on hand at exceptional prices.

A Women's Fellowship Lunch, General Meeting, and Installation of Officers will be held on Sunday, May 6, at Noon in the Fellowship Hall. (No charge for lunch) RSVP to church office or Joan Lide (336-650-7940 or jlide@triad.rr.com)

Save the Date, Friday May 11 for the MOC Golf and Cookout; Golf at Tanglewood Golf Course – tee times beginning at 11:30. Cookout follows at the home of John Dewees, 3361 Blenheim Place, starting at around 5:30 p.m. Call Scott Southerland at 336-413-3355 or email scottsoutherland1@gmail.com to sign up.

It will soon be testing time at Diggs-Latham. The dates are May 30 and 31, 8 a.m. till around noon. We need seven volunteers each day. If you can do this, please call Mallie Graham, 336-924-9409, this week. A required training session will be on Friday, May 4.

PERSONAL NOTES

Congratulations to Elizabeth Dewees and Brandon Glaze on their marriage on April 7, in Edgefield, SC.

Recovering at home: Olon Shuler



LITURGY FOR COMMISSIONING SYNOD PARTICIPANTS

Adapted from 1 Corinthians 1-3, Synod devotional materials, and "Seeking God's Guidance" from the *Synod Delegate Handbook*, pg. 8-9

View FAQ Videos here: bit.ly/SynodVideos
Find Synod devotions here: bit.ly/SynodDevotional

Note: both links are case-sensitive

In every age, God has spoken through individuals and communities to bring about renewal and transformation.

God moves and speaks in the hearts and minds of all who follow Jesus.

By prayer and discussion—and in fellowship with one another—the Holy Spirit guides our path, enabling us to discern God's desires for us.

By the renewing of our minds, we are transformed to discern what God's will is—what is good and pleasing and mature.

No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no human heart can imagine what God has prepared for those who love God.

God reveals these things to us through the Holy Spirit, who is given to us. And the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

(All those attending synod are invited to come forward at this time.)

The members of Christ's body share
a pure and holy calling:
to live as children of God's Peace
and lift those who are falling,
for one another burdens bear
and celebrate together,
to welcome, love, forgive, and care,
and pray for one another.

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Today we are blessed to commission from our community those attending the 2018 synod of the Moravian Church in America, Southern Province, being held April 19th-22nd at Blue Ridge Assembly in Black Mountain, NC. The theme is *Living the Essentials: With Courage for the Future*.

(Addressing them directly, please name the delegates or other attendees from your community.)

_____, for many months God has been preparing you for the important work of synod. Do you accept the responsibilities assigned to you and covenant with God to be faithful, as best you can, as you also trust in the grace and faithfulness of Christ, our Redeemer?

I do.

Members of this community, do you pledge your support for these delegates and commit yourself to praying for God's Spirit to bless and comfort them, and to guide their thoughts, words, and decisions with holy wisdom?

We give thanks and will pray for all who gather to discern God's leading for our Province at this time.

Our discernment of God's leading does not occur in isolation, but takes place as we listen carefully for the Holy Spirit in the midst of our gathering together.

Through conversation and reflection, intentionality and mutual trust, we embark on the shared journey of listening for God's invitation, a journey of cooperation with God that renews us in love.

Let us pray together:

All: Almighty God, Creator of the Universe and Author of our lives, guide into preparation those who will participate in our Synod. Make them ready to listen and speak, undergirded with love and with a spirit of respect, being open to the contributions of others. Guide their minds and hearts to decisions that will glorify you and honor your children. And above all, help those who gather at Synod to discern the way of Faith, Love, and Hope—through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Lord, you are ever in the days and moments we are living. Though we are often so afraid, your Presence you are giving—to guide us ever on the way to be our Friend and Teacher, to live essentials for today with courage for the future.

