



Home Moravian Church

Founded in 1774

Fulfilling Christ's call to love God, live in community, and serve our neighbor.

*"Let thine eye be opened toward this house night and
day, even toward the place of which thou hast
said, My name shall be there."*

— Text for the day on which the Site of Salem was selected.

Salem Square

Winston-Salem, N. C.

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost - August 5, 2018

FESTIVAL LOVEFEAST - 10:00 A.M.
COMMEMORATING THE RENEWAL OF THE
MORAVIAN CHURCH ON AUGUST 13, 1727

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: *I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.* John 6:35

BAND CHORALESHome Church Band, Nola Knouse, leader

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSThe Rev. Ginny Tobiassen

PRELUDE - Prelude for the Principal 8', from *Salem Suite*Margaret Sandresky (2010)

CALL TO WORSHIP

CONGREGATIONT. *Pilgrimage*, Page 437

Lord Jesus, for our call of grace, to praise your name in fellowship,
we humbly meet before your face and in your presence lovefeast keep.
Shed in our hearts your love abroad, your Spirit's blessing now impart;
Grant we may all, O Lamb of God, in you be truly one in heart.

(Serve)

ANTHEM - *Lord Jesus, Bestow Thy Peace*Edna Jefferies (1994)
Choir

CONGREGATION - *They Walked with God*T. *Speratus*, Page 396

They walked with God in peace and love but failed with one another;
while sternly for the faith they strove, they fell out with each other.
But he in whom they put their trust, who knew their frames,
that they were dust, with pity healed their weakness.

He found them in his house of prayer with one accord assembled,
and so revealed his presence there; they wept for joy and trembled.
One cup they drank, one bread they broke, one baptism shared,
one language spoke, forgiving and forgiven.

Then forth they went, with tongues of flame in one blessed theme delighting;
the love of Jesus, and his name, God's children all uniting.
That love our theme and watchword still; the law of love
may we fulfill—give love as love we're given.

In Essentials Let Us Be UnitedT. *Covenant*, Page 397

In essentials let us be united, joining in God's sovereign truth,
that our Father is the Lord Almighty, maker of the heav'ns and earth;
that God sacrificed his Son, Christ Jesus, who became for us salvation wondrous,
that the Holy Spirit lives in each heart that does believe.

In the non-essentials of church doctrine let us open-minded be,
showing kindness, mercy, understanding, and respect diversity;
let us practice tolerance and goodness, walk in love and be our Savior's witness;
for we are God's family even though we different be.

In all things our Father, Lord and Savior, teaches us the law of love;
then let love determine our behavior, for 'tis God's command to all;
may this motto live in all God's children as we strive to follow love's direction;
may God bless us as we show charity in all we do.

BLESSING: Come, Lord Jesus, our Guest to be, and bless these gifts bestowed by thee.
Bless thy dear ones everywhere, and keep them in thy loving care. Amen.

(Daily Texts, 2018, Page ix)

(Partake)

ANTHEM - *Brother James's Air*arr. Gordon Jacob (1934)
Here I Am, LordDan Schutte
arr. Craig Courtney (1981)

Choir

(Collect)

CONGREGATION - *On This Day of Celebration*.....T. *Hymn to Joy*

On this day of celebration, at this time when hopes are new,
God, we gather as your people, called to put our trust in you.
You have made the world we live in; you have worked through history.
In your plan we find our purpose, in your love, our unity.

Long ago, you sent a Savior to our world in deep despair.
In your Word made flesh you came, our life to know, our sins to bear.
Christ has died and Christ is risen! In this season we proclaim:
Yesterday, today, forever—Jesus Christ is still the same!

Through two thousand years of changes, through these passing centuries,
You have called your church to witness to Christ's love that claims and frees.
Each new generation hears you, each must find a fresh new way
To make known the life you offer, to the people in their day.

On this day, we pause and wonder what the future years will bring,
Yet we know you clothe each flower and you make each sparrow sing.
How much more will you protect us with your guiding, caring hand!
By your Spirit, lead us boldly in the future you have planned.

We in One Covenant Are JoinedT. *Worship*, Page 527

We in one covenant are joined and one in Jesus are;
with voices and with hearts combined, his praise we will declare;
in doctrine and in practice one, we'll love and serve the Lord alone,
with one accord sound forth his praise, till we shall see his face.

(Stand)

(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 11:10, children will be guided to CE-101 for Sunday School.)

CONGREGATION - *With Our Sainted Ones in Glory*.....T. *Austrian Hymn*, Page 229

With our sainted ones in glory seated at the heav'nly board,
may the church that's waiting for you keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.
In your service, Lord, defend us, in our hearts keep watch and ward;
in the world where you have sent us, let your kingdom come, O Lord.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Exodus 16:1-6, 13-21, 31-35.....The Rev. Andrew Heil
Ephesians 4:2-7, 12-16
John 6:22-24

SERMON - *A Transitional Passage*

CONGREGATION - *Bless, O Lord, This Congregation*.....T. *Austrian Hymn*, Page 442

Bless, O Lord, this congregation, gather us within your fold;
may we walk in love before you as your saints in days of old.
Grant your peace to rest upon us; let our prayers to you be heard;
speak salvation to our spirits as you promised in your word.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY INVITATION AND PRAYER

ANTHEM - *Amazing Grace*Early American
arr. Leland B. Steren

Choir

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND FOR THE WORLD

CONGREGATION - *Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing*T. *Sicilian Mariner's Hymn*, Page 559

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace.
Let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
O, refresh us, O, refresh us; trav'ling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.

Savior, when your love shall call us from our struggling pilgrim way,
Let no fear of death appall us, glad your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever reign with you in endless day.

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE - Celebration: *Toccata, from Salem Suite*.....Margaret Sandresky (2010)

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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THE BIRTHDAY OF THE MORAVIAN CHURCH

The signing of the "Covenant for Christian Living" by our ancestors on May 12, 1727, brought great blessing to the 300 refugees living on the estate of Count Zinzendorf in Saxony. The first communion service of the united community after May 12 was held on August 13 at the village church in Berthelsdorf. So great was the blessing felt during this communion and so great and lasting was its influence that it has been called the *Birthday of the Renewed Moravian Church*. The "Covenant for Christian Living" continues to serve as a guide for our life together.

It was also on this memorable day in 1727 that the custom of the lovefeast in the Moravian Church had its beginning. Having returned home to Herrnhut after the communion, the villagers gathered in small groups, continuing to talk over the great blessing they had received. After noon, Zinzendorf had food sent to each of them from his home and they ate, prayed, talked, and sang together, probably in seven different homes. The resemblance of this incident to the ancient *Agape* of the first-century Christians prompted Zinzendorf and others to promote the idea. Thus, the lovefeast, a simple meal shared in the church in a spirit of fellowship and love, became a custom in the life of the Moravians.

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.

The organ prelude and postlude today are movements from “Salem Suite” composed by Margaret Sandresky in 2010 expressly for the 1800 Tannenberg organ, Home Church’s first organ, currently housed in the Old Salem Visitor Center. These pieces were recently featured by organist Kimberly Marshall on the closing gala concert at the American Guild of Organists National Convention in Kansas City, MO. I was there – *Susan Foster*

The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary today in loving memory of *Mr. and Mrs. Paul F. Knouse, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Meredith P. Knouse* and *Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Monroe King* by the family.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Interwoven: *Jesus as the Bread of Life*, John 6:24-35; for children, youth and adults; CE-101

Bible Discussion: Matthew 10:4 and following, *Club Room*

A new opportunity for prayer and reflection begins this evening, at 5 p.m. in our Saal. As our congregation reflects on the subject of human sexuality (as encouraged by Synod Resolution 14), our Board of Elders has expressed a desire for increased attention to prayer as a way of drawing our community closer to God and to one another. Accordingly, our pastors will lead a prayer service on the first Sunday evening of each month, from August through November. Please join us in the Saal at 5 p.m. for this time of communal prayer.

The Salem Band Concert will be held on Tuesday, August 7, 7:30 p.m. with “*School of Music.*” Salem Band ends its “ABCs of Music” summer season with vocal soloist Cristy Brown performing “I Feel a Song Coming On.” Performing music by Mozart, Beethoven, Brahms, as well as selections from “Sound of Music” and Motown, Salem Band salutes our own Salem College School of Music.

School is Beginning Soon! The Home Missions Ministry Team is collecting school supplies for our students at Diggs-Latham Elementary School. Please bring donations to church and place in marked “tubs” placed in both foyers. Supplies will be taken to the school on August 16. Thank you very much for your contributions!

Sign up for Weekly Family Devotionals - Earlier this year at the 2018 Southern Province Synod, it was decided that content from *Loving Hearts United* would be shared weekly with families through the Moravian BCM. The result: *Weekly Family Devotions* delivered directly to your email inbox! We’re excited to be bringing this resource to Moravian families in an easily accessible and bite-sized format. Go to <http://www.moravian.org/board-of-cooperative-ministries/subscribe-weekly-family-devotionals-from-loving-hearts-united/> to sign up. Thanks to our own Donna Fulp for helping to make this access possible.

Tissue boxes needed: Do you have any empty, almost cube-shaped tissue boxes? If so, please leave them in the marked vestibule receptacles for the Festival of Faith.

Mark your calendar for the September 9 Festival of Faith! Enjoy finger-foods while exploring different ministries of Home Church. Children’s games and crafts, as well as carriage rides, will be available from 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

PERSONAL NOTES

Recovering at home: Bill Graham, Robbie Harrison, Bob Spaugh, Karen Wyderski

CALENDAR

- Today - 10:00 a.m. - Lovefeast
11:15 a.m. - Sunday School & Interwoven, CE-101
5:00 p.m. - Prayer Service, Saal
- Monday - 7:00 p.m. - Elders Meeting, Club Room
- Tuesday - 5:30 p.m. - Christian Education Committee Meeting, RB-225
- Wednesday - 7:00 a.m. - Breakfast at Lighthouse Restaurant
- Thursday - 6:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal, RB-5
6:30 p.m. - Men's Chorus, RB-5
- Next Sunday - 10:00 a.m. - Holy Communion
11:15 a.m. - Sunday School & Interwoven, CE-101

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Fifth Annual Children's Festival and Lovefeast will be held on Sunday, August 19, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Hope Moravian Church. All families are invited to this interactive event where families can go at their own pace and learn about Moravian history and the founding of Hope Moravian Church.

Moravian Ministry Voyage - Saturday, September 15 from 12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Advent Moravian Church. Provincial agencies will gather in an information fair culminated by a full production of *Irene: the Adventure Begins!* This event will be for all ages as we trace our roots back to the beginnings of Moravian missions. The ministry fair will be from 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The play will be at 2:00 p.m. John Leonard Dober and David Nitschman are names you may not readily recognize. Dober was a potter and David a carpenter. These were ordinary occupations for two extraordinary men whose adventure shaped the Moravian Church as it is today. In 1732, they left the security of their jobs and families and became the first Moravian missionaries. It was not an easy task but they answered the call to "come and minister the gospel to us." Their purpose in life was to follow the Lamb who had given His life for them and for all the souls of the world. This year the Moravian Church Southern Province is celebrating this historic event by hosting a modern Moravian Ministry Voyage.

Fall Band Classes will begin September 4 at Home Moravian Church. Sponsored jointly with Salem Congregation, Beginning Band Classes as well as Second and Third Year classes will be offered under the leadership of Robah Ogburn and Connie Merritt. Each Tuesday night, the beginners' class will meet at 6:30 p.m. for all ages 4th grade and up (we have had students starting in their 80s). Second and Third Year players meet for class at 7:30 p.m. The classes are held in the Rehearsal Room on the lower level of the Rondthaler building. If you do not know what instrument you want to learn, the leaders will help you make that decision on the first night. Please contact Connie (kapwing@triad.rr.com) or Robah (RobahOgburn@yahoo.com) if you have questions or need additional information. Any Home Church member who would like to borrow an instrument should contact Art Sorensen via email, asorensen1959@gmail.com, or phone, 336-407-2192.

Rooms are filling up fast for our 2018 Women's Retreat scheduled for September 14-16 at Laurel Ridge. With Ginny Tobiassen as our leader, we'll explore the theme "Is That What You're Wearing?" Information and registration forms are available on the church website and in the office. Please send in your registration as soon as possible so that the organizers can secure enough rooms for the weekend. Contact Katrina Bodford for further information, 336-924-4039.

The 26th annual Men of the Church Retreat will take place on October 5-7, at Laurel Ridge with the Rev. Rodney Stillwell serving as the leader. The theme will be "I'll Push You." To register, call the church office at 336-722-6171. For more information, contact Sam Matthews at scmatthews@yahoo.com, 336-748-1066 (home) or 336-748-0217 (work).