Home Moravian Church March 16, 2025

MORNING WORSHIP - 10:00 A.M.

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: The Lord is my light and my salvation;	whom shall I
	fear?
	Psalm
	27:1
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSRev Ginny	Hege Tobiasser
PRELUDE: <i>Praise to God, Immortal Praise</i> Setting by Erik S Gregor BellChor	alzwedel (2025)
CALL TO WORSHIP	

LENT 2

(Standing)

We give thanks to you, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

In our union with Christ you have blessed us by giving us every spiritual blessing in the heavenly world.

Even before the world was made, you had already chosen us to be yours through Christ, so that we would be holy and without fault before you.

We praise you for your glorious grace, for the free gift you gave us in your dear Son!



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(Kneeling or sitting)

Lord Jesus, we come before you in humble confession. Help us conform our lives to you as the model for holy and righteous living.

Forgive us for our desire for personal greatness, for our attempts to make gods of ourselves, for our willingness to exalt ourselves at the expense of others, and for our resistance to serving one another as you have served us.

Forgive us for making light of your obedience and sacrifice on the cross by living an undisciplined and indifferent Christian witness; forgive us for yielding to fear rather than relying on your strength to take the risks of discipleship.

Forgive us, dear Jesus, for times we have not looked to you as our Lord, and for allowing the clamoring distractions of the world to become higher priorities than you. Forgive us for yielding more to the pressures of this world than being transformed by your lordship over our lives.



LENT 2

When we were dead in our sins, God made us alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, which was against us and which stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross.

Since we have been raised with Christ, let us set our hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

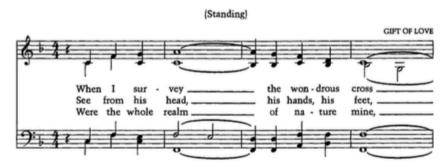
(Sitting)



TEXT AND TUNE: Arr. Tom Fettke. @1986 by Word Music (a division of Word, Inc.)

Throughout this Lenten journey, let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

We thank you, Lord Jesus, not only for the privilege of believing in you, but of suffering for you as well, so that we may also be glorified with you.





TUNE: Arr. Hal Hopson. © by Hope Publishing Company

Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, since as members of one body we were called to peace. And let us be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in us richly as we teach and admonish one another with all wisdom. Whatever we do, therefore, whether in word or deed, let us do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

SCRIPTURE:

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—my adversaries and foes—they shall stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

One thing I asked of the Lord; this I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, Lord, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help.

Do not cast me off; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation! If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up.

Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence.

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

Philippians 3:17-4:1

During the singing of the next hymn, children age 3 and up are welcome to follow Godly Play leaders to continue their worship in CE-106

SPECIAL OCCASIONS

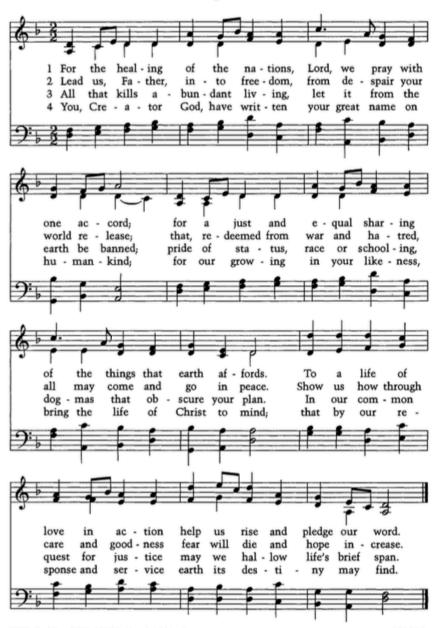


GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 13:31-35......The Rev. Dr. Craig Atwood

SERMON: Killing the Prophets

PEACE AND JUSTICE

685 For the Healing of the Nations



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PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The offertory provides an opportunity to reflect on the many ways that we can express our gratitude in response to God: with time, treasure, talents, and testimony. For financial giving online: Use the Moravian Ministries Foundation giving portal at https://mmfa.info/giving-portal/. Click the DONATE tab on any page of the Home Church website. For more information, go to homemoravian.org/donate. You can make one-time or recurring gifts. Text HOME to 73256 on your phone.

OFFERTORY INVITATION	
ANTHEM: God Is My Salvation	Olaf C. Christiansen
HMC Choir	

They that wait upon the Lord shall be uplifted. They that walk with him shall not be weary. They that place their trust in him shall mount with wings as an eagle, shall mount up with strength! For God is my salvation.

Doxology Offertory Prayer

ADORATION AND PRAISE

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 548



5 To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.

TEXT: Charles Wesley (1739), alt. TUNE: Carl G. Gläser (1828). Arr. Lowell Mason (1839)

C.M. AZMON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Hymn 832, The Grace of Our Lord

While singing, we extend the right hand of fellowship. Those who wish may exit as the postlude begins.



Postlude: *Canzona in D Minor*......J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

SUNDAY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

GODLY PLAY, CE-106, **10:20 a.m.** (ages 3 and up), *Lenten Puzzle* **FEASTING ON THE WORD, 11:15 a.m.**, CE-101 and Zoom

BIBLE DISCUSSION, 11:15 a.m., Club Room and Zoom MORAVIAN THEOLOGY, 11:15 a.m., Saal CHILDREN'S POWER HOUR, 11:15 a.m., CE Building YOUTH POWER HOUR, 11:15 a.m., Lot 63

We extend a cordial welcome to all visitors this morning and 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, pick up a beverage in the serving room off the Sanctuary, and enjoy fellowship.

The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary today in loving memory of *Beth Heitman Frank, Ruth and Henry Heitman,* and *Sarah and Bert Frank* by the family.

We acknowledge with gratitude our guest organist for today, Edwin Walker.

Today's handbell prelude gets its title from a hymn in our Christian Home liturgy (MBOW, p. 119). It presents settings of two familiar tunes that remind us of beauty and gratitude: T. *Dix (For the Beauty of the Earth)* and T. *Royal Oak (All Things Bright and Beautiful)*, bookended by improvisations that incorporate fragments from additional familiar tunes: T. *Aurelia (The Church's One Foundation)* and T. *Nun Danket (Now Thank We All Our God)*.

During Lent, we will celebrate Holy Communion each Wednesday night in the Saal at 6:45 p.m. Our theme this year is the Six Essentials of the Moravian Church.

Would you like to read for our Holy Week services? Please email the pastor at ginnyt@homemoravian.org. Indicate the nights you are available to read, April 13-17.

PERSONALS

We extend our sympathy to...

Russell Eliason, whose wife, Karen, died March 2
Kathy Rollins, whose brother, Tony Deese, died on March 9
The family of Bonnie Weatherman Everette (associate member), who died
February 12.

CALENDAR Sunday - 9:30 a.m. - Nursery, CE-105 10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship 10:20 a.m. - Godly Play, CE-106 11:00 a.m. - Children's Choir Practice, CE-104 11:00 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship, Lovefeast Serving Room 11:15 a.m. - Feasting on the Word, CE-101 and Zoom Bible Discussion, Club Room and Zoom Moravian Theology, Saal Children's Power Hour, CE Building Youth Power Hour, Lot 63 3:00 p.m. - Great Sabbath Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall Monday - 2:00 p.m. - Candle Tea Committee, Parlor Tuesday - 8:30 a.m. - Men of the Church Breakfast, Club Room 11:30 a.m. - Praying in Color, Parlor 4:30 p.m. - Home Mission Ministry Team, Club Room 6:30 p.m. - Head Usher and Sunday Sexton Meeting, CE-101 6:30 p.m. - Beginning Band, Rehearsal Room 7:30 p.m. - Chorale Band, Rehearsal Room Wednesday - 7:00 a.m. - Breakfast, Cagney's Restaurant 9:00 a.m. - Old Salem Garden Club, Club Room 5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner, Fellowship Hall 6:45 p.m. - Lenten Communion, Saal Thursday - 11:30a.m. - Men of the Church, Club Room 2:00 p.m. - Flute Choir, RB-5 6:30 p.m. - Choir, RB-5 7:30 p.m. - Men's Chorus, RB-5 Saturday - 1:30 p.m. - Salem Walks, Saal Next Sunday - 9:30 a.m. - Nursery, CE-105 10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship 10:20 a.m. - Godly Play, CE-106 11:00 a.m. - Children's Choir Practice, CE-104 11:00 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship, Lovefeast Serving Room 11:15 a.m. - Feasting on the Word, CE-101 and Zoom

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3:00 p.m. - Great Sabbath Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall

HMC Wednesday Night Fellowship - March 19

Community meal at 5:45pm / Program begins at 6:45pm

Menu: Parmesan chicken, green beans, fettuccine Alfredo, Charleston apple pie
with ice cream -----
Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner Reservation

Reservations for supper are encouraged by 5:00 p.m. on Monday. Contact the church office for more information at (336) 722-6171 or tear off the reservation form below and place in the offering plate. Adults & Children 13 and older - \$5.00 Children ages 4 to 12 years old - \$3.00 Children ages 3 and under - Free

Name(s)

Standing Reservations (#) ___ Adult (#) ___ Child Gluten Free (#) ___

Vegetarian (#) ___ Attending this week only (#) ___ Adult (#) ___ Child

Attending the program / activity following the meal _____ Yes _____ No