

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 16, 2025

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 254TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE HOME CHURCH CONGREGATION

LOVEFEAST – 10:00 A.M.

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: *Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.*
2 Thessalonians 3:13

BAND CHORALES.....Art Sorensen, leader

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSThe Rev. Ginny Hege Tobiassen

PRELUDE - *Jesus Makes My Heart Rejoice*.....Tune: Johannes Herbst (1735-1812)
Lilly Greene, soprano

CALL TO WORSHIP

ANNIVERSARY LITURGY

(Standing)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all God's benefits,

Who forgives your iniquity, who heals your diseases,

Who satisfies you with good as long as you live, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Christ has called us to this body, and to his ministry.

We pray for grace to continue the Lord's work.

T. Worship

Dear Christ, in faith we heard your call in this and ev'ry land,
the Gospel to proclaim to all, upheld by your strong hand.
At times our steps have not been sure, but by your grace we shall endure
to sing our God's redeeming will, and faith with deeds fulfill.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us in penitence and humility confess our sins before the throne of grace, praying together.

(Sitting)

God of mercy,

As we mark this moment, we confess our weaknesses, failures, and transgressions: our broken vows, our slackness and misuse of time and opportunity, our selfishness and our love of ease, our unkindness and indifference, our self-indulgence and our pleasure taken at the expense of others, our moments when we have not been true to ourselves, our lack of faith in your providence. For these sins of commission and omission, have mercy upon us.

Lord Jesus Christ, we remember in your presence our losses and griefs, our hopes and treasures which the departing year has carried away, the disappointments we have known, the friends who are no longer with us and whose steps we shall hear no more. We pray for grace to cherish the spirit which brings good out of evil, and which prevents adversities and sorrows from embittering our hearts. Give us comfort and a deep sense of your goodness in every circumstance of life; and when, despite our good intentions, we fail, be our strength and stay. **Amen.**

God will supply every need of ours according to God's riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

(Serving)

T. Eisenach (p. 438)

1. With hearts in tune, with one accord
we gather here to praise the Lord.
A simple meal, a quiet time
to celebrate a love divine;
and, as the ancient Christians fed,
we, too, now share this lovefeast bread.
2. As we partake, we praise the name;
the host of heaven does proclaim
that Christ is king, the risen Lord,
the church's head by all adored.
And so as brothers, sisters all
we gladly heed our Savior's call.

T. Innsbruck (p. 204)

1. Jesus, yourself to us reveal.
Grant that we may not only feel
some drawings of your grace,
but in communion with you live,
and daily from your death derive
the needful strength to run our race.
2. O let us know you always near.
As is the light that shines so clear,
or as the air we breathe;
in all our thoughts, our words and ways,
thus may our lives show forth your praise,
our hearts be freed from things beneath.

T. Hyfrydol

1. God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.
2. Lord of all, of church and Kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's celebration,
all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!

BLESSING: *Come, Lord Jesus, our guest to be; and bless these gifts bestowed by thee. Amen.*

(Partaking)

ANTHEMS:

Thine Forever, God of Love.....Michael Weisse (1480-1534), arr. J. Roff
Home Church Choir

Mary F. Maude (1847)

Thine forever, God of Love! Hear us from thy throne above; thine forever may we be here and in eternity. Thine forever! Oh, how blest they who find in thee their rest! Savior, guardian, heavenly friend, oh, defend us to the end! Thine forever, Lord of Life! Shield us through our earthly strife. Thou the life, the truth, the way, guide us to the realms of day. Thine forever, shepherd, keep these thy frail and trembling sheep. Safe alone beneath thy care, let us all thy goodness share. Thine forever! Thou our guide, all our wants by thee supplied, all our sins by thee forgiven; lead us lord, from earth to heaven. Amen

Lord Jesus, Who Redeemed Us...Johann Heinrich Rolle (1718-1785), arr. C. Dickinson

Helen A. Dickinson (English text)

Lord Jesus, thou who didst redeem us, and blessedness for us didst win, we pray unto thee, beseech thee, Lord Jesus, to let thy lovingkindness overshadow us, that we poor sinners may eternally rejoice in thee; we pray unto thee, beseech Thee, Lord Jesus, keep us near thee, that we may rejoice in thee through all eternity.

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need.....Arr. Virgil Thomson (1938)

Isaac Watts

My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name. In pastures fresh he makes me feed beside the living stream. He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways. He leads me for his mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace. When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay. One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away. Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread. My cup with blessings overflows, thine oil anoints my head. The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days. O may thy house be my abode and all my work be praise. There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come. No more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

(Collect)

T. *Worship*

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| 1. O Lord, in love you came to earth
to rise, but first to die;
yet in your death we find our birth,
all lives to sanctify.
When all your saving works we view,
our hearts are filled with love for you,
and love for one another grows
as your love overflows. | 2. And so, good Savior, now we pray:
grant us your Spirit's power
as in the past, so in our day
and ev'ry future hour:
with hope may our lives testify
that you all needful gifts supply
to serve the world and unify
your church for life on high. |
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T. *Truro*

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| 1. We do not know tomorrow's way.
if dark or bright its hours may be;
but we know Christ, and come what may,
we know his presence we will see. | 2. We do not know what may befall
of grief or gladness, peace or pain,
but we know Christ, and through it all,
we know his presence will sustain. |
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3. We do not know when evening falls,
if soon or late earth's day grows dim;
but we know Christ, and when he calls,
we know he'll call us home to him.

(Standing)

During the next hymn, children aged 3 through 3rd grade may follow Children's Worship leaders to continue worship in CE-106. Visitors can check in Godly Play guests using the QR code found in the pews.

T. *Austrian Hymn* (p. 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.

(Sitting)

GOSPEL LESSON: John 10:1-10Sarah Southerland

SERMON - *Through the Gate*Rev. Tobiassen

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 AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Come, Thou Almighty King*T. *Italian Hymn*
arranged by Ron Mallory

Gregor BellChor

ANNIVERSARY LITURGY

Let us give thanks for all God's mercies.

For your grace given to us in days that are gone; for the blessings of life, seen and unseen; for the joy and peace of communion with you,

We give you thanks, gracious God.

For the disciplines which have enriched our living; for your wisdom and gracious providence which we have recognized when you have denied our foolish requests; for the faith which has guided us in days of trial,

We give you thanks, gracious God.

For the sacraments of love and service which have made us conscious of your presence in our common life; for the deeds we have been able to accomplish in the strength which you supply; for the kindness of associates, the love of friends, and the fellowship of kindred souls,

We give you thanks, loving God.

Lord Jesus, you are the same yesterday, today, and forever; your throne is established in righteousness, your compassion fails not, and your love endures from generation to generation. Lift the light of your countenance upon us, for we are exiles as our ancestors were. We thank you for all the ways by which you have led us in the past.

Give us courage to set our faces toward the future. Call us into engagement with the work of your church. Show us how to bring healing to the community around us. Sustain our hope to be a part of this world's transformation.

(Standing)

God will supply every need of ours according to God's riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

T. Worship

Our Savior, many years ago you brought us to this place,
and still we seek to learn and grow to manifest your grace.
With wider vision may we give ourselves to others while we live;
O, may we all with one accord still follow you, dear Lord.

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Hymn 832, *The Grace of Our Lord*

*While singing, we offer the right hand of fellowship.
We invite you to continue fellowship as you exit during the postlude*

POSTLUDE - *Variations on "Holy Lord"* from A Moravian Celebration.....T. *Holy Lord*
Wade Peeples (2003)

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SUNDAY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP, CE-106, 10:20 a.m. (aged 3 through 3rd grade), *Ezekiel*
FEASTING ON THE WORD, 11:15 a.m., CE-101 and Zoom
BIBLE DISCUSSION, 11:15 a.m., Club Room and Zoom
EARLY CHURCH HISTORY, will not meet this week
CHILDREN'S POWER HOUR, 11:15 a.m., CE Building
YOUTH POWER HOUR, 11:15 a.m., Lot 63

CALENDAR

Sunday - 11:15 a.m. - Educational Programming (see box)
Candle Trimming, Fellowship Hall
12:15 p.m. - Candle Trimming Luncheon
2:00 p.m. - New Volunteer Workshop for Candle Tea,
Single Brothers House

Monday - 2:15 p.m. - Women's Fellowship Leadership Meeting, RB-225

Tuesday - 8:30 a.m. - Men of Church Breakfast, Club Room
9:00 a.m. - Soup Group, Fellowship Hall Kitchen
4:00 p.m. - Home Missions Team Meeting, Club Room
6:30 p.m. - Beginner Band, RB-5
7:30 p.m. - Chorale Band, RB-5

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 Meal, Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. - Children's Activities, CE Building
Guitar Lessons, RB-5
6:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Program, Fellowship Hall

Thursday - 11:30 a.m. - Men of Church Lunch Group, Club Room
5:30 p.m. - Gregor BellChor Rehearsal, Bell Room
6:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal, RB-5

Saturday - 8:30 a.m. - Women's Fellowship Walk, Bethabara

Next Sunday - 10:00 a.m. - Worship Service
11:15 a.m. - Educational Programming
7:00 p.m. - Interfaith Thanksgiving Service,
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 4055 Robinhood Rd.

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.

The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary today in loving memory of *Garland B. Shaffner, Emil and Anna Shaffner, Louis and Jane A. Shaffner, and Ronald and Anna Pauline Shaffner* *Shy* by the family.

The Sunnyside Ministry Food Drive will be held Sunday, November 23; please bring non-perishable food items.

Virginia Hege Tobiassen, *Pastor* Craig Atwood, *Associate Pastor*
Glenn Siebert, *Director of Music* Jonathan Williams, *Organist*
Becky Hodges, *Director of Christian Formation*
Philip Montgomery, *Youth Ministry Coordinator*
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(10 a.m. Morning Worship is broadcast on WSJS-AM 600)

"A Night of Service: Sunnyside Ministry"

Serve our community by packing supplies for Sunnyside Ministry
Community Meal at 5:45 p.m. | Kids Activities at 6:30p.m. | Program begins at 6:45 p.m.
Menu: Chicken Pie, Creamed Corn, Southern Green Beans, and Sugar Cake

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

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.

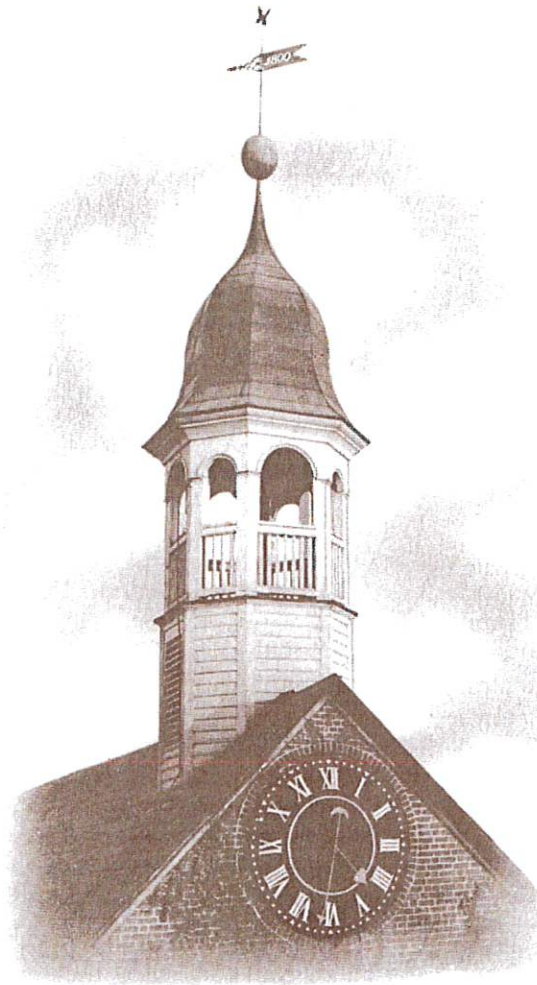
Adults & Children 13 and older - \$5.00 Children ages 4 to 12 years old - \$3.00

Children ages 3 and under - Free

Name(s) _____

Standing Reservations (#) _____ Adult (#) _____ Child _____ Gluten Free (#) _____ Vegetarian (#) _____

Attending this week only (#) _____ Adult (#) _____ Child _____



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

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