



HOME MORAVIAN CHURCH

Welcome Home



HomeMoravian.org

Sunday, March 8, 2026

Founded 1771

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, NC

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 8, 2026
WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:00 A.M.

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: *“O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!”* Psalm 95:6

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS..... The Rev. Dr. Craig Atwood

PRELUDE: *Nun bitten wir den heiligen Geist*

(We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit).....Dietrich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)

CALL TO WORSHIP

LITURGY: *Reconciliation*, pages 13-17

GENERAL LITURGY 2 Reconciliation

(Standing)

LANCASHIRE (151 M)

With joy - ful - ness and long - ing we look to you, O Lord;
The years have all been crowd - ed with to - kens of your love;

re - ceive us in your mer - cy, and cheer us with your word.
and man - y who have sought you now wor - ship you a - bove.

Crown us with love en - dur - ing and prom - is - es of grace,
But we, O Lord, still need you, our pil - grim feet to stay,

and let your ho - ly bless - ing re - main with - in this place.
for e - vil of - ten tri - umphs as faith to fear gives way.

GENERAL 2: RECONCILIATION

Almighty God, enthroned above all, you alone are God over the nations of the earth. Even the planets, the stars, and the galaxies are placed by your hand.

Where could we go from your Spirit? Where could we flee from your presence? If we go up to the heavens, you are there; if we go down into the caves of the earth or the depths of the sea, you are there.

God of all creation, we sing praises to your name; we stand jubilant before your glory, power, and beauty.

God of certainty, God of truth, our confidence is in you and in you alone.

Yet we live in a fallen world and we are an imperfect people.

Our world is filled with pain and alienation.

We know of illness when body or mind is failing, and the loneliness of spirit it brings.

We know of separation from parent or child, from friend or neighbor, and the emptiness of life it brings.

We know of strangeness in new communities and in changing communities, and the longing it brings.

We know of alienation caused by unemployment or poverty or discrimination, and the pain it brings.

We have become strangers to our relatives, and foreigners to our own families.

How can we sing the Lord's song in a strange land? Let our cry for help come to you.

I am a God nearby, says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? I am the Lord your God. I have called you out from the peoples and you shall be holy to me.

We declare your praise, the One who called us out of darkness into your wonderful light. We are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to you.

GENERAL 2: RECONCILIATION

MIT FREUDEN ZART

Sing praise to God, who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but through all grief dis -

a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the
tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay, our

God of our sal - va - tion, with heal - ing balm my soul he fills, and
peace, and joy, and bless - ing, as with a moth - er's ten - der hand, he

ev - 'ry faith - less mur - mur stills. To God all praise and glo - ry!
leads his own, his cho - sen band. To God all praise and glo - ry!

GENERAL 2: RECONCILIATION

(Kneeling or sitting)

Gracious God, we humbly confess that we walk in the way of the indifferent, who depend on their strength alone. We sit among the scornful, who deny the need for your guidance and power. Our hearts are not satisfied with riches vulnerable to moth and rust and thief, yet we zealously store up those very treasures. Set our minds on things unseen and eternal, that our emptiness within may be filled.

We humbly confess that we fail to welcome the stranger among us. We pass by the neighbor who is hungry and thirsty, naked, sick, and in prison. We sing of your healing power and your unconditional love, but we fail to make our sanctuaries true havens for the suffering and the exiled. Give us the will to be ambassadors for our Savior and faithful stewards of the ministry of reconciliation entrusted to us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Amen.

Without Christ we were strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus we who were once far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. He is our peace.

We are no longer strangers and aliens, but citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, with Christ himself as the cornerstone.

Therefore, let us affirm our faith in the Triune God.

(Standing)

We believe in the one God who has created the land and sea and heavens and all that is in them; who established a world that was good; who gives to us the task of watchful and responsible care over it; who is certainty and truth.

We believe in the one God who in Jesus Christ assumed our humanity and knew our life as child, youth, and adult; who dined with sinners and lived with the homeless; who confronted popular opinion and power; who remained obedient in temptation and suffering; whose triumph was a servant's death and resurrection.

We believe in the one God who comes to us as comforter and advocate; who does not leave us as orphans; who brings peace and calms the troubled heart; who bestows gifts for serving, healing, showing compassion, and doing miracles; who alone is the power and the wisdom of our proclamation.

GENERAL 2: RECONCILIATION

Let us in faith keep our eyes fixed on the promises of God, though we see them and greet them from a distance.

We confess that we are strangers and foreigners on the earth, a people who are seeking our true home.

We desire a better place, that is, a heavenly one. Indeed, God has prepared a city for us.

Let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

EASTHAM

O then what rap-tured greet-ings on Ca-naan's hap-py shore;
Bring near your great sal-va-tion, O Lamb for sin-ners slain;

what knit-ting sev-ered friend-ships up, where part-ings are no more!
fill up the roll of your e-lect, then take your power, and reign!

Then eyes with joy shall spar-kle that brimmed with tears of late, no
Ap-pear, De-sire of na-tions, your ex-iles long for home; show

or-phans left with-out a home, nor mourn-ers des-o-late.
in the heav'n your prom-ised sign; great Prince and Sav-ior, come. A-men.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Psalm 95:6-9

O come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
For he is our God,
**and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep
of his hand.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,
when your ancestors tested me
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

Romans 5:1-11

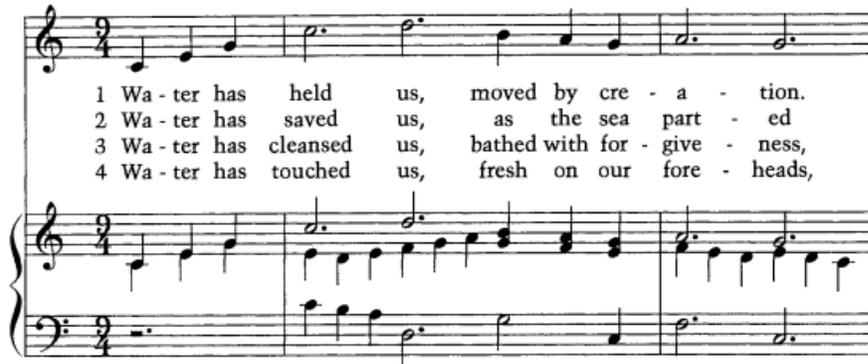
John 4:1-14

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

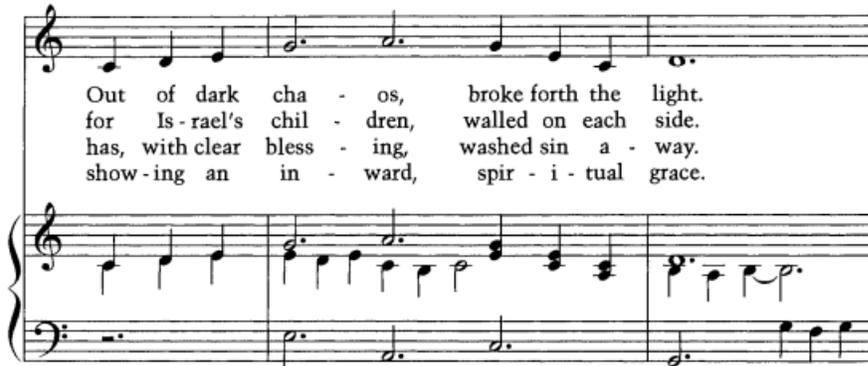
HYMN 408 – *Water Has Held Us*T. Bunessan

BAPTISM

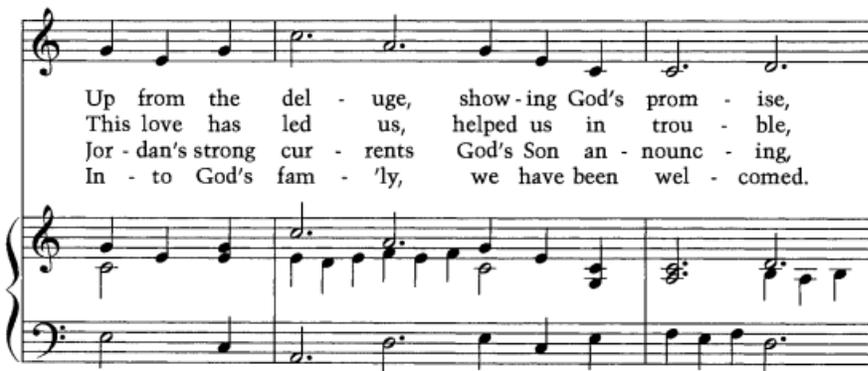
408 **Water Has Held Us**



1 Wa - ter has held us, moved by cre - a - tion.
2 Wa - ter has saved us, as the sea part - ed
3 Wa - ter has cleansed us, bathed with for - give - ness,
4 Wa - ter has touched us, fresh on our fore - heads,



Out of dark cha - os, broke forth the light.
for Is - rael's chil - dren, walled on each side.
has, with clear bless - ing, washed sin a - way.
show - ing an in - ward, spir - i - tual grace.



Up from the del - uge, show - ing God's prom - ise,
This love has led us, helped us in trou - ble,
Jor - dan's strong cur - rents God's Son an - nounc - ing,
In - to God's fam - 'ly, we have been wel - comed.

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BUNESSAN

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

Exodus 17:1-7..... The Rev. Ginny Hege Tobiassen

SERMON: "I Will Be Standing There"

HYMN 780 – *Seek the Lord, Whose Willing Presence* T. Restoration

FORGIVENESS

780 Seek the Lord, Whose Willing Presence

1 Seek the Lord, whose will - ing pres - ence
2 "For my thoughts are not like your thoughts,"
3 "As the life - charged dew of heav - en
4 Seek the Lord, whose will - ing pres - ence

moves your heart to make ap - peal. Turn from wick - ed -
says the Lord, "nor your ways mine. Far - ther still than
births the seed and stirs the mill, so my word goes
moves your heart to make ap - peal. Turn from wick - ed -

ness and e - vil; God will par - don, cleanse, and heal.
earth from heav - en are things hu - man from di - vine."
forth with pow - er to per - fect my gra - cious will."
ness and e - vil; God will par - don, cleanse, and heal.

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RESTORATION (ARISE)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY INVITATION..... Rev. Dr. Atwood

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.

ANTHEM: *Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me*..... K. Scott Lee

Home Church Choir

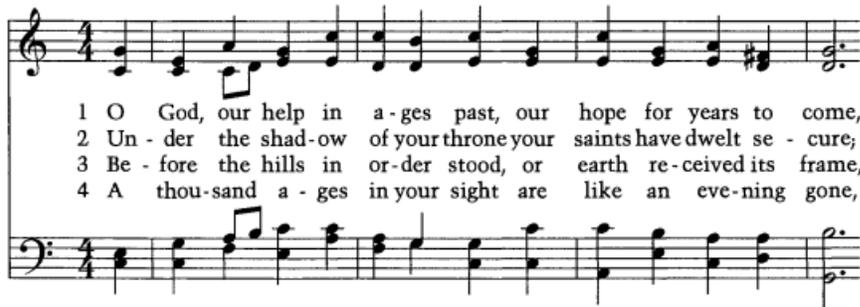
Gracious spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be; help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee; and with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal; and with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak. Truthful spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be; help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee; and with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear; and with actions truthfully speak Christ's sincerity. Holy spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be; show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee; separate from sin, I would, and cherish all things good, and whatever I can be, give him who gave me thee. Mighty spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be; help me now thy power to see, I would be like thee; 'gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield; let thy word my weapon be, Lord, thine the victory. Gracious spirit, dwell with me, I would be like thee!

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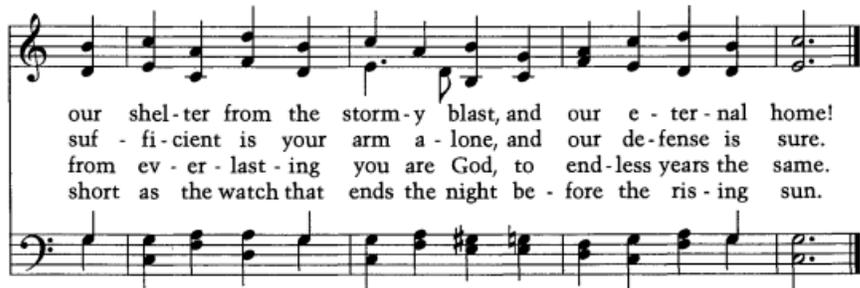
OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD Rev. Tobiassen

O God, Our Help in Ages Past 461



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home!
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
remain our guard while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

TEXT: Isaac Watts (1719), alt.
TUNE: William Croft (1708)

C.M.
ST. ANNE (14 H)

BENEDICTION

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

SERVICE MUSIC

832 **The Grace of Our Lord**

The grace of our Lord Je - sus Christ, and the love of
God, and the com - mu - nion of the Ho - ly Spir - it,
be with us all, be with us all. A - men.

The image shows a three-system musical score for a hymn. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, the second system covers the next two lines, and the third system covers the final line and ends with a double bar line.

TEXT: 2 Corinthians 13:13
TUNE: Christian Gregor (1763)

Irregular
(540 E)

POSTLUDE: *Praeludium in A minor*, BWV 543.....J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

SUNDAY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP, CE-106, 10:20 a.m. (ages 3 and up), God Heals Ten Men

BIBLE DISCUSSION, 11:15 a.m., Club Room and Zoom

FEASTING ON THE WORD, 11:15 a.m., CE-101 and Zoom

ZINZENDORF: THE MAN, THE MYTH, THE LEGEND, 11:15 a.m., Saal

CHILDREN'S POWER HOUR, 11:15 a.m., CE Building

YOUTH POWER HOUR, 11:15 a.m., Lot 63

CALENDAR

- Sunday - 10:00 am Worship Service
11:15 am Educational Programming (see box)
3:00 pm Great Sabbath Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall
- Monday - 5:30 pm Circle 5, Parlor
6:30 pm Trustees, Club Room
- Tuesday - 12:00 pm Circle 8, Parlor
Women's Retreat Planning Team, CE-101
6:30 pm Beginner Band, RB-5
7:00 pm Sunrise Service Ushers' Meeting, CE-101
7:30 pm Chorale Band, RB-5
- Wednesday - 7:00 am Breakfast, Cagney's Restaurant
11:00 am Day of Prayer, Fries Memorial Moravian
5:45 pm Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal, Fellowship Hall
6:45 pm Lenten Communion, Saal
- Thursday - 10:00 am Circle 9, Parlor and Zoom
3:45 pm Wachovia Historical Society Board Mtg., Club Room
5:30 pm Gregor BellChor, Bell Room
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, RB-5
- Friday - 9:30 am Circle 6, Parlor
- Saturday - 8:30 am Women's Walk, Downtown Strollway
- Next Sunday - 10:00 am Worship Service
11:15 am Educational Programming
Soup Sale, Front Lawn at Saal Door
2:15 pm Easter Band Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall
3:00 pm Great Sabbath Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall
5:00 pm Youth Pizza & Games, CE Building

Announcements

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 honor of *Mary Lounsbury's* 100 birthday by *Tracy Lounsbury III; Carl, Susan, Reavis, Anne Lounsbury; and Erik and Georgia Lounsbury;* and in loving memory of *Beth Heitman Frank, Ruth and Henry Heitman, and Sarah and Bert Frank* by the family.

Holy Communion will be celebrated each Wednesday evening during Lent at 6:45 p.m. in the Saal, following the Wednesday Night Fellowship meal.

We welcome guest organist Sarah Kennedy and thank her for sharing her gift of music with us today.



SOUP SALE
March 15

Details:

- \$10 per Quart
- Multiple Varieties
- Front Lawn Near Saal Door

Rain Plan:
The sale will be held in the
foyer of the Saal

Ushers Needed for Sunrise Service

For more than 250 years, our community has gathered at sunrise on Easter morning, beginning in front of Home Church and walking together to God's Acre to celebrate the resurrected Lord. This long-standing tradition is marked by its quiet reverence and its profound message of hope. ***We are seeking Ushers for this year's Easter Sunrise Service on April 5th.***

If you are willing to serve others as you worship, your participation would be greatly appreciated. By assisting with this service, you will help uphold a tradition that holds deep meaning for many, and we trust you will find the experience both joyful and fulfilling. Training will be provided upon arrival.

For more details, contact: *David Holston* – 336-687-6095;
IB Southerland – 336-768-0896; *John Dewees* – 336-765-3980;
or *Mark Goslen* – 336-776-7908

Additional Announcements

Holy Week readers wanted! If you would like to read for one of our Holy Week services (Sunday, March 29-Thursday, April 2), please call or email Wendy Fulp (wfulp@homemoravian.org) in the church office **by March 15** to get your name on the list. Indicate nights that you will NOT be available to read. Rev. Tobiassen will compile the reading schedule based on these responses.

The Wachovia Historical Society welcomes Dr. Katherine (Katie) Faull of Moravian University on Saturday, March 21 at 3PM. She will speak on 18th-century Moravian women leaders Eva Marie Spangenberg and Anna Nitschmann, who lived and worked in Herrnhut, Germany and Bethlehem, PA. This free lecture will be held in the fellowship hall of Home Church and is open to the public. She will also speak during Sunday School on Sunday, March 22.



Opportunity in Herrnhag



Exchange Camping Opportunity

Young Adults aged 18-21

Herrnhag, Germany

July 30 - August 10, 2026



Apply by March 15

The Board of World Mission invites up to six young adults (ages 18–21) from the Northern and Southern Provinces to apply for an international camper exchange in Herrnhag. The program brings together Moravian young adults from Europe and North America for a week of community, faith, cultural exchange, and exploration of Moravian history. Participants should be ready for an active, relationship-focused camp experience. Cost is \$800.

For more details, visit:
www.moravian.org/mission/

Wednesday Night Fellowship - March 11

- 5:45 PM - Meal in the Fellowship Hall
- 6:45 PM - Lenten Communion in the Saal

Menu: Breakfast for Dinner.

Egg Casserole, Bacon, Baked Apples, French Toast, & Yogurt Parfaits



Adults & Children 13 and older – \$5;

Children aged 4 to 12 – \$3;

Children aged 3 and under – Free

(payable at the door; cash or check only)

To reserve your spot, call the church office at:
#336.722.6171 by 5PM on Monday
(or fill out the form below, tear it off, & place it in the collection plate.)

Weekly recurring reservations are available upon request.



Name(s): _____

- Standing Reservation: (#)___ Adult (#)___ Child
- This Week Only: (#)___ Adult (#)___ Child
- Dietary Needs (#) ___Gluten Free (#) ___ Vegetarian

Youth News

“But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” - Exodus 17:3

Scripture Meditation – 03/15/2026

God rescues the Israelites from slavery in Egypt; God parts the Red Sea to give them safe passage, then crashes the ocean back together to destroy Pharaoh’s army. But after that triumph, the Israelites are forced to wander through the Arabian Desert. Even to this day, it is one of the most inhospitable places on earth. Food is rare, water is even rarer, and the heat is ferocious. Why does God go through all that trouble to save the Israelites and then force them to suffer?

Suffering is a hard topic for many Christians, me included. We believe in an all-powerful and all-loving God, but that’s a hard thing to reconcile with the difficult times in our lives. An unfortunate reality of life is that we will all experience times in our lives where we think, *why would God put me through this?*

I don’t have the perfect answer to that question—many people older and wiser than me have tried. But what I do know is that life is about change, and I know that I (and I suspect people in general) don’t change unless confronted with difficulty. The hard times in my life made me a better person. To a tee, I can connect the parts of myself that I enjoy the most to a lesson or habit that I formed during a difficult time. That may not help reconcile tragedy and suffering completely, but it gives me hope that they have meaning, even if that meaning isn’t always clear to me.

– Philip

Are You Ready to be Amazed?

Experience the miracles of Jesus as He began his ministry over 2000 years ago.

Visit the wedding at Cana, where He turned water to wine.

Sit on the shores of the Sea of Galilee where Jesus calmed the stormy waters.

Walk through a maze of miracles to see what Jesus did while on earth.

Sit in the empty tomb and experience the greatest miracle of all!

Join us in the garden as we hunt for "Resurrection Eggs".

Saturday March 28

10:00 – 12:00

Home Moravian Church Fellowship Hall

This event is for children aged 3 to 12 and their families. Bring your Easter Basket!

Contact Becky Hodges at

bhodes@homemoravian.org with questions or to volunteer.



Registration deadline is March 20

Nursery Assistants Needed for March - May

If you can assist in the nursery at Home Church one Sunday each month, please contact Becky Hodges at:

bhodes@homemoravian.org.



Women's Fellowship: Let's Go for a Walk!

Join women of Home Church this spring for fellowship and a little fitness through our monthly walk series. We'll meet at 8:30AM, walk two to three miles, and finish at a nearby coffee shop or with a parking lot tailgate.

- **Saturday, March 14: Downtown Strollway**
- **Saturday, April 11: Bethania Trails**
- **Saturday, May 16: Tanglewood**
- **Saturday, June 13: Reynolda Gardens**

Ready to sign up? Use the QR code below. (You'll receive more details about each walk the week before it takes place.)



Need more information?

Contact Laura Watson (sidesofla@aol.com).

We're looking forward to covering a few miles together over the months ahead!



Save The Date

Women's Day

Saturday

April 18, 2026

Don't Miss It!

Spring '26 Spiritual Life Retreat
@ Laurel Ridge

LIVING the Sanctified Life

Friday, April 24th - Sunday, April 26th

****Registration deadline: March 24, 2026****

Retreat Facilitator:
Traci Fisher



Register Online by
March 24
at:
homemoravian.org

Where Do You Get That Living Water?

The story takes place at the communal well where women gather each day to get water for their families. It is in the heat of the day and too hot for anyone to come for water, but one woman comes. She is a Samaritan, who probably feels more comfortable coming at noon when other women aren't there. The Samaritans have a long, difficult history with the Jews and are not welcomed as members of the community. She and Jesus begin a conversation, which would have been frowned on. It was not proper for a man to have a conversation with a woman without others being present.

Jesus: Give me a drink.

The Woman: Why are you asking me for a drink? You're a Jew, and I am a Samaritan.

Jesus: If you knew who I was, you would have asked me for living water.

The Woman: Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us this well?

Jesus: Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink from the water that I give will never be thirsty again. The water that I give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.

The Woman: I see you are a prophet, and I know that the Messiah is coming.

Jesus: I am he, the Messiah, the one who is talking to you.

The Woman: Sir, give me your life-giving water.

Just then the disciples come and are astonished that Jesus is speaking with a woman.

The woman leaves her water jar and goes back to the city and tells the people what has happened to her. Many Samaritans come to believe in Jesus that day.

Kay Ward, bishop, retired pastor, Watertown, Wisconsin

The Moravian Church

Third Sunday in Lent
March 8, 2026



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)