



# HOME MORAVIAN CHURCH

*Welcome Home*



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**Sunday, April 19, 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 OF EASTER**  
**APRIL 19, 2026**  
**WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:00 A.M.**

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: *“You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.”* 1 Peter 1:23

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.....The Rev. Ginny Hege Tobiassen

PRELUDE: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*.....T. *Lobe den Herren*  
Setting by Jason D. Payne (2018)

GENERAL LITURGY 1, pages 1- 4

**GENERAL LITURGY 1**  
**With the Church Litanies**

(Standing)

O Lord, our Lord, your greatness is seen in all the world.

**We give thanks to you, for you are good, your love is eternal.**

We glorify you, majestic Lord.

**We praise your holy name.**

CASSEL (167 A)

Wor - ship, hon - or, glo - ry, bless - ing, Lord, we of - fer un - to you,

young and old, your praise ex - press - ing, sing your mer - cies ev - er new.

All the saints in heav'n a - dore you, we would bow be - fore your throne.

As your an - gels serve be - fore you, so on earth your will be done.

GENERAL 1

The sacrifice which you desire is a humble spirit: O God, you will not reject a humble and repentant heart.

**If we confess our sins, you are just and will keep your promise; you will forgive our sins and will purify us from all wrongdoing.**

Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker, humbly confessing our sins.

[Kneeling or sitting]

**Most holy and almighty God, our Savior, we confess our disobedience. We, like sheep, have gone astray, all of us turning to our own way. We have sinned and have done wrong. The good that we knew to do we have not done. We know that we have been unworthy servants and have fallen short of your glory. Help us, deliver us, and forgive our sins, O God of our salvation, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who loved us and gave himself for us.**

TE DEUM (FROM 235 A)

O Lord, have mer - cy on us all; have mer - cy on us  
when we call; Lord, we have put our trust in you; grant  
us your word of grace a - new. A - men.

Thus says the Lord: I, even I, am the God who blots out your transgressions for my own sake and will not remember your sins. Go and sin no more.

(Standing)

Lord, make us one in spirit with all your people as we profess our faith, saying:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian\* Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*Ancient text reads "catholic," which means "universal."

CHOIR GLORIA PATRI

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly

Spir - it; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er

shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men, A - men.

GENERAL 1

CHOIR

Lord God, Fa - ther, hear us as we pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
**hallowed be thy name.**  
**Thy kingdom come.**  
**Thy will be done on earth**  
**as it is in heaven.**  
**Give us this day our daily bread.**  
**And forgive us our trespasses** — OR —  
**as we forgive those**  
**who trespass against us.**  
**And lead us not into temptation,**  
**but deliver us from evil.**  
**For thine is the kingdom,**  
**and the power, and the glory,**  
**forever and ever. Amen.**

Our Father in heaven,  
**hallowed be your name,**  
**your kingdom come,**  
**your will be done,**  
**on earth as in heaven.**  
**Give us today our daily bread.**  
**Forgive us our sins**  
**as we forgive those**  
**who sin against us.**  
**Save us from the time of trial**  
**and deliver us from evil.**  
**For the kingdom, the power,**  
**and the glory are yours**  
**now and forever. Amen.**

CHOIR ALL

Lord God, Son, the Sav-ior of the world, be gra-cious un-to us.

CHOIR ALL

Lord God, Ho-ly Spir - it, a - bide with us for-ev - er. [A - men.]

(All may join in The Church Litany, or The Shorter Church Litany,  
 or the service may proceed as the liturgist directs.)

## SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

I love the Lord because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

**Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

**Then I called on the name of the Lord, "O Lord, I pray, save my life!"**

What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

**I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord;**

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

**Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.**

O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds.

**I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.**

I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,

**in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!**

I Peter 1:17-23

During the next hymn, children aged 3 through 3rd grade may follow Children's Worship leaders to continue with worship in CE-106.

HYMN 420 – *O Dear Jesus, You Have Called Us*.....T. Stephanos

**O Dear Jesus, You Have Called Us 420**

1 O dear Je - sus, you have called us with your gen - tle voice;  
2 We have gath - ered at your ta - ble set with bread and wine;  
3 We are thank - ful when you feed us in this spe - cial way;

as your chil - dren we re - ceive you and re - joice.  
here you bless us with your sav - ing gifts di - vine.  
for we know your love is in us ev - 'ry day.

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system contains three lines of lyrics. The second system contains three lines of lyrics. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

TEXT: William E. Gramley (1993). ©1993 by William E. Gramley  
TUNE: Henry Williams Baker (1868)

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STEPHANOS (269 C)

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 24:13-35.....The Rev. Dr. Craig Atwood

SERMON: *Opened Eyes and Burning Hearts*

HOLY COMMUNION

**Shepherd of Souls**

**411**

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless your cho - sen pil - grim flock  
2 Hun - gry and thirst - y, faint and weak, as you when here be - low,  
3 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by your word of grace,  
4 Be known to us in break - ing bread, but do not then de - part;

with man - na in the wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.  
our souls the joys ce - les - tial seek, that from your sor - rows flow.  
in strength of which we trav - el on to our a - bid - ing place.  
Sav - ior, a - bide with us, and spread your ta - ble in our heart.

5 Lord, sup with us in love divine;  
your body and your blood,  
that living bread, that heav'nly wine,  
be our immortal food.

TEXT: James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt.  
TUNE: Andro Hart's *Psalter* (1615)

C.M.  
DUNDEE (14 P)

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

### Offertory Invitation..... Rev. Tobiassen

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](http://homemoravian.org/donate). You can make one-time or recurring gifts. Text HOME to 73256 on your phone.

### ANTHEM: *Come, Let Us Sing the Song of Songs...* Walter L. Pelz (1972)

Home Church Choir, Trumpets, and Congregation

(James Montgomery 1841)

CONGREGATION AND CHOIR (UNISON): Come let us sing the song of songs, with heart and voices swell the strain, the homage which to Christ belongs, "Worthy the Lamb, for he was slain!" Slain to redeem us by his blood, to cleanse from every sinful stain, and make us kings and priests to God: "Worthy the Lamb, for he was slain!"

CHOIR: To him who suffered on the tree our souls, at his soul's price, to gain, blessing and praise and glory be; "Worthy the Lamb, for he was slain!"

CONGREGATION (MELODY) AND CHOIR (DESCANT): To him enthroned by filial right, all power in heaven and earth proclaim, honor and majesty and might; "Worthy the Lamb, for he was slain!"

CONGREGATION AND CHOIR (UNISON): Long as we live, and when we die, and while in heaven with him we reign, this song our song of songs shall be; "Worthy the Lamb, for he was slain!"

DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

# THE SHORTER CHURCH LITANY, pages 10-12.....Rev. Dr. Atwood

GENERAL 1: SHORTER CHURCH LITANY

## THE SHORTER CHURCH LITANY

(From *The Litany of the Unitas Fratrum*, 1571)

[Sitting]

The musical score is written in 2/2 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music. The first system is for the first line of the litany, and the second system is for the second line. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The vocal line is divided into two parts: 'CHOIR' and 'ALL'. The lyrics are: 'Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.' for the first system, and 'Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, hear us.' for the second system.

From all sin, from all error, from all evil,  
From famine and disease,  
From disaster by fire or flood, storm or earthquake,  
From violence, war, and bloodshed,  
From all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

**Preserve us, gracious Lord and God.**

By your holy incarnation and birth,  
By all the merits of your perfect life,  
By your cross and atoning death,  
By your triumphant resurrection and ascension,  
By your sending the Holy Spirit,  
By your coming again to your church on earth, or our being called home to you,

**Help us, gracious Lord and God.**

Guide and unify your holy church;  
Keep all bishops, ministers, and church servants sound in doctrine and holy in  
life;  
Restore all who have fallen away;  
Strengthen those who suffer persecution for the sake of the gospel;  
Send us as faithful laborers into your harvest, that all may be gathered into your  
family;  
Direct all governments in the way of justice and peace, that your will may be  
known and done among the nations;  
Enable us to make wise use of the world you have entrusted to us;

GENERAL 1: SHORTER CHURCH LITANY

Send help to all who are in danger, trouble, or anguish;  
Grant healing and the constant assurance of your love to the sick;  
Enable the dying to put their trust in you as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of  
the whole world;

**Hear us, gracious Lord and God.**

Have mercy on your whole creation;  
Hasten the day when the kingdom of the world shall become your kingdom;  
Keep us in everlasting fellowship with the Church Triumphant in heaven, and  
let us rest together in your presence from our labors;

**Hear us, gracious Lord and God.**

The musical score is written in 2/2 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system is for the CHOIR and ALL, with lyrics: "O Christ, Al-might-y God, have mer-cy up-on us." The second system is for the CHOIR, with lyrics: "Christ, the Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world,". The third system is for ALL and CHOIR, with lyrics: "man-i-fest your-self to us. Christ, the Lamb of God,". The fourth system is for ALL, with lyrics: "you take a-way the sin of the world, grant to us your peace." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

GENERAL 1: SHORTER CHURCH LITANY

CHOIR ALL

O Christ, hear us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

CHOIR ALL

Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. A - men.

HYMN 356 - *Christians, Dismiss Your Fear*..... T. *Diademata*

EASTER

**Christians, Dismiss Your Fear 356**

1 Chris-tians, dis-miss your fear; let hope and joy suc-ceed;  
2 The Lord is ris'n a-gain, who on the cross did bleed;  
3 He has him-self the keys of death, the grave, and hell;

the joy-ful news with glad-ness hear: "The Lord is ris'n in-deed!"  
he lives to die no more, a-men, the Lord is ris'n in-deed!  
his is the vic-to-ry and praise, and he rules all things well;

The prom-ise is ful-filled in Christ our on-ly Head;  
He tru-ly tast-ed death to give us hope a-gain,  
death now no more I dread, but cheer-ful close my eyes;

now jus-tice, mer-cy, rec-on-ciled, he lives who once was dead.  
in bit-ter pangs re-signed his breath, but now has ris'n. A-men!  
death is a sleep, the grave a bed, with Je-sus I shall rise.

TEXT: St. 1 Joseph Hart (1762); st. 2,3 John Cennick (1754), alt.  
TUNE: George Job Elvey (1868)

S.M.D.  
DIADEMATA (595 C)

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

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

POSTLUDE: *Toccata in C Major*..... Johann Pachelbel

**SUNDAY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING**

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP, CE-106, 10:20 a.m. (aged 3 and up), *Jesus Appears to the Disciples by the Sea*  
BIBLE DISCUSSION, 11:15 a.m., Club Room and Zoom  
FEASTING ON THE WORD, 11:15 a.m., CE-101 and Zoom  
ZINZENDORFF: 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

## 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.

**The flowers** are placed in the Sanctuary today in memory of *Megan Hauser, daughter* of Ginger and Gary Hauser, by Russ Miller.

**A Caring Word ministry is updating our list** of young adults and college students. We would like to send them uplifting cards throughout the year. To have your young person added to the list, please send their contact information (including email) to Debbie Drake at: [debbtide75@gmail.com](mailto:debbtide75@gmail.com)

**You are invited to a reception** on Sunday, April 26 at 11:00 AM in the fellowship hall. We will honor Glenn Siebert and Jonathan Williams for their years of dedicated service to Home Church and send them off with our best wishes for the future. They will be deeply missed. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and cake will be served.

**We welcome guest organist Jeanell Brown** and thank her for sharing her musical gifts with us today. She holds a DMA from the University of Maryland where she was active in opera and chamber music. After 12 years as Department Chair of Music at Covenant College, she returned to her home state and has been active as an interim organist and church music director. She is an avid supporter of “Made in America” composed music and Spirituals.

**The anthem today** is offered in honor of Glenn Siebert as he retires from his role as Director of Music at Home Church. This hymn concertato is a fitting expression of our gratitude for his faithful years of service to this congregation and to our Lord.

**Home Church is hosting the Winston-Salem Street School's 2026 graduation** on Thursday, May 28 at 6:30 pm, and we need outside greeters to guide guests from parking to the sanctuary. If you know the way, you're ready to help. Done by 8:00 pm. Contact Mark Wright at [allcomm21@gmail.com](mailto:allcomm21@gmail.com) or 336-618-1962. The Street School provides an alternative path for students earning their high school diploma.

**Save the Date!** The Annual Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, May 31, following worship. It will be a potluck meal in the Fellowship Hall followed by dessert on The Square. More information will be announced.

## CALENDAR

- Sunday - 10:00 am Worship Service  
11:15 am Educational Programming (see box)
- Monday - 12:00 pm Women's Retreat Planning Mtg., CE-101
- Tuesday - 8:30 am Men of Church Breakfast, Club Room  
6:30 pm Beginner Band, RB-5  
7:30 pm Chorale Band, RB-5
- Wednesday - 7:00 am Breakfast, Cagney's Restaurant  
5:45 pm Wednesday Fellowship Meal, Fellowship Hall  
6:30 pm Children's Program, CE Building  
6:45 pm Wednesday Night Program, Fellowship Hall
- Thursday - 1:00 pm Provencial Women's Board Mtg., Parlor  
5:30 pm Gregor BellChor, Bell Room  
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, RB-5
- Next Sunday - 10:00 am Worship Service  
11:00 am Retirement Celebration for Jonathan Williams and Glenn Siebert, Fellowship Hall

**Youth News:** Please join us at Lot 63 to discuss Youth Sunday on May 3rd!

### **Scripture Meditation 4/19/2026**

*“They asked each other, ” ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?’ ”*

– Luke 24:32

I try to refrain from talking about Greek, but there’s a little nuance of the language here that is just too good to pass up. Greek has two different words for no (ou and me), and in a rhetorical question like this, it really matters which one is used. If the speaker uses “ou,” that means that the hypothetical answer to the question is a yes. If the speaker uses “me,” that means the hypothetical answer is a no.

The disciples use “ou” here, and that ends up really affecting the meaning. It means that, as they reflect on this time with Jesus, where he reminded them of the scriptures predicting the Messiah and the ways in which Jesus’s life fulfilled those scriptures, all along their hearts were burning, even though their eyes did not recognize Jesus. Even when they did not know they were in the presence of God, their hearts knew that they were.

Last week, when we talked about our reasons for believing in our faith, we all talked about how our church and the people in it make us feel. We find comfort and peace in our Sunday mornings together; we find meaning in our relationships with God and with each other. We know intuitively that there’s something more going on here that we can’t quite put words to. Our hearts know the truth before our eyes do: God’s presence is everywhere, especially in our sacred community, and feeling that presence forms the foundation of our belief. – Philip

# RECEPTION



Sunday, April 26, 2026  
11 AM



Fellowship Hall  
(following worship)

Honoring  
**JONATHAN WILLIAMS  
& GLENN SIEBERT**

Please join us as we thank them for their years of service at Home Moravian Church, and wish them happiness as they forge new paths in their lives.

Heavy hors d'oeuvres and cake will be served.



## Youth Sunday + Graduation Lunch | Sunday, May 3

- **10:00 AM:** HMC youth will lead the worship service.
- **Senior Recognition:** We will honor our graduating seniors during the service.
- **Celebration Lunch:** A luncheon *for the graduates and their families* will follow worship.
- **Families of Seniors:** If you have a 2026 graduating senior, please contact Becky Hodges at [bhodes@homemoravian.org](mailto:bhodes@homemoravian.org)

## TALENT SHOW

Come share your talents with us at Wednesday Night Fellowship on **Wednesday, May 6** to kick off our final WNF program of the year.

**ALL ACTS WELCOME!**

(Meal at: 5:45PM; Program at: 6:45PM)

Contact Becky Hodges at [bhodes@homemoravian.org](mailto:bhodes@homemoravian.org) to participate.

Do you... **Sing?** **Dance?** **TWIRL BATON?**

**Play an Instrument?** **JUGGLE?** **Recite Poetry?**

**Paint?** **Tell Jokes?**

**The HMC Spring Talent Show is for YOU!**



## Stay with Us!

One of humanity's greatest desires is to be surrounded by good company—people with whom encouraging and empowering conversations can take place. We long for companions who bring peace and understanding amid life's conflicts and chaos, those who help us see beyond our struggles and grasp the broader picture.

Scripture introduces two of Jesus' disciples who, on the morning of the resurrection, heard reports of the empty tomb but remained weighed down by sorrow—perhaps from doubt or disbelief. As these disheartened followers journeyed away from Jerusalem, the city symbolizing the peace, power, and presence of God, they walked toward Emmaus, meaning “hot baths,” a place of comfort and retreat. Along the way, they were joined by the Risen Lord himself.

Unaware of his identity, they nonetheless engaged in conversation and extended hospitality, inviting him to share a meal and stay the night. In that ordinary act of kindness, an extraordinary revelation unfolded. As Jesus broke bread in their midst, their eyes were opened. They recognized him.

Their sorrow gave way to enlightenment as he opened the Scriptures with clarity and compassion. His presence filled them with peace, renewed faith, and power. They reflected, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

Emboldened by the revelation, they immediately returned to Jerusalem, joyfully declaring, “It is true! The Lord is risen!”

As we walk along our own journeys of faith, may our hearts continually long to be in the company of Jesus—where his Word enlightens our minds, his presence empowers our spirits, and his truth emboldens our witness.

***Evette Campbell, pastor, Rolling Hills Moravian Church,  
Longwood, Florida***

**The Moravian Church**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**  
April 19, 2026



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