



HOME MORAVIAN CHURCH

Welcome Home



HomeMoravian.org

Sunday, May 3, 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

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 3, 2026
YOUTH SUNDAY
WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:00 A.M.**

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: *Jesus said, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”*

John 14:6

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS..... Philip Montgomery

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES..... Becky Hodges and Philip Montgomery

PRELUDE: *Jesus Makes My Heart Rejoice*.....T. Hayn
Elizabeth Carter and Rebekah Vaden, duet

GENERAL LITURGY 6 Discipleship

[Standing]

What shall we render to the Lord for all his bounty to us?

We will offer to the Lord the sacrifices of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord.

Praise the Lord!

BEACH SPRING

Come in praise and ad - or - a - tion, all who on Christ's name be -

lieve; wor - ship him with con - se - cra - tion, grace and love will you re -

ceive. For his grace give him the glo - ry, for the Spir - it and the

Word, and re - peat the gos - pel sto - ry 'til all souls his name have heard.

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GENERAL 6: DISCIPLESHIP

Gracious God, for revealing yourself to us as one
who created all things,
who gave us dominion over all the earth,
who called us into a covenant relationship with you,
who has given us the privilege of being your
ambassadors in our world,
who loves us as your children through Jesus Christ our Lord,
We give you our heartfelt thanks.

EMMANUEL (14 Bb)

Our heav'n - ly Fa - ther, source of love, to you our hearts we raise.

Your all - sus - tain - ing power we prove, and glad - ly sing your praise.

(Sitting)

Jesus Christ our Savior, because you were willing to come to earth in the likeness
of humanity, to take the form of a servant;
Because you became obedient unto death, even death on a cross;
Because God has highly exalted you and bestowed on you the name which is
above every name, that at your name every knee should bow, in heaven and
on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that you are Lord, to
the glory of God the Father;

We humbly bow before you in praise and adoration.

GENERAL 6: DISCIPLESHIP

MANOAH

Lord Je - sus, yours we wish to be; our
sac - ri - fice re - ceive. By you pre - served, from
sin set free, to you our - selves we give.

Holy Spirit, for dwelling within us and calling us to God by the gospel,
For preserving us in the true faith,
For leading the church on earth in its mission,
For pointing the way of discipleship to each of us,

We acknowledge your presence and power among us.

Come, Ho - ly Ghost, the Sav - ior's love shed
 in our hearts a - broad; so shall we ev - er
 live and move and be with Christ in God.

Jesus said: Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, there shall my servant be also; whoever serves me, the Father will honor. If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples.

We hear your call to discipleship. Master, teach us the way we should go.

Present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your minds, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Jesus said: This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear much fruit, and that your fruit should abide.

Now the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

GENERAL 6: DISCIPLESHIP

IN BABILONE

Lord, as you have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live,

free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.

Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea,

we but stew - ards of your boun - ty shar - ing all by your de - cree.

[Kneeling or sitting]

We confess, Lord, that as your disciples we have often dishonored the holy name we bear. We ask your forgiveness for the times when we have failed to labor for your kingdom; when we have not followed your admonition to seek first the kingdom of God; when we have hidden our light from the world; when we, as the salt of the earth, have lost our strength. Have mercy on us, and restore unto us the joy of faithful discipleship. Amen.

The Lord, your Redeemer, has said: With everlasting love, I will have compassion on you. Therefore serve the Lord with gladness; witness to his goodness and mercy; and preach Jesus Christ as Lord, with yourselves as servants for Jesus' sake.

GENERAL 6: DISCIPLESHIP

(Standing)

GRACEHAM (581 K)

Je - sus, Mas - ter, whom I serve, though so fee - bly and so ill,
Je - sus, Mas - ter, will you use one who owes you more than all?

strength - en hand and heart and nerve, all your bid - ding to ful - fill,
As you will, I would not choose, on - ly let me hear your call.

o - pen now my eyes to see all the work you have for me.
Je - sus, let me al - ways be in your ser - vice glad and free. A - men.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 31:1-5,15-16.....Jane Arnold

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me;

Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me;

take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

Let your face shine upon your servant;

save me in your steadfast love.

Acts 7:55-60..... Ellie Southerland

John 14:1-14..... Kate Sanders

HYMN 635 - We Are Called to Be God's People.....T. Austrian Hymn

MINISTRY AND CHRISTIAN VOCATION

635 We Are Called to Be God's People

1 We are called to be God's peo - ple, show-ing by our lives his grace,
 2 We are called to be God's ser-vants, work-ing in his world to - day;
 3 We are called to be God's proph-ets, speak-ing for the truth and right,

one in heart and one in spir - it, sign of hope for all the race.
 tak - ing his own task up - on us, all his sa - cred words o - bey.
 stand-ing firm for god - ly jus - tice, bring-ing e - vil things to light.

Let us show how he has changed us, and re - made us as his own,
 Let us rise, then, to his sum-mons, ded - i - cate to him our all,
 Let us seek the cour-age need - ed, our high call - ing to ful - fill,

let us share our life to - geth - er as we shall a - round his throne.
 that we may be faith - ful ser - vants, quick to an - swer now his call.
 that the world may know the bless - ing of the do - ing of God's will.

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TUNE: Franz Joseph Haydn (1797)

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AUSTRIAN HYMN

EPISTLE LESSON: Galatians 6:1-6.....William Sanders

SERMON: *By the Straps*

HYMN 636 - *Ye Who Called, Ye Who Called*.....T. Service

MINISTRY AND CHRISTIAN VOCATION

Ye Who Called, Ye Who Called 636

1 Ye who call - ed, ye who call - ed to Christ's ser - vice are,
2 Show'rs of bless - ing, show'rs of bless - ing from the Lord pro - ceed,
3 Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy on each land and place
4 May we faith - ful, may we faith - ful in our ser - vice be,

join to - geth - er, join to - geth - er both in work and prayer;
strength sup - ply - ing, strength sup - ply - ing in the time of need;
where your ser - vants, where your ser - vants preach the word of grace;
tru - ly care - ful, tru - ly care - ful in our min - is - try;

ven - ture all on him, our Lord, who as - sures us in his word,
for no ser - vant of our King ev - er lacked for an - y - thing.
life and pow'r on them be - stow, them with need - ful strength en - dow,
keep us to your church fast bound, in the faith pre - serve us sound,

we are al - ways, we are al - ways ob - jects of his care.
He will nev - er, he will nev - er break the bruis - ed reed.
that with bold - ness, that with bold - ness they may you con - fess.
of - ten weep - ing, of - ten weep - ing grate - ful tears of joy.

TEXT: Ludolph Ernst Schlicht (1714-1769), alt.; John Gambold (1711-1771), alt.
TUNE: Melody, Johann Georg Hille (1739); Johann Daniel Grimm *Choralbuch* (1755);
C. Gregor *Choralbuch* (1784), alt.

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SERVICE (56 A)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY INVITATION.....The Rev. Ginny Hege 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. You can make one-time or recurring gifts. Text HOME to 73256 on your phone.

OFFERTORY:

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me.....arr. Michael Bedford (b. 1949)

Edwin Walker, organ

DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD.....Sarah Southerland

HYMN 641- *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*.....T. *Here I Am*

MINISTRY AND CHRISTIAN VOCATION

641 **I, the Lord of Sea and Sky**

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

All who dwell in deep - est sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them, they turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin - est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

TEXT: Daniel L. Schutte [1981]

TUNE: Daniel L. Schutte [1981]

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7.7.7.4.D. with Refrain
 HERE I AM

MINISTRY AND CHRISTIAN VOCATION

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? _____
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? _____
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? _____

Refrain Unison

Here I am, Lord. _____ Is it I, Lord? _____ I have

heard you call - ing in the night _____ I will

go, Lord, _____ if you lead me. _____ I will hold your

Fine

peo - ple in my heart. _____

BENEDICTION.....Rev. Tobiassen

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

*While singing, we extend the right hand of fellowship.
We will then be seated to hear the postlude.*

SERVICE MUSIC

832 **The Grace of Our Lord**

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the upper staff and a piano accompaniment in the lower staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: '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.'

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

Irregular
(540 E)

POSTLUDE: *Canoeing*..... Amy Marcy Cheney Beach
Elizabeth Carter, piano

SUNDAY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

Due to today's special Youth Sunday activities in the sanctuary, **there will be no Children's Worship, Children's Power Hour, or Youth Power Hour meetings.** *We will resume our regular schedule next Sunday, May 10.*

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

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 loving memory of *Joe and Bonnie M. Dempster* by the family.

Our Youth invite us to a special **Lunch and Learn on May 17!**

Following worship, our congregation can learn from our youth about the history of Happy Hill and the Shotgun House Legacy Site. A lunch of traditional soul food will be prepared and served by the youth, who will also bring materials from the Shotgun House project to tell us more about the mission of the museum and the history it will preserve. Abrea Armstrong, Executive Director of Triad Cultural Arts, will be present, along with Home Church members involved with the project. Come and enjoy lunch, fellowship, education, and engagement!

Teacher Appreciation Week in NC public schools will take place May 4–7, 2026. We invite you to pray for teachers and students as they conclude the academic year. The Home Mission Team will express our appreciation by providing breakfast for the teachers and staff of Diggs-Latham Elementary School on Thursday, May 7.

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. You will be done by 8:00 pm!

Contact Mark Wright at allcomm21@gmail.com or 336-618-1962. The Street School provides an alternative path for students to earn their high school diploma.

Save the Date! Our Annual Church Picnic will take place on Sunday, May 31, immediately following worship. We'll enjoy a potluck meal in the Fellowship Hall, with chicken provided by the church, and then gather for dessert on The Square. Please bring your favorite covered dish (or dishes) to share (no desserts, as the church will provide them!). We hope you'll join us



**HOME MORAVIAN CHURCH
CELEBRATES OUR GRADUATES**

Jesse Wayne Beasley

North Davidson High School

High School Diploma, May 2026

Jesse has committed to Bridgewater College in Bridgewater, Virginia, where he will play collegiate football in the fall.

Reesa Faith Devers

Wake Forest University

Bachelor of Science in Biology, May 2026

Reesa is graduating as a Distinguished Military Graduate and will enter the US Army Medical Service Corps as a Second Lieutenant.

Charles Sawyer Greene

Mount Tabor High School

High School Diploma, May 2026

Fiona Margaret Maher

West Forsyth High School

High School Diploma, 2026

Fiona will attend Wake Forest University.

Chloe Raines

Home School Graduate

High School Diploma, May 2026

William Hayden Sanders

RJ Reynolds High School

High School Diploma, May 2026

William has been awarded The Bell Tower Scholarship to attend Furman University in the fall.

Sarah Grace Southerland

Mount Tabor High School

High School Diploma, May 2026

Sarah plans to attend NC State University in the fall, where she will study Biological Engineering.



CALENDAR

- Sunday - 10:00 am Worship Service
11:15 am Educational Programming (see box)
11:30 am Lunch for Graduates & their Families, Fellowship Hall
2:00 pm Salem Walk, Saal
3:00 pm Ethan Smith Ordination, King Moravian
- Tuesday - 8:30 am Men of Church Breakfast, Club Room
6:30 pm Beginner Band, RB-5
7:00 pm Elders Meeting, CE-101
7:30 pm Chorale Band, RB-5
- Wednesday - 7:00 am Breakfast, Cagney's Restaurant
2:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry, Parlor
5:45 pm Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal
6:45 pm Wednesday Night Program, Fellowship Hall
- Thursday - 8:00 am Men's Candle Making, Candle Room
11:30am Men of Church Lunch, Club Room
5:30 pm Gregor BellChor, Bell Room
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, RB-5
- Next Sunday - 10:00 am Worship Service
11:15 am Educational Programming

Youth News: Happy Youth Sunday and a big congratulations to all our graduating seniors!

Scripture Meditation 5/3/2026

“Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.” – Acts 7:60

Saint Stephen preaches to the Sanhedrin, the High Priests of ancient Israel, and he does not mince words, calling them stiff-necked people who resist the Holy Spirit. After he finishes preaching, they stone him to death. There’s a fine line between courage and recklessness. What was Stephen thinking, telling these powerful people that they were not properly obeying God’s will?

The early disciples set an example for us: they valued their responsibility to carry on the message of Jesus more than they valued their own lives. They trusted in God so much that they were able to make courageous decisions regardless of the consequences. Luckily, we live in a world today where we do not have to choose faith over life, but we do have to consider our faith and the role it plays in our lives.

Putting God first—knowing that God cares for us, protects us, and sees us—allows us to make courageous decisions, even when it feels like the world is against us. We can follow in Stephen's footsteps by forgiving others who have wronged us, by treating people with kindness even when it requires effort on our part, and by doing the right things even when no one is watching. These are choices that we can make every day when we wake up in the morning, and the story of someone like Stephen, who was killed for his courage and faith, gives us the example and strength to do so. – Philip

Save the Date! Sunday, June 14, 4-6 PM

The Home Church Community Engagement Team and the Forsyth IAF Sponsoring Committee invite you to...

- **Build Relationships**
- **Be a Witness for Your Values**
- **Strengthen the Church's Voice in the Community**

Since February 2023, members of our Home Church Community Engagement Team (CET) have talked with more than 100 Home Church members to hear their concerns for the people of Forsyth County. Among the top concerns were **homelessness; education; and access to mental health care.**

By building relationships with members of other local churches and institutions, our CET has learned that these same concerns are top priorities across Forsyth County.

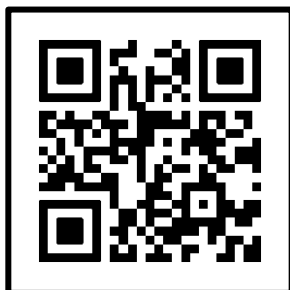
On Sunday, June 14, the CET will draw on the power of relationships to make a difference in Forsyth County. We will join with hundreds of Forsyth's faithful to meet with city, county, and corporate leaders, asking them for commitments to specific, practical proposals that address our shared concerns.

Because there is strength, voice, and credibility in numbers, the goal is to assemble 1,000 people. **Home Church has pledged to bring at least 50 members and friends!**

To see the proposals, use the QR code in the left corner. If you find that they align with your values and your concerns, **we hope you'll use the QR code in the right corner to register for the Founding Assembly.**

God gives voice to the church to transform the world—and **EACH CHURCH MEMBER'S PRESENCE AT THIS ASSEMBLY STRENGTHENS THE CHURCH'S VOICE IN THE COMMUNITY.**

Sunday, June 14, 4-6 PM, Emmanuel Baptist Church, 1075 Shalimar Dr., Winston-Salem



Need a ride?
Call the church office
to arrange a carpool!



Preparing Places

Prior to his death, Jesus knows his followers are fearful and uncertain. In John 14, Jesus promises that he is going to prepare a place for them in God's "house." He assures them that they, like him, will have a home with God. This is primarily a passage about our relationship with God, through faith in Jesus. Yet I wonder if we overlook the implications of Jesus' promise to "prepare a place for them" for the work of the church.

Safe shelter is essential to our physical, psychological, and spiritual well-being. We prepare places for others out of love and deep care—a nursery for the arrival of a child, a safe refuge for a family that has lost a home to a disaster, an accessible room in our home for a parent who can no longer live independently, homes for refugees settling into a new community. We prepare the security of a home from an abiding relationship of care.

These same words from John 14 are often offered at funerals, as words carrying the deepest promise of God's abiding love. These are words that assure families that God cares for their loved ones, just as they would care for them. A place is prepared.

In this passage I hear the promise of God's eternal care and the invitation to enter a relationship with Jesus through faith. I also hear the calling to follow the works of Jesus and "prepare places," physical and spiritual, for those with fearful and uncertain hearts.

When the church:

- offers the peace of safe shelter to neighbors who are at risk of harm
 - prepares places of security and healing for neighbors needing care
 - creates supportive communities through affordable housing for neighbors
- then we also offer Jesus' assurance of God's abiding love to others.

Staci Maresse-Wheeler, pastor, Common Grace, Madison, Wisconsin

The Moravian Church

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026



HOME
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Welcome Home

Virginia Hege Tobiassen, *Pastor* Craig Atwood, *Associate Pastor*
Jacob Cook, *Interim Director of Music* Edwin Walker, *Interim Organist*

Becky Hodges, *Director of Christian Formation*

Philip Montgomery, *Youth Ministry Coordinator*

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