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Growing Faith, Sharing Hope, Living Love!
May 5, 2024
Moravian Music Sunday
Sixth Sunday of Easter
8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

*Enter expectantly, pray reverently, greet each other warmly,
listen thoughtfully, sing joyfully, and leave faithfully.*

Chief Elder and Head of the Church: Jesus Christ
Pastors: Rev. Mark V. Breland, Rev. Sayward E. G. Lippincott
Director of Music Ministries: Dr. Jeffrey S. Gemmell
Trombone Choir & Handbell Choir Director: Marilyn Winfield
Lay Ministry Assistant: Greg Bomberger
Office Manager: Courtney Hackman
Sexton: Josh Bailey
Assistant Sexton/Security: Dan Turnbull
Treasurer: Barbara McKenney
Financial Secretary: Mary Sweger
Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

**Stand if you are able.*

Prayer of Meditation: Loving God, help us to love others as Christ has loved us. Bring us into the spiritual joy of living our lives as your friend, and teach us to abide in your love, that we may show that love to the world. Amen.

Prelude: *Three Moravian Sketches*

Brian Henkelmann

Welcome, Announcements, Moravian Music Sunday Statement and Greeting

Due to flu concerns, it's okay not to shake hands. Greet your neighbor with a smile, a word of greeting, a fist, or an elbow bump. Please pass prayer request cards to the aisle for the ushers during the first hymn. Please sign the Friendship Register and pass it through the pew. Please see an Usher or Sacristan if you would like: headphones to assist the hearing-impaired, large print bulletins, walker, wheelchair, or activity bags for young children.

***Hymn:** 364

Sing, Alleluia, Christ Does Live

***Liturgy for Moravian Music Sunday (Leader / Congregation)**

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

Let us give thanks to the Father, who has enabled us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the

God of all cre - a - tion, the God of pow'r, the

God of love, the God of our sal - va - tion. My

soul with com - fort rich he fills, and ev - 'ry grief he

gent - ly stills: to God all praise and glo - ry!

In Him all things in heaven and on earth were created.

He himself is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, to which indeed we were called in the one body.

Above all, may we clothe ourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Most gracious God, we give you thanks for every good gift. On this day especially we thank you for your creative gifts to us, which cause us to enrich our lives and experience through science and art, literature and drama, words and music.

For you, O Lord, have made us glad by your work; at the works of your hands we sing for joy.

Tune: *Eden* (597B)

1. Lord Je-sus, you are wor-thy for all on earth to— praise; our
2. And I, un - wor - thy sin - ner when kneel - ing at— your feet, — can
hymns in— glad thanks - giv - ing in grat - i - tude we — raise, — for
see that— my re - demp-tion in you is now com - plete:— in

all you did on Calv' - ry when suf - fring on the tree, — the
faith I now would serve you through all my earth - ly days, — and

world from sin's do - min - ion most won - drous - ly — set — free. —
then in heav'n - ly — glo - ry my ha - le - lu - jahs raise. —

Lord Jesus, you are worthy © Albert H. Frank. Used by permission.

We thank you especially for your gifts to the Moravian Church: devotion to the Savior, simplicity, our strong sense of community and fellowship, and our long-standing dedication to spreading your gospel.

We thank you for our musical heritage, through which we draw closer to you and to one another.

Inspire and bless those who write and compose, those who play and sing, those who lead and teach.

As you have helped us through the centuries to sing our faith, so move within each one of us today, that all our gifts may unite in your service.

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant us to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus,

In whose holy name we pray. Amen.

Handbell Choir: *God of Grace and God of Glory* arr. Kevin McChesney

Shared Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture: John 15:9-17

9 As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. 11 I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 12 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15 I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. 16 You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. 17 I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

(10:30) Children's Chat Hymn: 723 *I Am Jesus' Little Lamb* (v. 1 & 3)

(10:30) Children's Chat

Pastor Mark Breland

***Hymn:** 506

Holy Lord, Holy Lord

Message: Love Is Our Mission

Pastor Mark Breland

The Offering of Tithes and Gifts

(8:00) Offertory Organ Music

(10:30) Offertory Anthem: *Live in Harmony, One with Another*

Brian Henkelmann

Live in harmony, one with another. With faithful heart now answer Christ's call.

Live in harmony, one with another. Join to proclaim God's salvation to all.

God's clear command: spread through the land tidings of peace and news of great joy.

Alone we would fail; with God we prevail. Christ's Spirit and blessing in service employ.

This truth is sure: God's word shall endure. Led by Christ's guidance and grace we move on.

God's Spirit's grace hallows each place. With praise for God's leading now join in our song.

Text: Romans 12:16, adpt. Brian Henkelmann

***Offertory Response:**

Tune: Lasst Uns erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Amen.

***Offertory Prayer**

***Hymn: 444**

Grace and Peace from God

***Benediction**

Postlude: *Join We All with One Accord*

Gaudeamus pariter,
arr. Robert B. Farlee

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Serving Today:

Sacristan: (8:00) Don Stoner, (10:30) Jeff Elser

Head Usher: (10:30) Russ Weidman

Scripture Readers: Mary Ginder (10:30) Addy Rose Bomberger

Sound Booth Personnel: Wayne Wolf

Nursery (10:30): Julie & Claire Miller

Each Sunday, as part of the presentation of the regular offering, the children will be presenting the Sunday School offering as well. We are doing this to help make the children part of the worship and to help our children understand how our giving is all tied to the total stewardship of the congregation.

DO YOU HAVE A “GIFT” FOR THE GIFT SHOP?

We know from scripture that everyone has received a God-given gift to use to build God’s Kingdom. YOU may have a gift that could help our Moravian Mission Gift Shop continue to support the work of dozens of agencies which provide a wide variety of essential services to those in need. Last year our volunteers and supporters used their gifts of time, talent, and “treasure” which enabled us to contribute \$20,000 from our 2023 sales to worthy causes – both local and global. Nevertheless, at this point we are in serious need of “gifts” to keep our mission moving forward.

Perhaps you could give one or more of the following:

1. **The gift of your time** – Could you give 3 hours once a month - either 10:00 AM -1:00 PM or 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM - serving in the shop on a Friday, Saturday, (or Thursday in the fall)? Your “ministry” would involve welcoming shoppers, pointing out merchandise, writing up and bagging sales, and offering a cheery “thank you for stopping by” when people leave. We offer training and lots of help to support your efforts!
2. **The gift of your talent** – We have been blessed by those who have donated, or sold to us wholesale, quality hand-made items for us to sell – wood creations, pottery, linens, ornaments and more! Indeed, shoppers are often looking for that special item they couldn’t get anywhere else – like the person who just bought a dozen scrubbies as a birthday gift for a relative who loves them! If you craft something you believe would sell in our shop, contact us!
3. **The gift of your “treasure”** – RE-GIFT! – Most of us have received very nice gifts we have not needed and have never used. Or maybe we bought something we never got to give to someone. Here’s a way you can use that “treasure” to help our mission! Re-gift that unneeded item to the shop; your donation will be most appreciated and acknowledged. Please remember, though, our counter space is limited to small items.

We look forward to seeing your gift at work for our mission. You are needed!

Please contact either Diane Bainbridge (717-283-6390) or Carol Dague (610-704-8360) or email moravianshop@gmail.com to find out how you can use your gift to help our ministry grow.

For Members Experiencing Difficult Financial Situations: The Congregational Assistance Fund is available to provide healthcare and financial support for members of the Lititz Moravian Congregation. All active, communicant members who are experiencing temporary hardships may request financial assistance. All requests are to be made by the person needing the assistance and they can obtain a request form from our pastors or the members of the CAF committee. Those members are Alison Sandercox (Elder member), Paul Swope (Trustee member) and Randy Bricker (elected member by Church Council).

275th Anniversary Pastoral Video Sharing:

May 12, 2024 - David Sommers 1987-1995

June 9, 2024 - Aden Ward 1990-1997

Greetings from the 275th Anniversary Taskforce!

As part of our 275th Anniversary Celebration we are excited to share with everyone the opportunity to refresh your Lititz Moravian Congregation Apparel and to share with your friends, family, and neighbors that we are celebrating this milestone. We hope a little something for everyone!

Orders are due by May 6th and we want to make ordering as easy as possible. Here is how to check out the products and how to order.

<https://ensingergraphics.tuosystems.com/stores/lititzmoravianchurch275> between now and May 6th and place your order directly. You can see all of the different sizes, color options, and fits. (Note: there is a 3% service charge for credit cards on the online store.)

Download and fill out the attached order form then: Turn your order form and your cash or check into the church office. Bring your order form and your cash or check to the prep room after church the next two Sundays.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with Chris Styers at styers0718@gmail.com. Orders will take about 3 weeks to fill, so we anticipate we will have everything around the end of May.

Congregational Watchword for 2024:
The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
Psalm 23:1

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember in your prayers this week all of our nursing home residents and shut-ins at home.

Please remember in your prayers:

Serving our country in the military:

Lt. Col. Neal Miller, Army; Sgt. Jason Stoner, Army Reserves;

Lt. Dain Bomberger, US Navy; Major Andrew Kemp;

Staff Sgt. Austin Heacock; Lance Corporal Shawn Stauffer, US Marine Corps

Prayers of Healing for:

Sue Yeagley

Jeff Elser

Dick Martin

Meda Hostetter

Barry Erb

Harry Lefever

Pastoral Visitation: Please contact Pastor Mark to schedule a pastoral visit for yourself or family members.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Completed Month of March	2023	2024
General Fund Income	\$71,576	\$71,349
General Fund Expenses	\$72,425	\$68,320
Net Income	(\$849)	\$3,028
YTD Through the Month of March	2023	2024
General Fund Income	\$207,184	\$180,336
General Fund Expense	\$192,023	\$179,841
Net Income	\$15,161	\$494

Remember, you can make donations online at lititzmoravian.org.

If you prefer to receive giving envelopes, but are not receiving them, please contact the Church Office at (717) 626-8515 or office@lititzmoravian.org

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, May 5, 2024 - Moravian Music Sunday

8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for All & Confirmation

Monday, May 6, 2024 - June Spire Submission Deadline

7:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal - Prep Room

7:00 p.m. Christian Education Committee - RAO

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

8:30 a.m. Qi Gong - Dance Studio

9:00 a.m. Quilting - Nursery

7:00 p.m. Board of Elders - Liquid Room

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

8:30 a.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous - Social Hall

7:15 p.m. Senior Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Thursday, May 9, 2024

7:00 p.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Worship Committee - Zoom

Friday, May 10, 2024

9:00 a.m. Beginner Yoga - Fellowship Hall

Saturday, May 11, 2024

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Spring Fun Fest - Church Grounds

Sunday, May 12, 2024 - Christian Family Lovefeast

8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for All

7:00 p.m. Women's Circle - Eschbach Parlor

***REMINDER:** The 10:30 service is livestreamed. Please be aware that worshippers attending the livestreamed service may appear on camera. The children's chat will be recorded from the back. If you would prefer not to have you or your family's image in the live stream, please sit in the balconies away from the choir or in the pews under the East balcony (toward Linden Hall).*

MISSION GIFT SHOP: Open 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Fri. & Sat.

ARCHIVES, MUSEUM, & TOURS: Open by appointment. 717-626-8515

Love

The more I read through the Bible, the more I see the word “love”: love God, love each other. It sounds simple, but it is anything but simple. Our humanity limits our ability to remain faithful to these commandments.

I grew up in a church-going family. By the time I was in high school, I had listened to several rounds of the lectionary. Reading *A Tale of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens for English class, I recognized this passage from the Gospel of John easily: “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. John 15:13.” This is the highest requirement of love, one that Jesus freely accepted for us, his friends.

Jesus spent his ministry trying to get his disciples and others to understand that love of God and neighbor is more important than various rituals of the “faith.” The rituals have their place, but not at the expense of love of God and love of each other. Jesus wants us to copy his behavior: he keeps God’s commandments as we are to keep the commandments of Jesus. This is what is expected of us.

God’s love is infinite, unconditional, and eternal. Can we do less in our love for God and others?

*Martha E. Griffis, Central Moravian Church
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania*

The Moravian Church

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

