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Growing Faith, Sharing Hope, Living Love!
May 19, 2024
Pentecost Sunday Holy Communion
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
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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: Pour out your spirit, O Lord, on your people.

Trombone Choir Prelude

Prelude: *Prelude on “Londonderry Air”*

Noel Rawsthorne

Welcome, Announcements, 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.

Ministry Moment

***Hymn:** 548

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Call to Worship (Leader / Congregation)

Come, Holy Spirit. Inspire our hearts with your fiery presence!

Let your flame burn within us, stirring us to action.

Come, Holy Spirit. Energize our lives to work for God.

Let your wind of hope swirl around us, lifting and moving us from complacency.

Come, Holy Spirit. Pour your blessing on us.

Let your presence challenge us to proclaim God’s presence and love in everything we say and do. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, your Holy Spirit came to Jesus’ disciples, hidden in an upper room in Jerusalem. A violent wind and tongues of fire were the symbols of a new thing happening in their lives. May your Holy Spirit burst into our lives today, encouraging and inspiring us to proclaim boldly the good news of Jesus Christ who offers healing and hope to all people.

Prayer of Confession

We aren't ready, Lord. It is easier for us to hide in the upper rooms of our lives, to let the world go by and not acknowledge your presence. But you have challenged us to come alive again with your love and words of healing mercy. Forgive our hesitant witness and our complacent spirits. Heal our fears and our wounds. Help us to be agents of healing and hope for others. Challenge and inspire us to overcome our feelings of inadequacy and remind us that you have called us beloved and have given us what we need to proclaim your Good News. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Don't be afraid! God's Holy Spirit brings you healing comfort and hope. You are being prepared to serve God in some mighty ways. Rejoice! God's Holy Spirit is with you always. Amen.

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Shared Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs--in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

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All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Hymn: 492

Come Down, O Love Divine

Message: The Waiting

Pastor Sayward Lippincott

The Offering of Tithes and Gifts

(8:00) Offertory Organ Music

(10:30) Offertory Anthem: "Go not far from me, O God" from *Christus e Miserere*
Niccolò Antonio Zingarelli

Go not far from me, O God:

Cast me not away in the time of age:

Forsake me not when my strength faileth me.

O let my mouth be filled with Thy praise:

That I may sing Thy glory and honour all the day long.

***Offertory Response:** 815 Our Tithes and Off'rings, Lord, We Bring

***Offertory Prayer**

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***Benediction**

Postlude: *Trumpet Tune*

David German

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Serving Today:

Sacristan: Don Stoner (8:00), Matt Good (10:30)

Head Usher (10:30): Pete Bainbridge

Scripture Reader: Gary Bailey

Sound Booth Personnel: Troy Richard

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.

Northern Province Racial Justice Team Announces, “Being a Christian Citizen: A Bible Study for Our Time.” The MCNO RJT has prepared a timely five-week Bible Study on Christian Citizenship drawing on the Moravian Covenant for Christian Living and related scripture texts. The study is available to download for use in congregations at www.Moravian.org/Northern/RacialJustice. In addition, the RJT will offer the Bible study on Zoom on Tuesdays, May 28, and June 4, 11, 18, and 25, 2024 from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm ET. Most of the hour will be spent in small groups discussing questions provided in the Bible Study. The online Zoom study sessions are open to all and information can be found at the www.Moravian.org/Northern/RacialJustice.

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:

June 9, 2024 - Aden Ward 1990-1997

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:

Jane Bergman and Glenn Bergman, Jr.

Greg Bomberger

June Shelley

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 19, 2024 - Confirmation Sunday/Communion

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

9:00 a.m. Snack 'n' Yak

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for All (Final Week)

11:45 a.m. May Birthday Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall

Monday, May 20, 2024

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

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

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

9:00 a.m. Quilting - Nursery

6:30 p.m. Board of Trustees - Liquid Room

7:15 p.m. Trombone Choir Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

8:30 a.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall

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

Thursday, May 23, 2024

7:00 p.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall

Friday, May 24, 2024

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

Saturday, May 25, 2024

10:00 a.m. Random Acts of Kindness

Sunday, May 26, 2024

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

***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).*

The Promised Lawyer

What is the picture that comes into our minds when we think of Pentecost?

Tongues of fire? A rushing wind? People from many places getting accused of being drunk at nine o'clock in the morning? Party time, or, as someone has called it, Pente-chaos?!

Jesus offers a very different picture in his promise of the Spirit or his preview of Pentecost. He doesn't mention wind or fire or any of the spectacular things that took place on the day that is described in the second chapter of Acts. No, he said that the one he would send would come . . . like a lawyer!

We know from other Scripture passages that Jesus is our Advocate—our Comforter, our helper, the one who pleads our case and is on our side. The direct translation of the Greek word is “Paraclete.” Depending on the translation or version we use, we find it rendered as Comforter or Advocate. In Spanish versions, “advocate” is often translated as “abogado” or . . . lawyer. And now Jesus says that he is going away, but he will send another Advocate—another lawyer—to do all of those things and to guide his followers “into all the truth.” Talk about a high-powered legal team!

But this Advocate—this Paraclete, this lawyer—isn't simply “on our side,” in the legal sense of the phrase. No, the Advocate walks beside us and is with us, comforting us and guiding us, reminding us of the truth that Jesus taught and embodied, throughout *all* of our lives. That's the power of Pentecost! That's the purpose of the promise! We can *all* be filled with the Spirit and be guided and comforted and reminded constantly of the one who is the Way, the TRUTH, and the Life.

*Sam Gray, pastor, New Philadelphia Moravian Church,
Winston-Salem, North Carolina*

The Moravian Church

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