

8 Church Square, Lititz, PA 17543
Church Office: 717-626-8515
office@lititzmoravian.org
Website: www.lititzmoravian.org

Mission Statement:
Growing Faith, Sharing Hope, Living Love!

July 6, 2025
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Jan (John) Hus Communion
8:00 a.m. and 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
Children's Ministry Coordinator: Allyson Miller
Lay Ministry Assistant: Greg Bomberger
Office Manager: Courtney Hackman
Administrative Assistant: Jaime Weik
Sexton: Josh Bailey
Treasurer: Barbara McKenney
Financial Secretary: Mary Sweger
Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

**Stand, if you are able.*

Thought for Meditation: Veritas vincit: Truth prevails. -John Hus

Prelude: *Canon in D*

Johann Pachelbel

Jessica Kistler, flute

Welcome and Announcements

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. If you are visiting with us today, please take a moment to scan the QR code on the 'Connect Card' located on the cover of the Friendship Register. We are so glad you are here!

Please see an Usher or Sacristan if you would like: headphones to assist the hearing-impaired, large print bulletins, walker, wheelchair, or activity bags to help busy young children.

Call to Worship: (Leader / Congregation)

Blessed by God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer:

And blessed be God's reign in all the universe!

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

***Hymn: 769**

God is Our Strong Salvation

Prayer of Confession and Words of Pardon

As we come together before God, the prefect and compassionate One, let us confess our sins in full assurance of faith and humbly ask for mercy. Let us pray.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned again you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Hear what the Lord our Redeemer says: I will have mercy on you with a mercy that has no end, and I will not remember your sins. There is, therefore, now no condemnation for those who are in Christ. Jesus.

Shared Joys and Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

Almighty God, Redeemer, Sustainer, we offer you thanks and praise for the holy lives of all your servants - the prophets, apostles, and martyrs - who have shone forth in the world and sacrificed their lives in testimony of their faith.

We thank you for call your servant John Hus to be an instrument of reformation and renewal in your church, and for keeping him faithful even unto a martyr's death.

In peace let us pray to the Lord:

For the peace which comes from above, and for the salvation of our souls, for the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being of the holy church of God, for this house of worship, and for all who with faith and reverence come into it, for our bishops and other ministers and teachers, that they may rightly teach the world of truth,

For the whole of Christian Church, and for all who serve within it for the work of reconciliation, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

For our native land, and for all nations and people, for all governments on earth that they may strive for righteousness and peace and conduct themselves for the glory of God let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

For this community, for the whole land, and for those who live in it, for careful stewardship of our natural resources, for the fruitfulness of the earth and for peaceful times. For those who travel, for the poor, the homeless, the deprived, and the imprisoned, for the afflicted and the persecuted, and those who face great temptation, danger, violence or need. For the sick and the dying, and for the salvation of all, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Almighty God, You have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in His name, you will be in the midst of them fulfilled. Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of Your truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

Amen.

Scripture: Mark 8:34-38

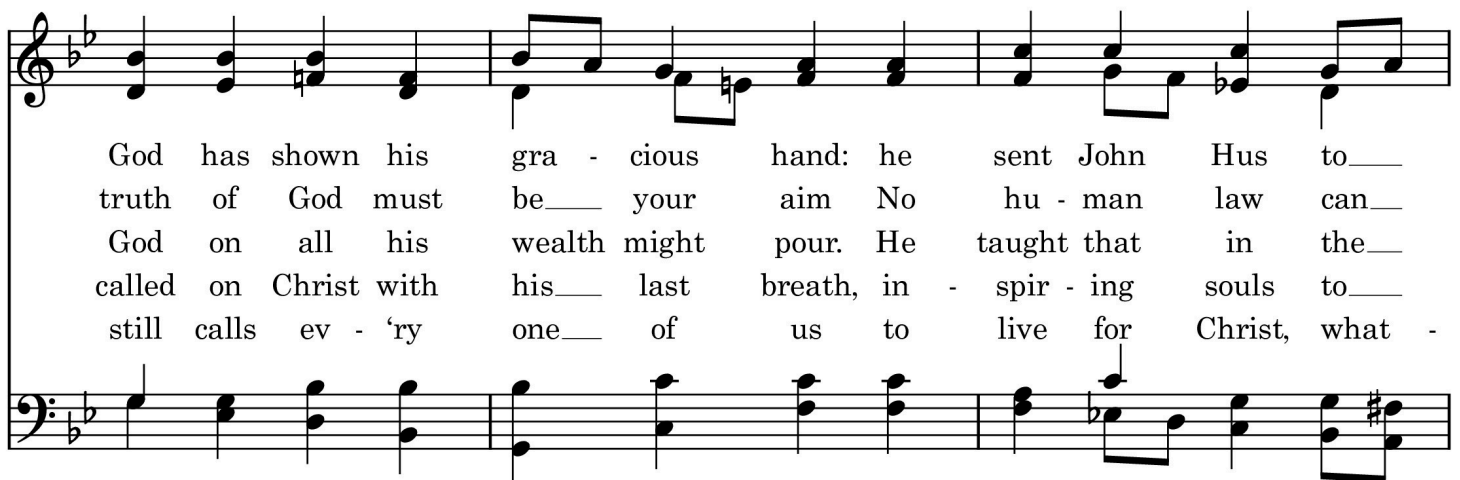
He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If any wish to come[a] after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

***Hymn: Rejoice, O Czechs, and Ev'ry Land**

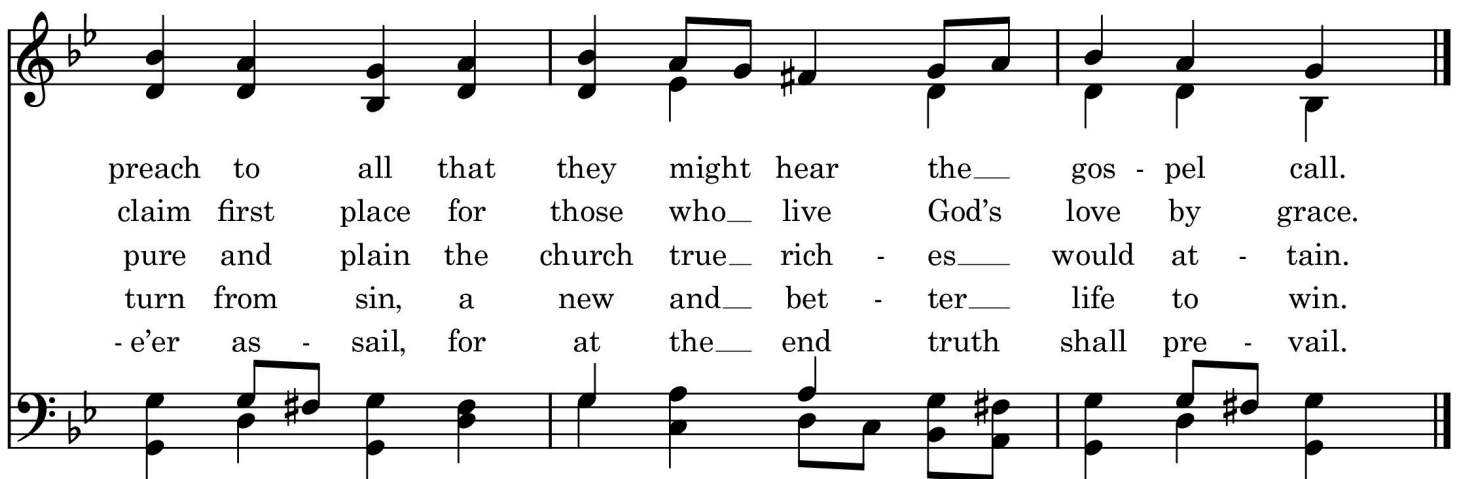
Prague (22 D)



1. Re - joice, O Czechs, and ev - 'ry land, for
2. To high and low he spoke the same: the
3. Hus called the church to serve the poor so
4. En - dur - ing fire and pain - ful death, Hus
5. And as God spoke through good John Hus he



God has shown his gra - cious hand: he sent John Hus to
truth of God must be your aim No hu - man law can
God on all his wealth might pour. He taught that in the
called on Christ with his last breath, in - spir - ing souls to
still calls ev - 'ry one of us to live for Christ, what -



preach to all that they might hear the gos - pel call.
claim first place for those who live God's love by grace.
pure and plain the church true rich - es would at - tain.
turn from sin, a new and bet - ter life to win.
- e'er as - sail, for at the end truth shall pre - vail.

Text: D. Crews, inspired by hymn in 1615 Czech hymnal
used for the commemoration of the martyrdom of John Hus.

The Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory Music: “Sheep May Safely Graze” from *Cantata No. 208*

J. S. Bach

***Offertory Response:** 817

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Offertory Prayer

Service of Holy Communion in Commemoration of the Legacy of John Hus

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly right and good to sing to you, to bless you and to praise you, to thank you and to worship you throughout all the universe, for you are God, eternal and glorious, beyond the highest powers of our comprehension, with your only-begotten Son and your Holy Spirit. Through your Word you brought us forth from nothingness into being, and raised us when we had fallen into sin, leaving nothing undone to bring us to your heavenly kingdom which is to come. For all your love and saving work, for all your goodness and benefits to us, known and unknown, seen and unseen, we thank you, humbly rejoicing that you graciously accept this service from our hands, though you are surrounded by countless thousands of angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, who soar aloft on wings of light singing to you their triumphal song:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Together with all the heavenly hosts we join our voices to proclaim your glorious majesty, O Lover of humanity, for you loved the world so much that you sent your only-begotten Son so that all who believe in him might not perish, but have eternal life. When he had come and lived among us to fulfill all that was needed for our redemption, he freely gave himself up for the life of the world.

Remembering Christ's command, the cross and tomb, the resurrection on the third day, the ascension into heaven and the sitting at the right hand of the throne of God, and looking in hope to Christ's coming again in glory, with this bread and cup we offer to you ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with the one perfect sacrifice of Christ, in all and for all.

We pray you to send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine to make them for us the sacrament of Christ's precious body and blood, that we who receive them, in company with your faithful people in every age and place, may be strengthened to witness and work for your justice, truth, and peace, in the power of your life eternal.

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, that with one voice and one heart we may glorify your wondrous name, God -- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit -- now and forever, and to all ages of ages. Amen.

And now, as our Savior has taught us, 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,
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.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

(Standing. The congregation gives the right hand of fellowship, signifying oneness in Christ and the desire to be at peace with one another.)

The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in a G major key (one sharp) and common time (C). It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal staff and a corresponding line of lyrics. The lyrics are: "We who here to - geth - er are as - sem - bled, join - ing hearts and hands in one, bind our - selves, with love that's un - dis - sem - bled, Christ to love and serve a - lone. O may our im - per - fect songs and prais - es be well - pleas - ing un - to you, Lord Je - sus. Say: "My peace I leave with you." A - men, a - men, be it so."

We who here to - geth - er are as - sem - bled, join - ing hearts and hands in one,

bind our - selves, with love that's un - dis - sem - bled, Christ to love and serve a - lone.

O may our im - per - fect songs and prais - es be well - pleas - ing un - to you, Lord

Je - sus. Say: "My peace I leave with you." A - men, a - men, be it so.

As there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

(Sitting. As bread is served, the communicants stand to receive it.)

1. Come, let us all with glad-ness raise a joy-ous song of thanks and praise
2. God gave us faith-ful ones to lead and help us in our time of need;
3. Lord, in your love may we a-bide, es-tranged from none by wrath or pride,

to God who rules the heav'n-ly host, God, Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.
but, Lord, all pow'r is yours a-lone, and you the work must car-ry on.
a-mong our-selves at u-ni-ty, and with all else in char-i-ty.

1. Most ho - ly Lord and God, ho - ly, al - might - y God, ho - ly and most
 2. Most ho - ly Lord and God, ho - ly, al - might - y God, ho - ly and most
 3. Most ho - ly Lord and God, ho - ly, al - might - y God, ho - ly and most

mer - ci - ful Sav - ior, our e - ter - nal God! Grant that we may
 mer - ci - ful Sav - ior, our e - ter - nal God! Bless your con - gre -
 mer - ci - ful Sav - ior, our e - ter - nal God! Lamb of God un -

nev - er lose the com - forts from your death. Have mer - cy, O Lord.
 - ga - tion through your suf - f'rings, death, and blood. Have mer - cy, O Lord.
 - spot - ted, to our prayers, O lend an ear. Have mer - cy, O Lord.

1. The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord; she
 2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth, her

is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word; from
 char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth; one

heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride; with
 ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food; and

his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.

(When the bread has been served, the communicants stand)

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
 Do this in remembrance of me.

(All partake together)

The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ. In the same way, after supper our Lord Jesus Christ took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sin. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

(Sitting. As the cup is served, the communicants stand to receive it)

O Spasiteli

1. Lord Je - - sus Christ, our priest_____ most
 2. You dwell on earth with us_____ be -
 3. Your pre - cious blood for us_____ you
 4. So, Chris - tians, rise from sin's_____ dark

kind, with Fa - ther, Spi - rit, God di - vine, you of - fer
 - low, your bod - y suf - fered pains and woe that sin - ners
 shed, and share it still through wine and bread that we to
 thrall; God's gift of His dear Son re - call, and let us

us your - self as sign of your mer - cy._____
 might to Chris - tians grow by your mer - cy._____
 new life might be led in your mer - cy._____
 has - ten one and all to his mer - cy._____

Text by John Hus. Trans., C. Daniel Crews (2006)

1. Come, let us sing the song of songs, with hearts and voices
 2. Long as we live, and when we die, and while in heav'n with

swell the strain, the homage which to Christ be -
 him we reign, this song our song of songs shall

- longs: "Wor - thy the Lamb, for he was slain!"
 be: "Wor - thy the Lamb, for he was slain!"



1. At the name of Je - sus ev - 'ry knee shall bow,
2. Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a name
3. bore it up tri - um - phant with its hu - man light,
4. Name him, Chris - tians, name him — strong your love as death —



ev - 'ry tongue con - fess — him King of glo - ry now;
 from the lips of sin - ners, un - to whom he came;
 through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,
 but with awe and won - der, and with life - filled breath;



'tis the Fa - ther's pleas - sure we should call him Lord,
 faith - ful - ly he bore — it spot - less to the last,
 to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast;
 he is God the Sav - ior, he is Christ the Lord,



who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
 brought it back vic - to - rious when from death he passed;
 filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.
 ev - er to be wor - shiped, ev - er - more a - dored.

(When the cup has been served, the communicants stand)

Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sin. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

(All partake together)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(The congregation gives the right hand of fellowship, signifying renewed dedication and unity of purpose in the service of Christ)

1. Je - sus makes my heart re - joice, I'm his sheep and know his__ voice;
 2. Trust - ing his mild staff al - ways, I go in and out in__ peace;
 3. Should not I for glad - ness leap, led by Je - sus as his__ sheep?

he's a Shep - herd, kind and gra - cious; and his pas - tures are de - li - cious;
 he will feed me with the treas - ure of his grace in rich - est__ meas - ure;
 For when these blessed days are__ o - ver to the arms of my dear Sav - ior

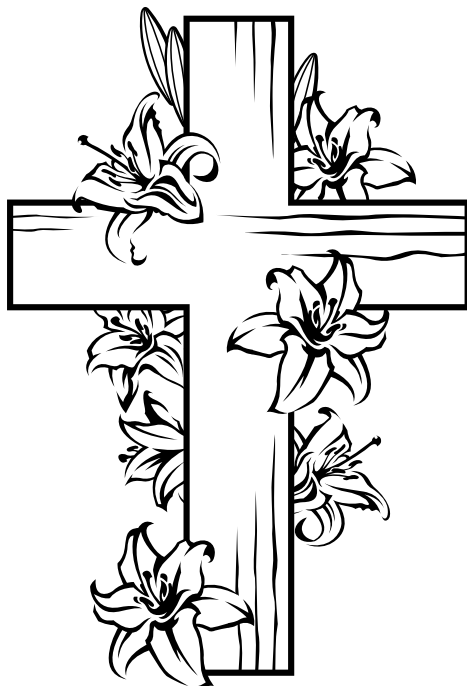
con - stant love to me he shows, yea, my ver - y name he knows.
 when a - thirst to him I cry, liv - ing wa - ter he'll sup - ply.
 I shall be con - veyed to rest. A - men, yea, my lot is blessed.

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you; The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace; In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Postlude: “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” from *Cantata No. 147* J. S. Bach



Copyright Information: Streamed with Permission Under One License #A-739829 & CCLI #1147353, CCLI streaming #20323191. * From The Liturgy for National Occasions 139 in the Moravian Book of Worship. **ANDY LANGFORD, U.S.A., 20th CENT.

Serving Today:

Sacristan: (8:00 a.m.) Don Stoner (10:30 a.m.) Bob Turgyan

Co-Sacristans: Becky Turnbull, Amy Sue Bomberger and Ginny Journey

Head Usher: Darrin Donmoyer

Scripture Readers: (8:00 a.m.) Paul Swope (10:30 a.m.) Ellen McQueen

Sound Booth Personnel: Troy Richard



**This July 8th, we celebrate 35 years
since Pastor Mark's ordination—
a remarkable milestone of faith, service, and devotion.**

**Through the years, Pastor Mark has led with
compassion, guided with wisdom, and
walked humbly in Christ's footsteps.**

**He has cared deeply for so many, offering comfort
in times of sorrow, joy in times of celebration,
and steady encouragement in our daily walk with God.**

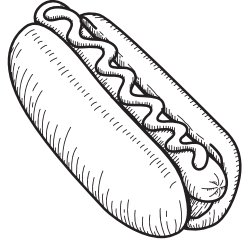
**We are truly blessed to have his leadership
and example in our church family.**

**Thank you, Pastor Mark, for your unwavering
dedication to living and sharing God's love.
Here's to celebrating you and the countless lives you've
touched over 35 years of faithful ministry.**

Announcements

July 6, 2025

Craft Fair Food Booth



Saturday, August 9th

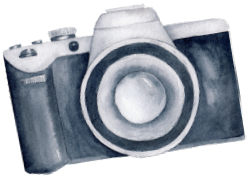
Sign-ups are...



COMING SOON



Please share your memories and/or photos of Pastor Mark



during his faithful ministry here
at LMC.

We will use your memories as part of the retirement
celebration for Pastor Mark.

Breast Cancer Support Group – Coming to LMC

If you or someone you love has been impacted by breast cancer,
you are not alone.

We are forming a support group here at Lititz Moravian Church—
a safe and caring space to connect, share, and uplift one another.

If you'd like to receive more information, please reach out
to Jaime at jaime@lititzmoravian.org.



Responding To God's Call For Mercy

A Bible Study On Immigration from the Moravian Church, Northern Province Racial Justice Team, 2025

This is a five-session study related to the crisis of immigration in our world today. The study compiles related scripture, Moravian statements from the Moravian Covenant for Christian Living (MCCL), and associated resolutions from the Northern Province Provincial Synods.

The class will meet Sunday mornings in the Liquid Classroom located on the 2nd floor of the Christian Education Building from 9am to 10am.

July 13th - Session 1: A Call to Make God's Love and Mercy Known

**July 20th - Session 2: Biblical Understandings in Caring for Immigrants
What Does the Lord Require?**

**July 27th - Session 3: Understanding Migration in the United States and
Canda**

August 3 - Session 4: Who are Our Immigrants?

**August 10 - Session 5: Meeting the Needs of the World with Self-Giving
Love How Can Our Church Faithfully Respond?**

**Leadership - The Lititz Moravian Church In Society Committee -
Contact Pastor Mark for more information**



Happy Birthday!

Everyone is invited to come
to the Fellowship Hall after worship
next Sunday, July 13th,
to celebrate those who have a
birthday this month!

If you are celebrating your birthday, be sure to come and
be sung to by your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ!

Of course, refreshments will be served.



**Mark
your
Calendar**

Vespers In The Park

Sunday, July 27th

7:00 p.m.

Lititz Springs Park

Come enjoy fellowship, song, and a little holiday cheer
under the warm evening sky.

It's a special time to gather, sing, and celebrate together—
no snow required!

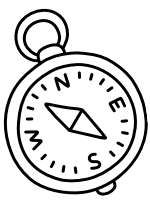
**Christmas
Sing
Along**

**Free
Ice Cream
Treat**

**Visit from
Mrs. Claus**

**Everyone welcome -
bring a friend and share the joy!!**





Camp Hope



**Calling all campers!
Now is the time to
sign up for
2025 Camp Hope!**

Grow spiritually, build lasting friendships
and enjoy activities like
swimming, canoeing, singing & campfires.

Primary Camp: 7/6-12 (3rd or 4th grade)
Middler Camp: 7/13-7/19 (5th or 6th grade)
Junior High Camp: 7/20-7/26 (7th or 8th grade)
Senior High Camp: 7/27-8/2 (9th-12th grade)
Swim Camp: 8/3-8/9 (3rd-6th grade)
Pre-Primary Camp: 8/3-8/6 (1st or 2nd grade)





2025 Christmas Vigil Dates



Saturday, December 20th

5:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 21st

10:30 a.m. (no admission card required)

and 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 24th

5:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.





Sunday, July 27th

7:00 pm - Vespers In The Park at Lititz Springs Park



Saturday, August 9th

Craft Fair Food Booth (Sign ups coming soon!)

Sunday, August 10th

8:00 am and 10:30 am - Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, August 17th

Sanctuary Anniversary Lovefeast



Sunday, September 14th

10:30am - Outdoor Worship

11:30am - Church Picnic



Sunday, October 5th

8:00 am and 10:30 am - Worship with World Wide Communion

Saturday, October 18th

4:00 p.m. Family Movie Night with "The Princess Bride"

Watch for fun details on this interactive event!



KidZone: "Be The Good" Edition

Color It In

"Do not be overcome by evil,
but overcome evil with good."
—Romans 12:21

BE THE

GOOD



Think About It!

What's one thing you can do today
to show real love?

Draw or write it here:

Silent Match-Up: What Should I Do?

Draw a line from the action to the loving choice:

Situation

Someone is mean to you

A friend is sad

You want to be first

You see someone left out

Loving Choice

Let others go ahead

Pray for them

Invite them to join

Pray for them

Scripture Scramble

Unscramble the words

 to form a phrase
from Romans 12: 

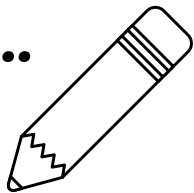
dGo - si - eovL

ryaP - rof - seneime

----- - -----

----- - -----

**Doodling
Grace...**



Need to jot down a reminder, a note or something special you are taking away with today's worship?
Use this space to write down things to remember once you get home!

A large rectangular area for writing, featuring a header section with five circles and several horizontal lines. The bottom right corner is folded over.

Congregational Watchword for 2025:
You will again have compassion on us; you will
hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.
Micah 7:19 NIV

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

Pastoral Visitation:

*Please contact Pastor Mark or Pastor Sayward
to schedule a
pastoral visit for yourself or family members.*



Have a **JOY** you would love to
share with your church family?

Email your happy news to office@lititzmoravian.org



Prayers of Healing for:

Barry Erb

Dick Martin

Jeff Bamberger

Joy Sawyer

Pastor Dean Jurgen

Meda Hostetter

Julie Gemmell

Joan Keenen

Erelene Deist

Peg Ivey

Barry Frey

Vince Mizeras

Matt Good

Betsy Teschner

Rick Lehigh

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Completed Month of May

	2024	2025
Tithes & Offerings	\$45,291	\$43,423
General Fund Other Income	\$412	\$5,309
General Fund Expenses	\$44,168	\$48,436
Net Income	\$1,535	\$296

YTD Through the Month of May

	2024	2025
Tithes & Offerings	\$241,571	\$255,438
General Fund Other Income	\$29,821	\$38,164
General Fund Expense	\$278,085	\$316,300
Net Income	\$(6,693)	\$(22,698)

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, July 6, 2025 -

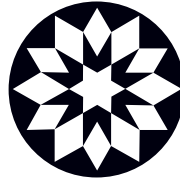
8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. - Worship with John Hus Communion
9:15 a.m. Holy Time - Eschbach Parlor

Monday, July 7, 2025 -

8:30 a.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, July 8, 2025 -

9:00 a.m. Quilting - Nursery
6:30 p.m. - Archives Committee - HDR



Wednesday, July 9, 2025 -

8:30 a.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous - Social Hall

Thursday, July 10, 2025 -

7:00 p.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Worship Committee - Zoom



Friday, July 11, 2025 -

9:00 a.m. Beginner's Yoga - Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Crafts with Friends - Outlook Library

Saturday, July 12, 2025 -

Sunday, July 13, 2025 -

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship with 2nd Mile Offering
9:15 a.m. Bible Study; Church in Society; Liquid Classroom
9:15 a.m. Holy Time - Eschbach Parlor
11:45 a.m. Birthday Celebration - Fellowship Hall



Clear Instructions

Travel with humility. Accept hospitality. Shake the dust from your feet when you're rejected. These are the instructions Jesus gives to the apostles as they are sent out to proclaim God's reign. They know they will face opposition along the way. They know they will be called upon to speak the truth of God's love in situations that may threaten their very safety.

Today Moravians reflect upon the witness of Jan Hus, a reformer who took these words of Jesus to heart. He preached against corruption and resisted the authorities of the day to share the Gospel with God's people in ways that were accessible, meaningful, effective, and faithful. He certainly met with opposition, to the point of his martyrdom in 1415.

In Jesus' instructions and Hus's example, we find a formula for sharing the Gospel in times of opposition and challenge. We are sent with authority that comes from God. We go with humility. We accept the support we receive. We shake off the rejection as it occurs. In every circumstance, we act boldly and humbly for the sake of God's love for all of humanity.

Who are the role models for you today of this kind of service? What are the steps you desire to take, in order to be ever more faithful to the Gospel?

Melissa Johnson, president, Eastern District, Northern Province

The Moravian Church

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

July 6, 2025

