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

**August 17, 2025**  
**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sanctuary Anniversary Lovefeast**  
**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.***

**Prayer of Meditation:** We give thanks and praise, O God, for this place dedicated to worshipping you. For 238 years this has been a place set apart to see your awesome majesty, to hear your convincing and comforting word, to sing your praise, to laugh, to cry, to risk truly believing, as we are encouraged to follow our conquering Lamb.

**Prelude:** *Various “Preludes”*

Christian Latrobe  
(1758-1836)

**Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting**

*Due to flu concerns, it's okay not to shake hands. Just greet your neighbor with a smile, a word of greeting, fist or 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. 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.*

**\*Hymn:** 556

*Peace Be to this Congregation*

**\*Responsive Prayer (Leader / Congregation)**

Dear Lord, thank you for drawing us, as a congregation, to You to become part of Your church universal.

**Thank you for our ancestors and those who listened to Your voice and were obedient to Your call to organize this congregation and build this house of worship for Your purpose.**

We are gathered here with all humility and readiness of heart to give thanks to You for this place of worship and to consecrate it anew to the honor of Your great name.

**We re-dedicate this sacred place to Your service, for the reading and preaching of Your Holy Word, the celebrating of Holy sacraments, the offering of the sacrifice of prayer and thanksgiving, and the blessing of Your people in every way.**

Help us to lean not on our own understanding, but to lean on every promise of Your Word.

**Grant us the leading of Your Holy Spirit to be steadfast in purpose and flexible in strategy as we follow You.**

May all those who come here, whether to be baptized, to pray, to be married, to share a Lovefeast, to receive Holy Communion, to confirm their faith, to sing, or to ponder God's presence,

**Be touched by God's grace and filled with God's spirit to be enabled to live their lives to the praise of Your glory. Amen.**

**Hymn: 447     91<sup>st</sup> Birthday for Esterlee Hayes on August 19<sup>th</sup>**

*With your presence, Lord, our Head and Savior*

*Bless her now, we humbly pray;*

*Our dear heavenly Father's love and favor*

*Be her comfort every day.*

*May God's Spirit now in each proceeding*

*Favor her with His most gracious leading;*

*Thus shall she be truly blessed*

*Both in labor and in rest.*

**Shared Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Scripture: Psalm 71:1-6**

In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me. Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress. Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel. For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth. From my birth I have leaned upon you, my protector since my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.

**Message:** *Shared Memories*

Pastor Mark Breland

**The Offering of Tithes and Gifts**

**Offertory Anthem:** *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

based on *Madrid*

Gordon Young

(1735-1812)

*Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!*

*Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!*

*Let all with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;*

*Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!*

*Sing alleluia, O sing alleluia!*

*Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen!*

*Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!*

*He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend;*

*His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!*

C. H. Batema

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**Sanctuary Anniversary Lovefeast**

(see page 8 for more details)

(The Lovefeast is served during the following hymns.)

**Hymn: 439 (vss. 1 & 3)**

*Forest Green*

We built a sanctuary sure; it stands on sacred sod.  
A church erected to endure, the temple of our God.  
We come to worship in this place with aspiration high;  
It is the consecrated place, where God himself draws nigh.  
Around Christ's table we commune in fellowship supreme;  
Inspired by Christ, through word and tune, of things divine we dream.  
Forth from this sacred place we go with challenge in each soul  
To love, to lift, to build, to grow. God's kingdom is our goal.

**Hymn: 512 (vss. 1 -3)**

*Kirken*

Built on the Rock, the church shall stand  
Even when steeples are falling;  
Christ builds his church in ev'ry land;  
Bells still are chiming and calling,  
Calling the young and old to rest,  
Calling the souls of those distressed,  
Longing for life everlasting.  
Not in a temple made with hands  
God the Almighty is dwelling;  
High in the heav'ns his temple stands,  
All earthly temples excelling.  
Yet he who dwells in heav'n above  
Chooses to live with us in love,  
Making our bodies his temple.  
We are God's house of living stones,  
Built for his own habitation;  
He fills our hearts, his humble thrones,  
Granting us life and salvation.  
Yet to this place, an earthly frame,  
We come with thanks to praise his name;  
God grants his people true blessing.



## **Hymn**

*Nun Danket* (tune: Hymn 533)

When heavenly hosts shall sing with wings before their faces,  
And when to Jesus ring new songs of holy praises  
In God's perfected fold; his congregation cries:  
"To him, for time untold, shall highest praises rise!"

## **Hymn**

*Mit Freuden Zart* (tune: Hymn 537)

O bless the shepherds of your fold,  
Your grace and pow'r bestowing;  
Pour gifts on ev'ry Christian soul  
As from your dear wounds flowing;  
And with your blood your grace impart  
To ev'ry teacher's mind and heart,  
In your service ever growing.

Now also grant your gifts of grace,  
By your own word of blessing,  
To all who've served within this place,  
Their love for you confessing;  
O keep them safe from earthly harms  
And let them lie within your arms,  
Eternally refreshing.

And let our neighbors, to us dear,  
Enjoy with us the pleasure  
Of comfort, strength, and healing here  
And blessing without measure,  
When Father, Son, and Holy Ghost  
Are praised by us and heaven's host  
For Jesus' blood, our treasure.

(Blessing sung before partaking of the lovefeast.)

## **Blessing—Hymn: 816**

*Wareham* (tune: Hymn 469)

Be present at our table, Lord;  
Be here and everywhere adored;  
From your all-bounteous hand our food  
May we receive with gratitude. Amen.

(Choir anthems sung while partaking of the lovefeast)

*Lobet den Herrn alle seine Heerschaaren*

Johannes Herbst  
(1735 - 1812)

*Praise ye the Lord, praise him, all the people shall praise the Lord.  
All his servants, all who do his holy will, praise ye the Lord.*

Daily Text for August 13, 1787,

Psalm 103:21

Composed for the dedication the new Sanctuary  
of the Lititz Moravian Congregation, August 13, 1787

*Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem*

Johannes Herbst

*Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem, praise thy God, O Zion:*

*For He hath strengthened the bars of thy gates,*

*He hath blessed thy children within thee. He maketh peace in thy borders.*

Psalm 147:12-24

Composed for the dedication of an addition to  
Lititz Moravian Boarding School, October 26, 1804

(Cups are collected during the following hymns)

**Hymn:** 515 (vss. 1, 3, & 4)

*Highly Favored Congregation*  
Batty

Highly favored congregation,  
Loved by Jesus and esteemed,  
Ne'er forget your destination,  
Why from this vain world redeemed.

Witness here to all around you  
Of your Savior's dying love;  
Tell them how he sought and found you,  
Gave you grace from heav'n above.

Evidence by word and action  
That your faith is not in vain,  
That your highest satisfaction  
Centers in the Lamb once slain.

## Hymn

*Pilgrimage* (tune: Hymn 279)

Lord! Grateful thanks to you be told that you here in this hour  
Have built your house, where we behold your goodness and your power:  
For you have turned away distress, for all our needs providing,  
And we within your hand may rest, within your care abiding.

Now is our earthly chapel made a temple of your glory,  
An altar where your love is laid, a place to teach your story.  
Let us your Word and Sacrament, to us your wholeness giving,  
Hold fast and pure until the end, sustained in holy living.

## \*Hymn: 543

*Sing Hallelujah, Praise the Lord*

Sing hallelujah, praise the Lord! Sing with a cheerful voice;  
Exalt our God with one accord, and in his name rejoice.  
Ne'er cease to sing, O ransomed host, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost,  
Until in realms of end-less light your praises shall unite.

There we to all eternity shall join th'angelic lays  
And sing in perfect harmony to God our Savior's praise;  
He has redeemed us by his blood, and made us kings and priests to God;  
For us, for us, the Lamb was slain! Praise ye the Lord! again.

But not for us along this news was brought by Christ our Lord.  
'Twas meant for all the world to hear and thus with one accord  
With all God's children everywhere his name and sign with pride we bear.  
To us, to us, this task is giv'n: to spread God's word. Amen.

## \*Benediction

**Postlude:** *Festival Voluntary*

Flor Peters  
(1903 - 1986)

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## Serving Today:

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

**Head Usher:** Tim Hartel

**Scripture Readers:** (8:00 a.m.) (10:30 a.m.)

**Sound Booth Personnel:** Chris Rickson

## **The Moravian Lovefeast**

The Lovefeast became a cherished part of Moravian worship after the spiritual renewal of August 13, 1727. On that day, in the context of shared worship and meals, Moravians rediscovered a sense of Christian unity and fellowship which had been threatened by personal hostilities and doctrinal disputes. Though the meal has been simplified, Moravians and their guests still experience the blessings of Christian fellowship as they share hymns of praise over coffee and sweetened buns. Because the Lovefeast has no sacramental significance, it provides an ideal forum for celebrating Christian unity in a world where doctrinal disputes still fracture Christ's church.

### ***The Serving of the Lovefeast***

The female dieners (servers) will bring a basket of sweet buns to each pew. The person on the aisle receives the basket and passes it to (but not over) the divider. If you are in the balcony, pass the basket to the end of the row. Each person is invited to take a napkin and one bun as the basket returns. The male dieners (servers) will then bring trays of beverages to each pew. There is a choice of decaffeinated coffee (unsweetened, with half and half) or chocolate milk. As best as you can in each pew, please take a count of your beverage preferences and pass it on to the person seated along the aisle. For example, "Our pew would like two chocolate milks, and three coffees." Worshippers wait until all have been served, and we have shared in the blessing. Thereafter, worshippers partake of the Lovefeast while the choir provides the ministry of music. Later, servers will return to collect the mugs while the worship continues.

### **About Today's Music**

Most appropriate for the celebration of our historic sanctuary's dedication, we are pleased to present selections by pastor-composers with direct connections to our church. The piano solo played for the Prelude, Menuetto and Trio, was discovered recently in a manuscript book owned by Eliza Kampman, who joined the Lititz Single Sisters' House in May 1807. "J. F. F." is notated in the score, likely the initials of Johann Friedrich Früauff, pastor and principal of boarding school at Lititz now Linden Hall, from 1805-1815. For the Offertory anthem, three hymns by Herbst, pastor from 1791-1811 and principal of the school from 1794-1802, will be performed in newly edited versions with verses in German and English. The German text was added to Herbst's original music and transcribed in a separate handwritten volume by Jacob Van Vleck, who succeeded Herbst as pastor in Lititz and served from 1811-12. This volume was recently re-discovered in the Bethlehem Archives during cataloging of the "Van Vleck" box. The English verses are from Herbst's original source, Hymns to be Sung at the Pianoforte, the majority of which were probably written in Lititz. The first anthem in the Lovefeast was also composed by Herbst for the dedication of our church in 1787, for which he had traveled from Lancaster to play the organ and conduct the anthem. In 1791, Herbst returned to Lititz and served first as assistant pastor and headmaster of the boarding school. He eventually became head pastor and, just before leaving for Salem, NC in 1811, was ordained a bishop. He died there on January 15, 1812.

# Marking The Moment: Pastor Mark's Retirement

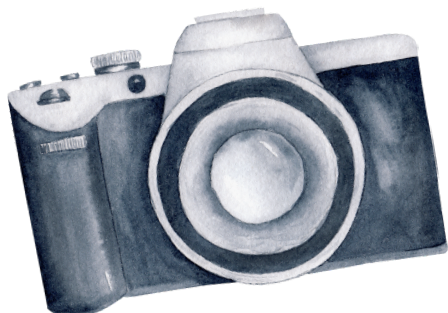


Pastor Mark's final worship service will be on  
Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

Please note there will be only one worship service on this day,  
followed by a luncheon in Fellowship Hall.

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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.

Please send your story and/or photos  
to [jaime@lititzmoravian.org](mailto:jaime@lititzmoravian.org).

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Members will have the  
opportunity to give a  
financial love gift from  
August to the end of  
September.

Gifts will need to be made  
out to Lititz Moravian  
with the memo reading  
'Pastor Mark.'



Sign up sheet to  
bring your  
homemade  
goodies is located  
in The Star Room.

# Announcements

## August 17, 2025

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Lititz Moravian Church is looking for a joyful, music-loving leader to serve as our Junior Choir Director!



This is a fun, part-time position in Christian Ministry, sharing the love of Jesus with children through the gift of song.

If you have a heart for kids, a passion for music, and a desire to make worship come alive, we'd love to hear from you!



 Call: 717-626-8515



 Email: [office@lititzmoravian.org](mailto:office@lititzmoravian.org)

Join our supportive, fun work environment and help inspire the next generation to sing for the Lord!

# Christmas In The Park

Sunday, August 31st

at 7:00 p.m.

Lititz Springs Park

NEW  
DATE!!

with  
Trombone  
Choir

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



# Thank you.

## Craft Fair Food Booth

With so much appreciation to our many workers,  
we thank you for a wonderful day.

THANKFUL  
AND  
BLESSED

Bakers	Grillers	Servers
Hospitality	Brewers	Purchasers
Set Up	Breakdown	Staff
		Grocers

Our success and gift to others   
is possible because of each of you.




# Confirmation 2025–2026: GROUNDED AND GROWING

Planted with Purpose. Rising in Hope. Living in Love.

 Where? CE Building – 2nd Floor (Room Above the Office)

 When? Sundays after the 10:30 AM Worship

Are you ready to explore your faith, ask big questions, and grow in your walk with Christ? This year's Confirmation journey is more than just a class — it's a launch pad for lifelong discipleship! 

 What's Inside?

Part 1: Dive into the Catechism for the Moravian Church

Part 2: Discover your place in the Living Branches youth curriculum

Family Focus: Strengthen your home life with Loving Hearts United 

 It All Begins September 21, 2025


Retreats, mentor moments, hands-on learning, and a meaningful path toward Pentecost and Confirmation Sunday on May 24, 2026!

 New This Year:


Weekly deep dives into faith, hope, love, the sacraments & more

Monthly mentor meetups to grow in wisdom & friendship

A full-family approach to growing in grace together

 Confirmation isn't about having all the answers — it's about stepping into the story God is writing with your life.

Sign up today. Show up curious. Leave transformed.  
Questions? Contact either Pastor Sayward or Pastor Mark.

 Let's grow in faith, together.



**LITITZ MORAVIAN CONGREGATION**

# **SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY**

Starting The Sunday School Year Off Right

**SEPTEMBER 7 • SUNDAY**

**FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**9:15AM - 10:15AM**

**A light breakfast and refreshments  
will be served.**

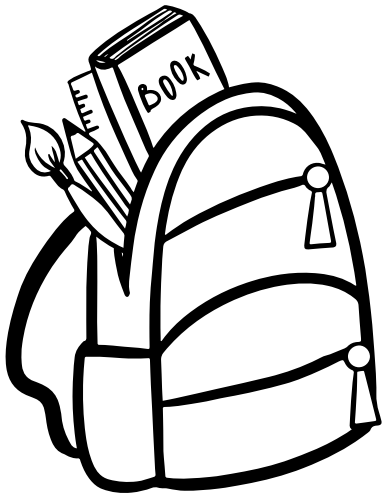
**Speak with a representative from each  
Sunday School Class to find your perfect fit!**

**Children & Youth Classes:**

**Rooted / Cultivate**

**Adult Classes:**

**The Wired Word / Seekers / Keeping Holy Time**



# Blessing of The Backpacks

As a new school year begins,  
we invite all students and educators to bring  
their backpacks, totes, or briefcases to church  
for a special Blessing of the Backpacks.

Join us during worship on  
Sunday, August 24th at 10:30 AM  
as we pray for a year filled with learning,  
growth, safety, and the Holy Spirit's  
presence in every classroom and hallway.

Let's send our students and  
teachers off with love and  
encouragement from  
their church family!

All are welcome—  
bring a friend and your  
backpack!





## Preschool Story Hour

We're counting down the days until our Preschool Story Hour returns this fall! Together with caregivers, children will grow in faith, nurture friendships, have fun and learn about God's love through interactive songs, engaging stories, creative crafts, and tasty snacks!

**WHO:** Children, ages 3-5 years old

**WHEN:** 9:30 - 10:30 AM, 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month  
(beginning September 19th)

**WHERE:** The Book Nook  
(2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Christian Education Building)

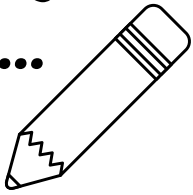
**Point of Contact:** Shannon Richard: (717) 314-9375 or  
Allyson Miller (859) 684-1484



Sign up is  
easy by  
scanning  
the QR code!



# 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!

**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.

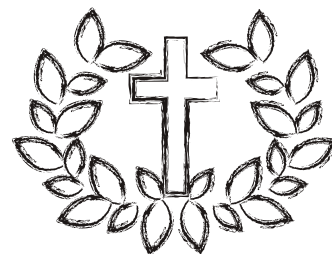
**Please remember in your prayers:**

### *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.*



### *Prayers of Healing for:*

Barry Erb  
 Dick Martin  
 Jeff Bamberger  
 Pastor Dean Jurgen  
 Meda Hostetter  
 Julie Gemmell  
 Erelene Deist  
 Peg Ivey  
 Vince Mizeras  
 Betsy Teschner  
 Kent Herzer  
 Rebecca Swartz  
 Jaime Weik

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

### Completed Month of June

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
Tithes & Offerings	\$46,324	\$45,932
General Fund Other Income	\$17,178	\$10,504
General Fund Expenses	\$54,482	\$62,603
Net Income	\$9,020	\$(6,167)

### YTD Through the Month of June

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
Tithes & Offerings	\$287,894	\$301,371
General Fund Other Income	\$47,000	\$48,668
General Fund Expense	\$332,566	\$378,903
Net Income	\$2,328	\$(28,865)

## **THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

### **Sunday, August 17, 2025 - Sanctuary Anniversary Lovefeast**

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship

9:15 a.m. Holy Time - Eschbach Parlor

### **Monday, August 18, 2025 -**

SPIRE Deadline for September

8:30 a.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall



### **Tuesday, August 19, 2025 -**

9:00 a.m. Quilting - Nursery

NOTE: No Tai Chi Class held today

### **Wednesday, August 20, 2025 -**

8:30 a.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall

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

### **Thursday, August 21, 2025 -**

7:00 p.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall

### **Friday, August 22, 2025**

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

9:00 a.m. Linden Hall Convocation

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Mission Gift Shop Open

### **Saturday, August 23, 2025 -**

10:00 a.m. - Random Acts of Kindness

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Mission Gift Shop Open



### **Sunday, August 24, 2025 - Blessing of the Backpacks**

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship with Joyful Noise

9:15 a.m. Holy Time - Eschbach Parlor



# God's Fire

Today is the anniversary of the children's revival in Herrnhut in 1727, just four days after the experience of August 13. It started when eleven-year-old Susanna Kuhnel, who had lost her mother, experienced the loving presence of Christ in her life. She was so overcome with joy that she led other children into similar experiences of inner joy. Her story reminds us that children have religious experiences and can play a role in the life of the church.

The joyfulness of our children's festival day doesn't seem to fit with lectionary lessons for today, but it does. In Luke 12 Jesus sounds more like John the Baptist than the Prince of Peace, with his pronouncements about bringing fire to the earth and causing division. Even families will be divided by his message. How could this be good news? Jesus uses the metaphor of fire to describe the change that the gospel brings. Fire consumes, but fire also brings new life. The wildfires in the western states are devastating, but from the ashes new plants grow.

Moravians have often used fire as a metaphor for the change people experience when they give themselves to Christ. Some things in their old life, like hatred and greed, are burned away so they can pursue a new life lived in love. They see the world differently. Sadly, sometimes friends, neighbors, and even family members do not understand such a spiritual transformation. In the song "The Times They Are A-changing," Bob Dylan urged parents not to criticize what they did not understand. Their sons and daughters were beyond their command, because the times were rapidly changing. Like fire, spiritual transformation and personal change can be frightening as we turn away from old habits, but like a wildfire they can bring new life.

Craig Atwood, associate pastor, Home Moravian Church,  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

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## The Moravian Church

**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

August 17, 2025

