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

September 14, 2025
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Outdoor Service

*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 for Meditation: Merciful Lord, in Christ we see the lengths and depths to which you go to save us. Make us glad in our salvation, so that we may share this good news with friends and neighbors and with all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(8:00 a.m.) **Prelude:** *Voluntary in G*

William Boyce

(10:30 a.m.) **Prelude**

Trombone Choir

Welcome, Announcements, (8:00 a.m. VBS video) 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.

***Call to Worship:** (Leader / Congregation)

Rejoice with me, people of God.

God has gathered us in from the wilderness.

Rejoice with me, people of God.

God has swept away the darkness of the night.

Rejoice with me, people of God.

Today, there is joy in the presence of the angels.

***Hymn:** 544 (Page 6 of bulletin)

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

Call to Confession

The grace of our Lord overflows for us through the faith and love that are ours in Christ Jesus.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin, saying,

Create in us a clean heart, O God; put a new and right spirit within us.

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, forgive your foolish people.

We are skilled in doing evil,

but we do not know how to do good.

Create in us a clean heart, O God;

put a new and right spirit within us.

In the folly of our hearts
we live as though there is no God.
Create in us a clean heart, O God;
put a new and right spirit within us.

We forget all you have done for us,
and make false idols to be our gods.
Create in us a clean heart, O God;
put a new and right spirit within us.

We act faithlessly, violently,
and scorn your name. Create in us a clean heart, O God;
put a new and right spirit within us.

Words of Pardon

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven...

Ministry Moment: North Star Initiative

Shared Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Scriptures: Luke 15:1-10

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” Then Jesus told them this parable:⁴ “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent. “Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn’t she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’ In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

(10:30 a.m.) **Children’s Chat Hymn:** 467 (Page 7 of bulletin)

All Things Bright and Beautiful

(10:30 a.m.) **Children’s Chat**

Pastor Mark Breland

***Hymn:** 783 (Page 8 of bulletin)

Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound

Message: *Rejoice With Me*

Pastor Mark Breland

The Offering of Tithes and Gifts & 2nd Mile Offering

North Star Initiative provides one of the few 24x7 restoration homes for domestic sex-trafficking survivors in the entire region and one of the only with a Christ-centered focus. Through our holistic, trauma-informed program, our goal is for every survivor we serve to be fully restored so she can return to the community and enjoy a life of sustained independence.

(8:00 a.m.) **Offertory Organ Music**

(10:30 a.m.) **Offertory Anthem:** *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

Dale Wood

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the Head and Cornerstone;
Chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the Church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.

To this temple where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today;
With thy wonted loving-kindness hear thy servants as they pray,
And thy fullest benediction shed within its walls alway.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One.
One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.

Latin Hymn, c.VII cent.
Tr. John Mason Neale

***Offertory Response:** 817 (Page 10 of bulletin)

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Offertory Prayer

***Hymn:** 786 (Page 9 of bulletin)

Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng!

***(10:30 a.m.) Sing Grace:** 816 (Page 10 of bulletin)

Be Present at our Table Lord (v.1)

Benediction

(8:00 a.m.) **Postlude:** *Voluntary*

G. F. Handel

(10:30 a.m.) **Postlude**

Trombone Choir

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Serving Today:

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

Head Usher: Darrin Donmoyer

Scripture Readers: (8:00 a.m.) Cathy Gelatka (10:30 a.m.) Bob Mock

Sound Booth Personnel: Troy Richard

Nursery: Closed today due to outdoor worship



Church Picnic & Birthday Celebration is today!

After our 10:30 outdoor worship today,
everyone is invited to stay for the Church Picnic & Birthday Celebration!
We'll celebrate birthdays together while enjoying a delicious catered lunch
with plenty of options, including a vegan choice.

Fun for all ages! Kids can enjoy the bounce house and lawn games,
and we'll have live music from the Community Band
to keep the celebration lively!

All are welcome —

please bring your lawn chairs and join us for worship, food & fellowship!

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

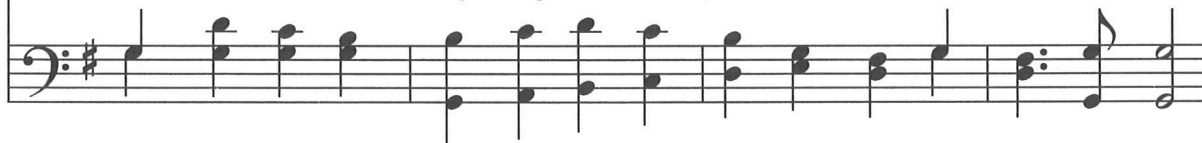
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1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a-dore you, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2 All your works with joy sur-round you, earth and heav'n re-lect your rays,
 3 Al-ways giv - ing and for-giv - ing, ev-er bless-ing, ev-er blessed,
 4 Mor-tals join the might-y cho - rus, which the morn-ing stars be - gan;



hearts un - fold like flow'rs be-fore you, o-p'ning to the sun a - bove.
 stars and an-gels sing a-round you, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise;
 well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!
 God's own love is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing peo-ple hand in hand.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow-'ry mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
 Lov-ing Fa - ther, Christ our broth-er, let your light up - on us shine;
 Ev - er sing-ing, march we on - ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife;



giv - er of im - mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day!
 chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, prais-ing you e - ter - nal - ly!
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di-vine.
 joy - ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.



TEXT: Henry Van Dyke (1907), alt.

TUNE: Ludwig van Beethoven (1824). Arr. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt.

Alternate setting, hymn 665

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HYMN TO JOY

467 All Things Bright and Beautiful

Refrain G Unison C D G Am D Em C

All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small,

G Am D G Am D G

all things wise and won - der - ful - the Lord God made them all.

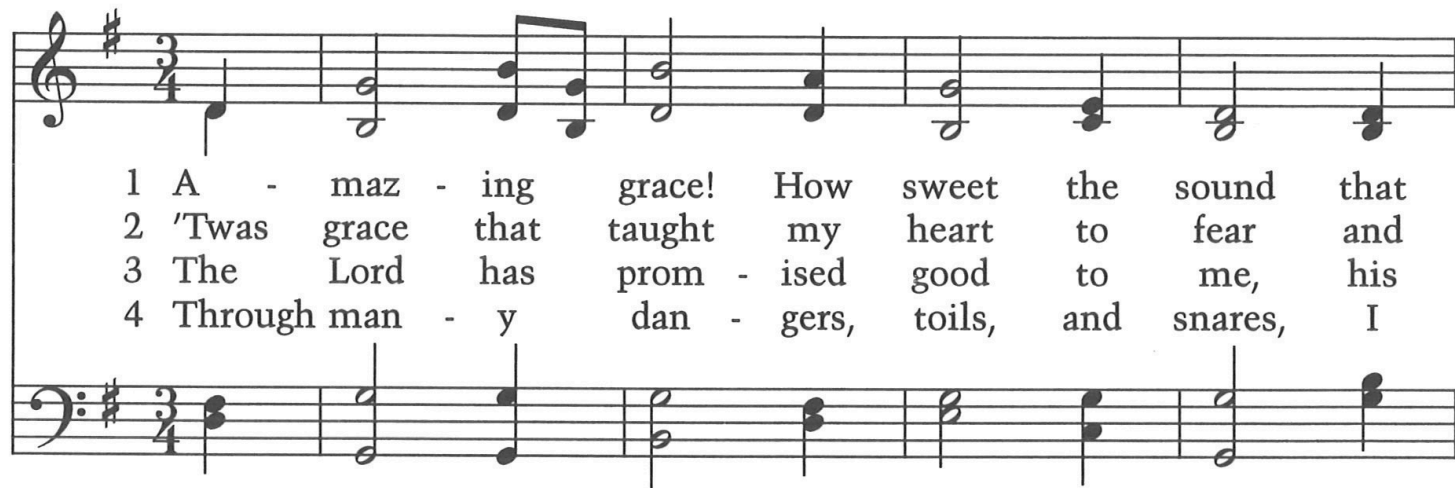
G Am Bm Am D

1 Each lit - tle flow'r that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings -
 2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun - tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
 4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

G C D⁷ G D G D.C.

God made their glow - ing col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings.
 the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky.
 the ripe fruits in the gar - den - God made them, ev - 'ry one.
 how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

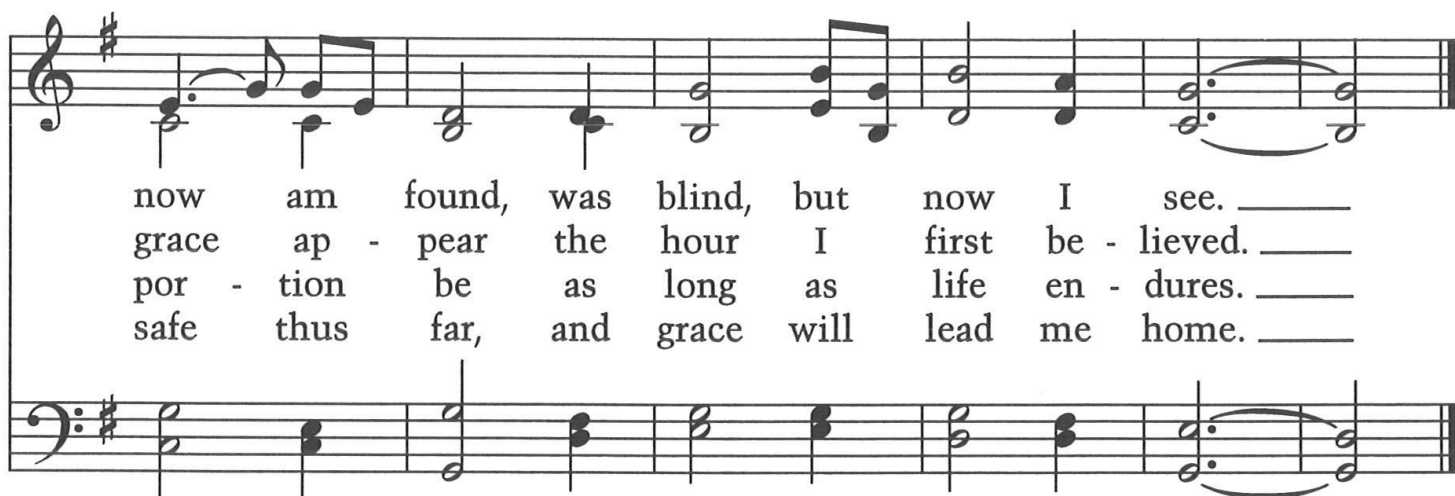
Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound 783



1 A - maz - ing grace! How sweet the sound that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and
3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me



now am found, was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

TEXT: John Newton (1779), alt.


MEL: Early American melody, from *Southern Harmony* (1835). Arr. Nola Reed Knouse (1994)

C.M.


AMAZING GRACE

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Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng!

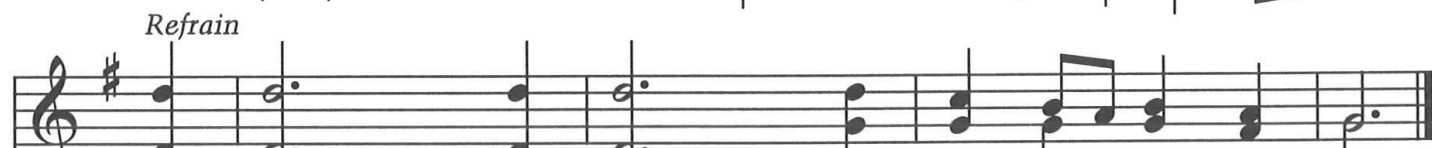


1 Re - joice, O pil - grim throng! Re - joice, give thanks and sing:
 2 Your hal - le - lu - jahs loud, your clear ho - san - nas raise!
 3 Lift up your stan - dard high! March on in firm ar - ray!
 4 At last the march shall end; the wea - ried ones shall rest;

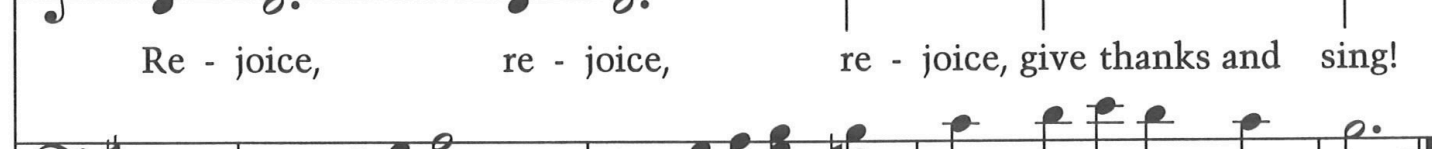


your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.
 Send forth your stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
 As pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gold - en day.
 the pil - grims find their home at last, Je - ru - sa - lem the blessed.

Refrain



Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks and sing!



Re - joice, re - joice,

TEXT: Edward H. Plumptre (1865), alt.
 TUNE: Arthur H. Messiter (1883)

S.M. with Refrain
 MARION

817 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost! A - men.

TEXT: Thomas Ken (1695), alt. (1709)
TUNE: Genevan Psalter (1551), original form

L.M.
OLD HUNDREDTH (22 E)

(10:30 a.m. Worship) / Verse 1 only

Be Present at Our Table, Lord

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| <p>1 Be present at our table, Lord;
be here and everywhere adored;
from your all-bounteous hand our food
may we receive with gratitude.</p> | <p>2 Praise God, who gives our daily bread
and has again our table spread.
May he with all his gifts impart
his crowning gift, a thankful heart.</p> |
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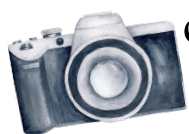
TEXT: St. 1 John Cennick (1740); st. 2 Charles Wesley (1746), alt.
METER: L.M.

Marking The Moment: Pastor Mark's Retirement



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

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



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.

SHARE



LUNCHEON SIGN UPS!!

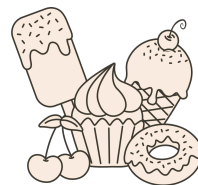
If you responded
to email RSVP -
you do not need to
sign up again!

**Be sure to R.S.V.P. to Pastor Mark's Luncheon
at the sign up sheet located in the Star Room!**



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

September 14, 2025

We ARE Hiring

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

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

**The Nursery
will be
open again during
10:30am Worship.**



**Blessing of
the Backpacks**

**Be sure to grab your blessed
"Be Kind" tags in the
Star Room. Perfect for a
backpack, work tote or even
a keychain!**

As with last year,
the nursery will be closed
the 4th Sundays of each month
so families may attend
"LIFT" worship together.

The Nursery will be closed
TODAY
so everyone may enjoy
the outside worship service.



Everyone's Got a Place in the Choir!

There's still plenty of time for you to join the Senior Choir on Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

This is your choir, so we hope you will consider joining us in this enjoyable music ministry.

All are welcome, regardless of experience. All you need is a strong desire to sing to the Lord! Come join the fun!

Questions? Email the Director of Music Ministries jeff@lititzmoravian.org or call 717-342-4469.

Departed Spirits Tour

Do you like to hear all the ghostly details?

The Lititz Moravian Museum & Archives and the Lititz Historical Foundation will again present the popular Departed Spirits Tour on Saturday, October 25 with the first tour beginning at 5:00 pm, then every 15 minutes until 8:00pm.

Tickets are now for sale online; \$13 for general admission.

If interested in reserving a spot for this *always sold-out event*,

please visit www.lititzhistoricalfoundation.com and click EVENTS to find the tour and purchase tickets.

The tour lasts about 45 minutes and highlights people and places familiar and unfamiliar to our congregation.



LOVE YARD SALES and THE ADVENT TEA?



Moravian Fellowship would like to include an Attic Treasures area during the December 6th Advent Tea.

If you have experience or interest in purchasing and/or selling used items and would be able to help organize the Attic Treasures, please call or text either, Susan Bricker (223.403.0297), Brenda Barnes (717.626.2321) or Carol Dague (610.704.8360).
Many thanks!

Christmas Vigils



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.



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, 3rd Friday of each month (beginning September 19th)

WHERE: The Book Nook
(2nd 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!

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Breast Cancer Care Bags

1 in 8 women will be diagnosed with
breast cancer in her lifetime.

For the second year in a row, a group of local breast cancer warriors—including Jaime from the church office—are coming together to assemble Breast Cancer Care Bags.

These special bags are thoughtfully filled with comfort items to support patients undergoing treatment and will be donated to Wellspan Medical Center and Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia.

Thank you -
to everyone who
has donated
so far!



Scan the QR code
to be directed to our
Amazon Wish List.
All items ship
directly to Jaime!



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.

KidZone: "Lost... and Found!" Edition

Word Match!

Draw a line to
match the item
with the word!

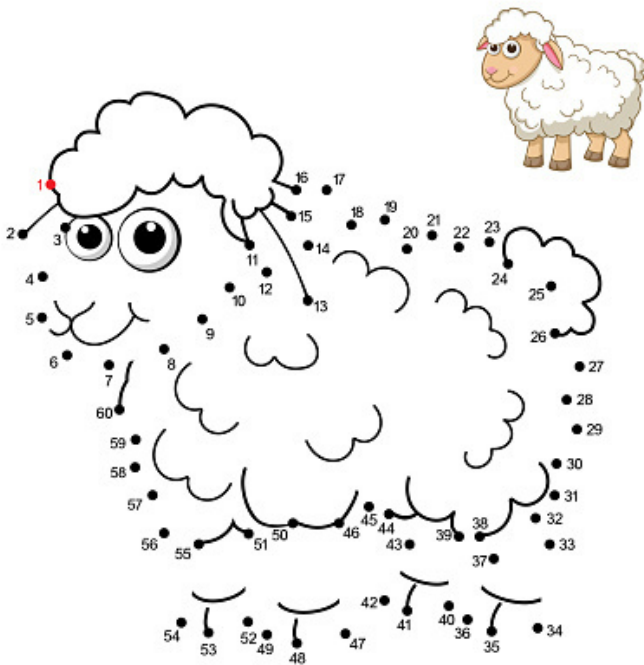


Coin

Rejoice

Sheep

Connect The Dots



Fill In The Blank

Jesus loves me even
when I feel _____.

When I'm lost, Jesus
_____ me.



Knock Knock.

Who's there?

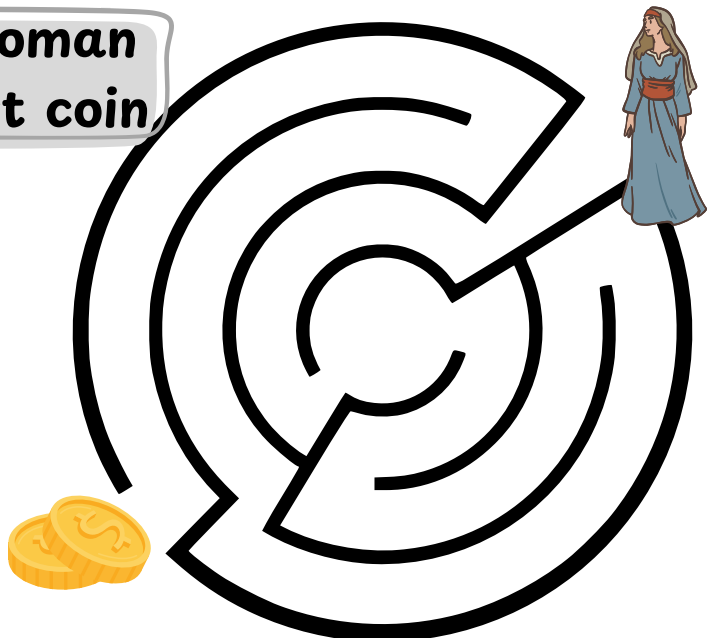
Coin.

Coin who?



'Coin' you believe I was lost,
but now I'm found!

Help the woman
find her lost coin.



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.

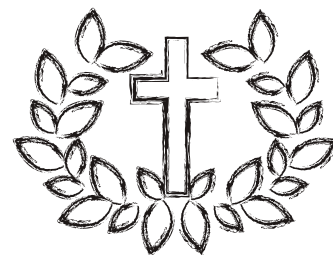
Please remember in your prayers:

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
 Erelene Deist
 Joan Keenen
 Vince Mizeras
 Kent Herzer
 Marilyn Copenhaver
 Rebecca Swartz
 Marilyn Diener

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Completed Month of July

	2024	2025
Tithes & Offerings	\$50,142	\$40,648
General Fund Other Income	\$8,503	\$9,915
General Fund Expenses	\$48,899	\$56,755
Net Income	\$9,746	\$(6,193)

YTD Through the Month of July

	2024	2025
Tithes & Offerings	\$338,037	\$342,019
General Fund Other Income	\$55,502	\$58,582
General Fund Expense	\$381,466	\$436,097
Net Income	\$12,073	\$(35,496)

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, September 14, 2025 - Church Picnic

8:00 a.m. (Livestream) and 10:30 a.m. Worship (outdoor worship)

9:15 a.m. Sunday School (All Ages)

11:30 a.m. Church Picnic & Birthday Celebration



Monday, September 15, 2025 - SPIRE Deadline

8:30 a.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. CEC - RAO

7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir - Prep Room



Tuesday, September 16, 2025 -

9:00 a.m. Quilting - Nursery

3:30 p.m. Tai Chi - Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m. Joint Board (Trustees immediately following) - HDR

6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting (following Joint Board) - HDR

7:15 p.m. Trombone Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, September 17, 2025 -

8:30 a.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall

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

7:15 p.m. Senior Choir Practice



Thursday, September 18, 2025 -

7:00 p.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall

Friday, September 19, 2025 -

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

9:30 a.m. Preschool Story Hour - Book Nook (2nd Floor of CEB)

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Mission Gift Shop Open Shorter Hours; this day only

6:00 p.m. Crafts With Friends - Outlook Library

Saturday, September 20, 2025

10:00 a.m. Random Acts of Kindness

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Mission Gift Shop Open Shorter Hours; this day only



Sunday, September 21, 2025

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

9:15 a.m. - Sunday School (all ages)

11:30 a.m. Confirmation Class begins after 10:30 a.m. worship

If you are looking for a space to meet with your friends, family, or just looking for a quiet space to sit and read here at LMC, we are happy to provide a space that would work best for you. We ask that you contact the office for availability due to outside events not being included in the bulletin and/or Spire calendar publications. Thank you. 19

Not Worth the Effort

Just today, as I was reaching for my purse, I heard a clink and noticed that the zipper was slightly open, allowing for a coin or two to escape. With a to-do list already too long for that day, I thought to myself, “It’s just a coin,” and let it go among the myriad of other forgotten items in my car.

A lost coin is easy to ignore. I have a habit of losing things, so that I don’t worry too much about it (unless it is the car keys!). Sunglasses, television remote, and other items. “Everything is somewhere” is often my mantra. One could compliment my appreciation of impermanence and detachment from tangible items, but I often wonder why I don’t search more for things. And I worry that if I’m able to ignore a lost coin or pen—what else am I able to ignore? What seems “not worth it” to search for? What happens when we are so schedule driven that we don’t stop to search for the lost? What happens when the interruption to our plans can’t be taken seriously?

Whom have I chosen to ignore because they interrupt my schedule, or because they aren’t known to me? Have I lost contact with someone or failed to care because the person or situation just seemed so hard to keep up with? If I extend the “lost coin” to the ones we take for granted, or the ones the world forgets or overlooks, I realize the danger in failing to seek out the lost.

I’m sure when the woman who lost her coin in Luke’s Gospel woke up that morning, her to-do list didn’t include the careful searching and sweeping of her house to find her lost coin. But she searched high and low, and this beautiful metaphor reminds us of the great joy in the seeing, the searching, and the finding of all that is lost, unseen, or deemed “not worth the effort.”

Janel Rice, pastor, Central Moravian Church, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

The Moravian Church

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