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

October 5, 2025
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Worldwide Communion Sunday
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 for Meditation: God of our salvation, we thank you for the gift of faith. We thank you for all those who have taught us the good news. Kindle in us always this gift, this good treasure, that we may live the life to which you have called us, according to your purpose and grace. We pray in the name of the one who abolished death and brought to light through the gospel, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prelude: *World Music Medley*

Traditional

Welcome and Announcements

*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)**

Today we gather around God's table from near and far.

We are the People of God!

Though we differ in language, custom, and tradition.

We are brothers and sisters in Christ!

For there is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism.

We are One in God's Spirit!

We are one and together we remember our Lord Jesus.

For we are the people of Redemption!

He gave himself up for us, so we could be reconciled to God.

Come, let us worship the God of our Salvation!

***Hymn: 460**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Liturgy: Christian Unity & Shared Prayers: Page 122

Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

I, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, in keeping with the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my dear son: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in

your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day. What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

***Hymn:** 600

Jesus Calls Us

Message: *In Our Hands*

Pastor Mark Breland

The Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory Anthem: *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

*Pescador de Hombres,
Cesario Gabarain*

Text may be found in the *Moravian Book of Worship*, #613

***Offertory Response:** 817 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Offering Prayer

***Hymn:** 418

Feed Us, Jesus

Liturgy for Communion of Unity and Renewal

Communion Booklet, Page 27

***Benediction**

(10:30 a.m.) **Choral Benediction:** *Asithi: Amen*

South African hymn, *Moravian Book of Worship*, #840

Postlude: *Rondeau*

Jean-Joseph Mouret

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Serving Today:

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

Head Usher: Darrin Donmoyer

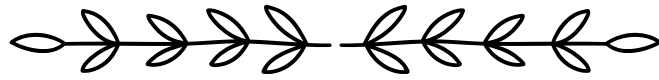
Co-Sacristans: Becky Turnbull, Amy Sue Bomberger and Ginny Journey

Scripture Readers: (8:00 a.m.) Tim Naisby (10:30 a.m.) Chip Shelley

Sound Booth Personnel: Troy Richard

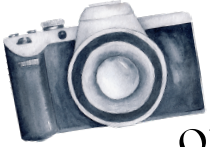
Nursery: Priscilla Stoner, Shannon Richard and Linden Hall Volunteers

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.

SHARE

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

Please send your story and/or photos to jaimel@lititzmoravian.org.



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



Announcements

October 5, 2025

Youth Ministries Weekend



**Here's how YOU can help
the Moravian Youth Rally!**

**Bring in your clean, gently used infant
and children clothing to the Elbow Room
or Office by Thursday, October 9th.**

**Allyson will take all donations to
Trinity Moravian Church for their
Mission Project.**



Happy Birthday!

Everyone is invited to
Fellowship Hall following
worship next
Sunday, October 12th
as we celebrate all those with
birthdays this month!

If you're celebrating, don't miss
the chance to be serenaded by
your church family!
As always, we'll enjoy some
sweet fellowship and
refreshments together.



Attic Treasures

Moravian Fellowship will be
holding an Attic Treasures during
the Advent Tea on December 6th.

If you would like to
donate household items or home
decor, please drop clean &
functioning items off in the
Craft Room between now and
the end of November.

Any questions, contact Clara, Linda
or Cindy (#717-371-0448).



EASTERN REGION MORAVIAN WOMEN'S 70TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



... and what a beautiful celebration it was! Almost 200 women from neighboring states came to Lititz to worship and fellowship on this special occasion. Clothed in white attire, they filled our Fellowship Hall for breakfast refreshment after long journeys. At 11:15 they began their service with songs while standing and bringing spirited voices to the Lord. Letter and comments given by staff and clergy told a story of congratulations and recognition of a wonderful history of the church women.

Our hymn the following Sunday was most appropriate and spoke to their years of devotion to our Lord's Commission. It also spoke to the dedication and commitment of so many volunteers and bakers in our church that open our doors with great hospitality. "Christ you send us out to serve."

"You still fill us with your Spirit; lift us up on eagle's wings." There was a wonderful, heightened spirit throughout the day. It culminated with a lovely catered luncheon served by our members. It was enjoyed by everyone, and they were so happy and appreciative.

"In your work our spirit sings." Lititz Moravian and Lancaster Moravian worked together, and the spirit of the day was felt. The Lord provided much energy. "You've proven you're the one who gives gifts of love and power, confidence, and self-control...help us reach your kingdom goal."

Thank you to the people of our congregation who worked tirelessly to make this program a success. Thank you all!

Thank you Lord for this loving experience for everyone.





Preschool Story Hour

We are so excited to have Preschool Story Hour back!! 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!



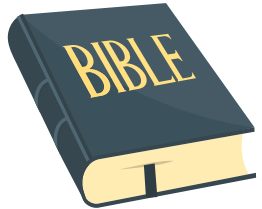
Sign up is easy by scanning the QR code!

WHO: Children, ages 3-5 years old

WHEN: 9:30 - 10:30 AM, 3rd Friday of each month

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



Moravian Women's Circle

Join the
Moravian Women's Circle
on the 3rd Wednesday of
each month in
The Prep Room
at 9:30am.

All are invited to our small
group for Bible studies,
mission updates and intimate
conversations related to
Moravian Women's Northern
Province.



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.



Wednesday, October 15th

9:30 a.m. Moravian Women's Circle (in Prep Room)

NEW



Friday, October 17th

9:30 - 10:30 a.m. - Preschool Story Hour

Scan QR code
to register!



Saturday, October 18th

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

Sunday, October 19th

**10:30 a.m. (Only) Worship followed by
Pastor Mark's Retirement Luncheon**

Sunday, November 2nd

**Daylight Savings Time
(Turn clocks back 1 hour)**



Sunday, November 9th

Christ as our Chief Elder Communion

Saturday, December 6th

Advent Tea & Attic Treasures

December 20th, 21st and 24th

Vigil Services



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.

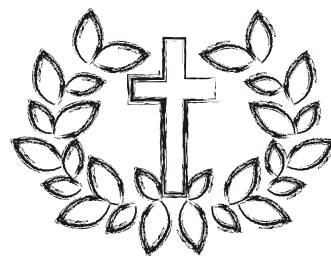
Please remember in your prayers:

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

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
 Rebecca Swartz
 Marilyn Diener

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Completed Month of August

| | 2024 | 2025 |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Tithes & Offerings | \$35,595 | \$69,120 |
| General Fund Other Income | \$1,282 | \$5,300 |
| General Fund Expenses | \$66,470 | \$78,666 |
| Net Income | \$(29,593) | \$(4,247) |

YTD Through the Month of August

| | 2024 | 2025 |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Tithes & Offerings | \$373,632 | \$411,139 |
| General Fund Other Income | \$56,784 | \$63,881 |
| General Fund Expense | \$447,936 | \$514,763 |
| Net Income | \$(17,520) | \$(39,743) |

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, October 5, 2025 - Worldwide Communion

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship
9:15 a.m. Sunday School (all ages)

Monday, October 6, 2025 -

8:30 a.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Moravian Fellowship - HDR
7:00 p.m. CEC - RAO
7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir - Prep Room

Tuesday, October 7, 2025 -

9:00 a.m. Quilting - Nursery
3:30 p.m. Tai Chi - Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Elders - Liquid Classroom

Wednesday, October 8, 2025 -

8:30 a.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Community Band Practice - Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous - Social Hall
7:15 p.m. Senior Choir Practice

Thursday, October 9, 2025 -

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

Friday, October 10, 2025

9:00 a.m. Beginners Yoga - Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Mission Gift Shop Open

Saturday, October 11, 2025

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

Sunday, October 12, 2025 - Second Mile

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship
9:00 a.m. Snack n' Yak- Fellowship Hall
9:15 a.m. - Sunday School (all ages)
11:45 a.m. Birthday Celebration - Fellowship Hall

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. 11

World Communion

“This is my body . . . this cup is the new covenant in my blood . . . do this in remembrance of me” (I Corinthians 11:23–26). Many Moravian congregations will celebrate Holy Communion today—on World Communion Sunday. As we do, we stretch the horizon of our prayers beyond the walls of our sanctuaries—to God’s beloved, scattered throughout the world and gathered at Christ’s table. Today we remember and give thanks that we are bound together in faith with Christians throughout the globe.

Yet not all Moravians nor all Protestant denominations with whom we are in full communion observe World Communion Sunday. Our Lutheran and Episcopal siblings celebrate the Eucharist weekly and do not take special note of World Communion Sunday. Our United Methodist siblings, who observe Holy Communion monthly, do mark this occasion. Moravians in Germany and South Africa tend to observe this day, while Moravians in Great Britain and Denmark generally do not.

The tradition of World Communion Sunday was started in the US in 1933 by Presbyterian pastor Hugh Thomson Kerr to bring churches together in a spirit of Christian unity. In 1940, the National Council of Churches promoted the idea to Christian churches worldwide.

No matter how it started, or how it is observed, those gathered around Christ’s table today are invited to eat and drink and “do this in remembrance of me.” As Bishop Sam Gray has often pondered, “Just what is the ‘this’ we are invited to do?” To eat and drink, to be sure—but perhaps even more, it is to model our lives after Jesus: to feed the hungry, pray for peace, welcome the stranger and resident alien in our midst, love our enemies, and welcome all. For as often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

*Betsy Miller, ecumenical officer, Northern Province,
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania*

The Moravian Church

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 5, 2025

