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

October 26, 2025
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
LIFT Sunday
‘Living In Faith Together’
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
Pastor: 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: We need each other to do the work Christ has called us to.

Prelude: *Two Antiphons*

Marcel Dupré

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.

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

Praise is due to you, O God, O you who answer prayer.

**Happy are those who live in your courts—
those who are satisfied with the goodness
of your house and your holy temple.**

You are the hope of all things, Holy One,
from the ends of the earth to the farthest seas.

**You make the gateways of the evening
and the morning shout for joy.**

Rejoice in God, O people, and be glad.

Let us shout and sing together for joy.

***Hymn: 525**

Join We All with One Accord

Prayer of Confession

Creator God, We admit that sometimes we make choices that hurt the world you made. Even though you gave us seas and mountains, rain and soil, and all the beauty of your creation, we've built ways of living that look good to us but can't last forever. Forgive us when we turn away from you. Show us your power to save, you who are the Hope of the Earth. Open our eyes, fill us with your Spirit, and remind us of our job—to care for your creation. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Do not lose heart. Those who humbly admit their sins find favor with God. For God answers prayer, and forgives transgression. Believe this good news: We are forgiven and freed to newness of life.

(10:30 a.m.) **Death Announcement for Robert “Bob” Criswell**

Trombone Choir

Shared Joys and Concerns & Prayer

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 (The Message Bible)

You can easily enough see how this kind of thing works by looking no further than your own body. Your body has many parts—limbs, organs, cells—but no matter how many parts you can name, you’re still one body. It’s exactly the same with Christ. By means of his one Spirit, we all said good-bye to our partial and piecemeal lives. We each used to independently call our own shots, but then we entered into a large and integrated life in which he has the final say in everything. (This is what we proclaimed in word and action when we were baptized.) Each of us is now a part of his resurrection body, refreshed and sustained at one fountain—his Spirit—where we all come to drink. The old labels we once used to identify ourselves—labels like Jew or Greek, slave or free—are no longer useful. We need something larger, more comprehensive. I want you to think about how all this makes you more significant, not less. A body isn’t just a single part blown up into something huge. It’s all the different-but-similar parts arranged and functioning together. If Foot said, “I’m not elegant like Hand, embellished with rings; I guess I don’t belong to this body,” would that make it so? If Ear said, “I’m not beautiful like Eye, transparent and expressive; I don’t deserve a place on the head,” would you want to remove it from the body? If the body was all eye, how could it hear? If all ear, how could it smell? As it is, we see that God has carefully placed each part of the body right where he wanted it. But I also want you to think about how this keeps your significance from getting blown up into self-importance. For no matter how significant you are, it is only because of what you are a part of. An enormous eye or a gigantic hand wouldn’t be a body, but a monster. What we have is one body with many parts, each its proper size and in its proper place. No part is important on its own. Can you imagine Eye telling Hand, “Get lost; I don’t need you”? Or, Head telling Foot, “You’re fired; your job has been phased out”? As a matter of fact, in practice it works the other way—the “lower” the part, the more basic, and therefore necessary. You can live without an eye, for instance, but not without a stomach. When it’s a part of your own body you are concerned

with, it makes no difference whether the part is visible or clothed, higher or lower. You give it dignity and honor just as it is, without comparisons. If anything, you have more concern for the lower parts than the higher. If you had to choose, wouldn't you prefer good digestion to full-bodied hair? The way God designed our bodies is a model for understanding our lives together as a church: every part dependent on every other part, the parts we mention and the parts we don't, the parts we see and the parts we don't. If one part hurts, every other part is involved in the hurt, and in the healing. If one part flourishes, every other part enters into the exuberance. You are Christ's body—that's who you are! You must never forget this. Only as you accept your part of that body does your "part" mean anything.

(10:30 a.m.) **Children's Chat Hymn:** 726

Jesus Loves Me

(10:30 a.m.) **Children's Chat and Bible Presentations**

Allyson Miller

Joyful Noise for Camp Hope

A year-round Christian outdoor ministry of the Moravian Church,
providing facilities for people of all ages to experience opportunities
for community and spiritual growth.

***Hymn:** 782

Come, Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing

Message: *Reminder*

Pastor Sayward Lippincott

The Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory Anthem: *Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing*

Gordon Young

*Now let us all praise God and sing our great Redeemer's praise.
That we may all with one accord our joyful voices raise. Sing Alleluia.*

*All ye servants of the Lord, praise Him forever.
Sing Jehovah's mighty power, praise Him forever.
Sing of His righteousness, praise Him forever.*

***Offertory Response:** 819

For the Life That You Have Given

Offering Prayer

***Hymn:** 675

What Brought Us Together

***Benediction**

Postlude: *Te Deum*

Marc-Antoine Charpentier

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Serving Today:

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

Head Usher: Tim Hartel

Scripture Readers: (8:00 a.m.) Paul Swope (10:30 a.m.) LIFT Leader

Sound Booth Personnel: Troy Richard

Nursery: No Nursery Available Today



The white rose is displayed in memory of Robert “Bob” Criswell, who entered into the Church Triumphant on October 19th, 2025.
Please keep the Criswell family in your prayers.



Announcements

October 26, 2025



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**Please leave your food donations in
The Star Room**



FOOD PANTRY ESSENTIALS

- White rice
- Basmati Rice
- Dry black beans
- Dry lentils
- Chickpeas
- Canned tomatoes
- Tomato paste
- Black Tea
- Green Tea
- Cinnamon
- Cardamom
- Black Pepper
- Nescafe Instant Coffee
- Vegetable Oil
- Olive oil
- Cassava flour
- Corn flour
- Dried fruits
- Sugar
- Chicken bouillon
- Salt
- Turmeric

**Visit our Amazon Wishlist
for our most urgent needs!**

DONATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please contact Kate Espinosa at kespinosa@cwsglobal.org or 717-440-8573 to schedule a drop-off. Items ordered through the Amazon wishlist can be shipped directly to the office.



The Advent season is quickly approaching, and with it comes our cherished tradition of Lovefeast services.

Have you ever considered serving as a Diener?

We would love to welcome new volunteers and are happy to provide guidance for those who have never served before.

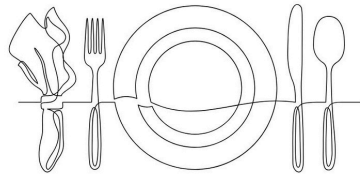
It's a meaningful way to connect with our community...
and an experience you won't want to miss!



If you're interested or have questions,
please reach out to
Becky Turnbull (717-572-7904) or
Amy Sue Bomberger (717-824-0313).

ROMEOS

"Retired Old Moravians Eating Out"



**Join us for a Men's Lunch Group at
The City Star Diner in Manheim
on Wednesday, November 5th
at 11:00 a.m.**

**Meet at LMC for travel accommodations
by the mini bus.**

Church Square Journal



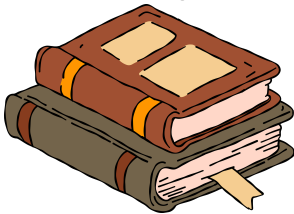
The Fall 2025
Church Square Journal
is hot off the press!
Be sure to grab
your copy
in The Star Room or
Elbow Room.
You can also read online
on our website!



Preschool Story Hour

Are you signed up for next month?

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, Friday, November 21st

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



The Makers Market is back!

We're excited to welcome back the Makers Market during this year's Advent Tea—and we invite our talented church artists and crafters to rent a table and share their creations. Last year, we were truly blessed by the creativity within our congregation!

The Advent Tea, along with Attic Treasures and the Makers Market, will be held on Saturday, December 6th, from 12–3 PM. There will be eight tables available near Fellowship Hall (1st floor) and additional spaces near the Attic Treasures in Heritage Dining Hall. Each table is \$25, with all proceeds going toward charity.

To reserve your space, please contact Brenda Barnes via text at 717-201-5384. Come create, connect, and celebrate the spirit of the season with us!



Attic Treasures

*Do you have any 'treasures'
to donate?*

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).



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!



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.

2025 Christmas Vigils



Saturday, December 20th
5:00 pm and 7:30 pm

Sunday, December 21st
10:30 am (no admission card required)
and 5:00 pm

Wednesday, December 24th
5:00 pm and 7:30 pm

Vigil request cards and emails were sent to members
within the past week.

You will receive your request card as you receive the Spire.

If you receive the Spire by USPS, the request cards will be sent by
mail.

If you receive the Spire by email, you will receive an email with a link
to the Google form.

If you would prefer a paper request card, please contact the office
at 717-626-8515, Monday through Friday from 10am - 2pm.

Moravian Mission Gift Shop

Now OPEN

**Thursdays,
Fridays & Saturdays**

10:00 am - 4:00 pm





Sunday, October 26th (TODAY!)

"Passport to Sightsee" through LMC - Open House



Sunday, November 2nd

Daylight Savings Time
(Turn clocks back 1 hour)

Sunday, November 9th

Christ as our Chief Elder Communion

9:00 a.m. Snack n' Yak

11:45 a.m. Birthday Celebration - Fellowship Hall



Friday, November 21st

Preschool Story Hour



Scan QR code
to register!

Thursday, November 27th - Friday, November 28th

Thanksgiving Day; Office Closed



Saturday, December 6th

Advent Tea & Attic Treasures

December 20th, 21st and 24th

Vigil Services

(Ticket requests due by November 14th)



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 Sayward
 to schedule a
 pastoral visit for yourself or
 family members.*

Thank  you

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our church family for your unwavering love and prayers and for your generosity during these uncertain times. Thank you for your support!

-Neal, Allyson & Everett Miller

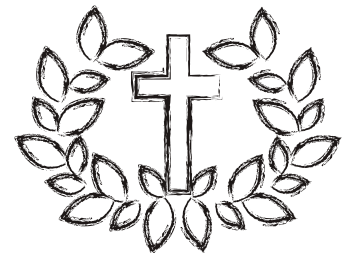
FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Completed Month of September

	2024	2025
Tithes & Offerings	\$50,378	\$37,707
General Fund Other Income	\$10,778	\$10,748
General Fund Expenses	\$58,527	\$65,479
Net Income	\$2,629	\$(14,024)

YTD Through the Month of September

	2024	2025
Tithes & Offerings	\$424,010	\$448,845
General Fund Other Income	\$67,561	\$74,630
General Fund Expense	\$506,463	\$580,119
Net Income	\$(14,891)	\$(56,644)



Prayers of Healing for:

Barry Erb
 Jeff Bamberger
 Pastor Dean Jorgen
 Meda Hostetter
 Erelene Deist
 Joan Keenen
 Rebecca Swartz
 Marilyn Diener
 Bill Dussinger

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, October 26, 2025 - LIFT Worship

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

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

12:00 p.m. LMC "Passport to Sightsee" Open House - CEB

Monday, October 27, 2025 -

8:30 a.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall

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

Tuesday, October 28, 2025 -

9:00 a.m. Quilting - Nursery

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

7:15 p.m. Trombone Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 29, 2025 -

8:30 a.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall

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

7:15 p.m. Senior Choir Practice

Thursday, October 30, 2025 -

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Mission Gift Shop NOW OPEN Thursdays
(through the remainder of the year)

7:00 p.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall

Friday, October 31, 2025

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

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

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

Saturday, November 1, 2025

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

Sunday, November 2, 2025 - All Saints Sunday

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

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

Which Are We?

Today we are confronted with one of the most haunting parables of Jesus. It examines the true nature of each of us. Found only in Luke's Gospel (18:9–14), its simplicity penetrates our hearts and asks us whether we truly understand the call of Jesus to walk as he walked and to realize our own faults.

Jesus “told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and despised others” (v. 10 RSV). Two men went to the temple to pray, a Pharisee and a tax collector (called a “publican” in some translations). Pharisees were the most “religious” characters in Judaism. Others were probably envious that Pharisees were assured of God's favor. Because they extorted the poor on behalf of the Roman oppressors, tax collectors (like Zacchaeus, Luke 19:1–10) were despised. As with most parables, we must ask: Which character are we?

The Pharisee stood praying, or really bragging, that he was not like other men, like this tax collector. He declared he fasted twice a week and was proud he tithed. The tax collector did not even look up and stood in the shadows. If we were there, we probably could not have heard his prayer. He had nothing about which to brag. In true contrition, he was deep in sorrow, which was hidden from the self-serving Pharisee. The tax collector confessed his sins before the righteous Lord in whom he hoped for forgiveness: “God, be merciful to me, a sinner!” (v. 13).

Jesus concludes: “I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted” (v. 14).

The parable leaves us with a question: Which are we?

Tom Shelton, bishop and retired pastor, DeLeon Springs, Florida

The Moravian Church

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