



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 in Christ!

August 30, 2026
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
“Jeremiah: A Priest and Prophet”
Jeremiah 15:15-21
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. Sayward E. G. Lippincott and Rev. Dr. Mandy M. Mastros, LSW
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: Jaime Weik
Sexton: Andy Weik
Treasurer: Barbara McKenney
Financial Secretary: Mary Sweger
Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

****Stand, if you are able.***

Prelude: *Voluntary X*

George Frideric Handel

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

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.

***Call to Worship:** (Psalm 105:1-9, MSG) (Leader / Congregation)

Hallelujah! Thank God! Pray to him by name!

Tell everyone you meet what he has done!

Sing him songs, belt out hymns, translate his wonders into music!

Honor his holy name with Hallelujahs, you who seek God. Live a happy life!

Keep your eyes open for God, watch for his works; be alert for signs of his presence.

Remember the world of wonders he has made, his miracles, and the verdicts he's rendered— O seed of Abraham, his servant, O child of Jacob, his chosen.

He's God, our God, in charge of the whole earth.

And he remembers, remembers his Covenant— for a thousand generations he's been as good as his word.

***Hymn:** 531

Stand Up, and Bless the Lord

Sharing of Joys and Concerns and Prayers

The Church Litany: pages 5-8 only

Scripture: Jeremiah 15:15-21

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing,

my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. Therefore thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Children's Chat Hymn: 726 (v.1)

Jesus Loves Me! This I Know

Children's Chat

Pastor Mandy Mastros

***Hymn:** *Spirit Song* (see page 5 and 6 of bulletin)

Message: *Jeremiah: A Priest and Prophet*

Greg Bomberger

The Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory Anthem: *He's as Close as the Mention of His Name*

Gordon Jensen

In the very thought of Jesus, His presence can be found;

He's as close as the mention of His name.

There is never any distance between my Lord and me;

He's as close as the mention of His name.

Jesus, Jesus, He's as close as the mention of His name.

In my hour of struggle, so many times I've found

He's as close as the mention of His name.

Just to breathe the name of Jesus can turn everything around;

He's as close as the mention of His name.

Jesus, Jesus, close as the mention of His name.

Michelle Phillips, soprano

***Offertory Response: 652 (v.1)**

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

God, whose giving knows no ending,

from your rich and endless store;

nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,

costly cross, grave's shattered door,

gifted by you, we turn to you,

off'ring up ourselves in praise;

thankful song shall rise forever,

gracious donor of our days

Offertory Prayer

***Hymn:** 503

God's Word Alive and Active

Benediction

Postlude: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

*Lobe den Herrn
Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665
Arr., John Carter*

Copyright Information: Streamed with Permission Under One License # A-739829 & CCLI # 1147353, CCLI streaming #20323191. Prayer of Meditation and Responsive Prayer from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*, copyright Westminster John Knox Press, 2013.

Serving Today:

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

Head Usher: Pete Bainbridge

Scripture Readers: (8:00 a.m.) Paul Swope (10:30 a.m.) Gary Bailey

Sound Booth Personnel: Chris Rickson

Spirit Song

Words and Music by
John Wimber

VERSE

1. Oh let the Son of God en - fold you with His Spir - it and His
2. Oh come and sing this song with glad - ness as your hearts are filled with

Chords: D, A/E, D/F#, G, A7, F#m7

Tempo: ♩=90

love; Let Him fill your heart and sat - is - fy your soul. Oh let Him
joy; Lift your hands in sweet sur - ren - der to His name. Oh give Him

Chords: Bm, Em7, A, G/A, A, D, A/E, D/F#

have those things that hold you, and His Spir - it like, a dove, will des -
all your tears and sad - ness; Give Him all your years of pain, and you'll

Chords: G, A7, F#m7, Bm

CHORUS

- cend up - on your life and make you whole. Je - sus, oh Je - sus,
en - ter in - to life in Je - sus' name.

Chords: Em7, A, G/A, A7, D, G, A7/G, F#m7, Bm7

CCLI Song # 27824
 © 1979 Mercy / Vineyard Publishing
 For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com
 CCLI License # 11579062

OVER | CONTINUED

21

Em7 A D G A7/G F#m7 Bm7 Em7

come and fill Your lambs. Je - sus, oh Je - sus, come and

30

A A7 G/A D

fill Your lambs.

Announcements

August 30, 2026

Have you ever thought about singing with the LMC Senior Choir?
Now is the perfect time to give it a try!

Rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 9 at 7:15 PM in the Sanctuary.

The Senior Choir is the congregation's choir,
and we'd love to have you be part of this joyful music ministry!

No experience is necessary—
just bring a love of singing and a desire to praise the Lord.
Whether you've sung in a choir for years or have always wondered
what it might be like, all are welcome!

Come sing, laugh, worship, and make music together.
Come join the fun—you might just discover a new favorite part
of your week!

Questions? Contact Jeff, Director of Music Ministries, at
jeff@lititzmoravian.org or 717-342-4469.

INDOOR / OUTDOOR YARD SALE

Come out and support **Lancaster Moravian Church, Hand Up Partners,**
and the Homeless Advocacy Board at our **3rd Annual Yard Sale!**

Saturday, September 5
8:00 AM–1:00 PM

Located at: 227 & 244 North Queen Street, Lancaster

You'll find clothing, books, children's items, housewares, and much more!

Come shop, find a few treasures, and help support ministries
making a difference in our community.
Every purchase helps support these important efforts!

Bring a friend and come see what you can find!

Christmas Vigils

Vigil admission card requests will be accepted by the congregation beginning on Monday, October 19th.

IF you receive the Spire by mail, you will receive a Vigil Packet / Letter in the mail the 2nd week of October.

IF your email is on file with the office and you opted into receiving emails, you will receive your Vigil Google ticket request via email on October 19th.

Requests must be received by Friday, November 13th.

Tickets will be distributed after worship services on Sunday, November 29th and December 6th.



Vigil Services for 2026

Saturday, December 19th at 5:00PM and 7:30PM

Sunday, December 20th at 5:00PM

(10:30AM - Family Lovefeast - No Admission Card Required)

Thursday, December 24th at 5:00PM and 7:30PM

Nursery News

The nursery will reopen on Sunday, September 13th during the 10:30am service to once again care for our youngest members.

However, the following Sunday on September 20th the nursery will be closed so everyone can enjoy worship on the front lawn and hopefully stay for the church picnic afterwards.

As a friendly reminder, LIFT Sundays will resume on Sunday, September 27th and all 4th Sundays of each month when all children are invited to attend worship.
The nursery will be closed on LIFT Sundays.

Please continue to support our little ones and all the volunteers who lovingly care for them.

ROMEOs Are On The Move... “Retired Old Moravians Eating Out!”

Join us on the **first Wednesday of each month** for a fun outing to a **local restaurant**—good food, great conversation, and plenty of fellowship!

Meet at LMC at 11:00 AM, where the church minibus will take us to our "spot of the month!"

ROMEOs is always a good time, and friends and neighbors are welcome, too!
So grab a friend and come along!

This month's outing: **Wednesday, September 3**

Meet at church: **11:00 AM**

Who's joining us? We hope to see you there!

Craft Show 2026

Thank You for Making It Happen!

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the 2026 **Craft Show Food Court** a success during the Rotary Craft Show—even with the rain that brought us to an early close! From setup and teardown to serving hot dogs, working the cash register, and baking our beloved Moravian Sugar Cakes, so many hands came together to support this fundraiser and ultimately give back to our community.

Together, we raised \$1,330 in hot dog sales before the rain arrived at noon. The Moravian Sugar Cakes were a sweet success, selling out by 10:00 AM!

But the blessings didn't stop there! With the Food Court closing early, our remaining hot dogs and rolls were **donated to the Warwick Community Hub**. More than 30 packages were available—enough to provide a package to every family signed up to receive support through the Hub.

God is good! What began as a fundraiser became an opportunity to bless our neighbors in another way.

Thank you to everyone who shared their time, talents, and energy to make it possible. We couldn't have done it without you!



A heartfelt thank you to all of our **parking attendants** who generously gave their time during the Lititz Rotary Craft Show! From directing traffic and helping guests find their way to welcoming visitors with a friendly smile, your service helped make the day run smoothly.

Your efforts also helped raise funds to support the Christian Education Committee and the LMC Handbell Choir.

Thank you for giving your time, lending a hand, and helping make this community event a success.

Church Picnic - Sunday, September 20th

Church Picnic + Invite-A-Friend Sunday

Sunday, September 20 | Immediately following 10:30 AM Outdoor Worship
(there will be only one service this Sunday)

***Our service that day will focus on our Covenant for Christian Living,
a guiding document for how Moravians put their faith into practice.***

Join us for a special Sunday at Lititz Moravian Congregation!

We'll gather for one outdoor worship service at 10:30 AM,
followed by our annual Church Picnic filled with good food, fellowship,
games, and a bounce house!

This is also our 2nd **“Invite-A-Friend” Sunday!**

Have a coworker, friend, neighbor, or family member you've been
meaning to invite to church? This is the perfect Sunday!

Come worship together, then stay for lunch and fellowship.
It's a great opportunity to introduce someone to the people, traditions,
and community that make LMC special.

Come for Worship. Stay for the Fun. Bring a Friend!

**Please RSVP with sheet (on flip side of this sheet!) by
Sunday, September 13th
so we can plan accordingly for food and activities.**

You may drop your RSVP in the collection plate or
drop by the office.



PICNIC R.S.V.P.

RETURN TO CHURCH OFFICE BY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH
BY PLACING IN OFFERING PLATE OR DROPPING OFF

☐

Yes! I plan on attending the church picnic on September 20th!

☐

Total number attending

Names of those attending:

Contact Information (email or cell phone): _____

Please indicate any dietary preferences and/or food allergies:

☐

None

☐

Vegetarian

☐

Vegan

☐

Halal

☐

Gluten-free

☐

Kosher

☐

Allergies

☐

Other

Please list any food allergies or other preferences / restrictions below:

☐

Please check box if you would like more information on how you
can help with the picnic. (set up, clean up, serving, etc.)
Someone will reach out to you in the upcoming weeks!

Be Part of What's Happening at LMC!

Sunday School
KICK OFF!

**Kick off the 2026-2027
Sunday School year with us
on Sunday, September 13!**

There's a place for everyone!

We offer classes for children, youth, and adults, with several adult classes featuring a variety of topics and study styles to help you grow in your faith.

Whether you're returning or joining for the first time, we'd love to help you find the class that's right for you.

Join us in Fellowship Hall to browse and talk to representatives from each of the various classes.

Children & Youth

Rooted - K through 5th Grade

Nourish - 6th through 8th Grade

Cultivate - 9th through 12th Grade

Adult

The Wired Word

Seekers

Keeping Holy Time

A light breakfast and refreshments will be served.

Come explore, connect, and grow with us on
September 13th at 9:15am.



FOLLOW US

Follow us for more
happenings & history!



SPARK + IGNITE: SHINING OUR JESUS LIGHT

KIDS' NIGHT OUT!!

Kids' Night Out is a fun-filled evening where children discover God's love through exciting **science experiments, music, crafts, games, and interactive Bible lessons** that help them apply God's Word to everyday life.

The event is **FREE** and **open to the community!**

Register
here!



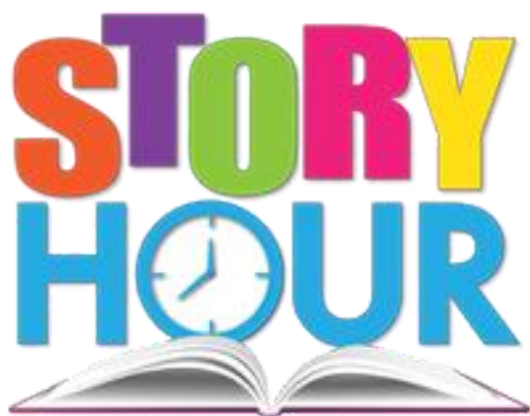
Scan QR code to register!

Saturday, September 12, from 6:00–8:00 PM.



Follow us for more
happenings & history!





Preschool Story Hour

Preschool Story Hour will resume in the fall from **9:30-10:30am** on the **third Friday** of **each month** from September through May.

We will meet from 9:30 – 10:30 am on the following dates:

September 18

October 16

November 20

December 18

January 15

February 19

March 19

April 16

May 21

Story Hour will be held in the Book Nook, which is located on the second floor of the Christian Education Building. Children age three to five are invited to come for an hour of stories, songs, movement, crafts, and a snack. Our primary mission is to plant seeds of Christian faith and values in young children through shared literature. Each month has a theme with a Christian message which we discuss in an age-appropriate way.

Children need not be members of Lititz Moravian to attend. Parents or grandparents are asked to remain and participate with the children. The program is free. Registration is limited, so please register your child early by completing the form below. If you have any questions, please call Shannon Richard (717) 314-9375.

Preschool Story Hour Registration

Child's Name _____

Age/birthdate _____

Food allergies _____

Child's Address _____

Adult's Name _____

Phone # _____

Email Address _____

Drop off at the office or mail to Lititz Moravian Church: 8 Church Square, Lititz, PA 17543
or email completed form to: office@lititzmoravian.org

From Beeswax to Brass: The Story Behind Moravian Christmas Vigils



Behind the Scenes of Christmas Vigils

Christmas Vigils are one of the most cherished traditions of the Moravian Church—a beautiful celebration of Christ's birth filled with candlelight, sacred music, Lovefeast, and the joy of the Christmas season. But have you ever wondered what it takes to prepare for this beloved tradition?

Join us for a special behind-the-scenes experience and discover the months of planning, preparation, and volunteer dedication that bring Christmas Vigils to life each year at Lititz Moravian Church.

Throughout this interactive event, you'll have the opportunity to experience hands-on demonstrations, including tying wicks for our hand-poured beeswax candles, learning how Fire Guards use their blankets during candlelight services, carrying a Lovefeast tray complete with a cinnamon roll and chocolate milk, and exploring many of the meaningful traditions that make Christmas Vigils so special.

Whether you've attended Christmas Vigils for years or are experiencing Moravian traditions for the first time, you'll leave with a new appreciation for the faith, history, and countless volunteers who make this treasured worship experience possible.



Saturday, September 26
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

*One of a Kind
Experience!*

Come discover the story behind the tradition... and become a part of it!

Are you signed up for The Spire?

The September & October edition is coming next week,
and you won't want to miss it!

The Spire has all the church happenings and important updates you'd expect but we're also adding photos, behind-the-scenes stories, history, fun features, and plenty of ways to connect with what's happening around Church Square.

It's a great way to catch up, discover something new,
and stay connected to the life of Lititz Moravian!

Not receiving The Spire yet? It's easy! Simply contact the church office at office@lititzmoravian.org to have your email added to the list.

Don't miss the next edition—The Spire is coming!

| Grace Notes |

Sometimes one thought from a sermon can stay with us all week.
Use this space to write down what speaks to you today—a Scripture,
a takeaway, a prayer, or even an upcoming event you'd like to remember.
May it continue to encourage you long after worship ends.

Congregational Watchword for 2026:
Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch
cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in
the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.
John 15:4

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:

COL. Neal Miller, US Army;

SGT. Jason Stoner, US Army Reserves;

Lt. Cdr. Dain Bomberger, US Navy;

Michael Hackett, Nancy Steedle & Family
serving overseas for the government

Pastoral Visitation:

Please contact Pastor Mandy
to schedule a
pastoral visit for yourself or
family members.

Prayers of Healing for:

Meda Hostetter

Richard Hostetter

Marilyn Diener

Susan Yeagley

Roger Groce

Melissa Hostetter

Greg Laubach

Marilyn Copenhaver

Charlene Van Brookhoven

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Completed Month of July 2026

	2025	2026
Tithes & Offerings	\$40,648	\$68,100
General Fund Other Income	\$9,915	\$9,256
General Fund Expenses	\$56,555	\$64,601
Net Income	\$(5,993)	\$12,755

YTD Through the Month of July 2026

	2025	2026
Tithes & Offerings	\$342,019	\$392,891
General Fund Other Income	\$58,582	\$58,340
General Fund Expense	\$435,974	\$421,419
Net Income	\$(35,373)	\$29,812

Walking Together This Week

Sunday, August 30, 2026

8:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary

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

10:30 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary in-person or livestream

• LIVE STREAMING

www.lititzmoravian.org

Monday, August 31, 2026

8:30 a.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall

7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

Tuesday, September 1, 2026

9:00 a.m. Quilting - Nursery

7:00 p.m. Elders - Liquid Classroom

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

8:30 a.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall

11:00 a.m. ROMEO's Lunch - Meet at minibus

7:00 p.m. NA - HDR

Thursday, September 3, 2026

7:00 p.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall

Friday, September 4, 2026

9:00 a.m. Beginner Community Yoga - Fellowship Hall

Saturday, September 5, 2026

Sunday, September 6, 2026

8:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary

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

10:30 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary in-person or livestream

• LIVE STREAMING

www.lititzmoravian.org

A Blessed Life

Who admits to putting God in a box, at least occasionally? Like Peter we come to understand that Jesus is the Messiah, but we have different ideas of what the anointed one is supposed to do. For Israelites in Jesus' day, he was the warrior king who would take down their oppressors and set them free. Killed by your own religious institution seemed impossible for the Messiah.

How often do we build a belief around a verse or two, ignoring everything else? We tell others they're wrong, and they just have to understand it the way we do. Peter (and the others) may have been doing this to Jesus too. They've seen him heal, love, and care for others—Israelite or not. His harshest words have been for the religious elites, and yet their God box hasn't been broken and redefined by Jesus' life.

I wonder if the disciples are looking for glory, like many of us. A blessed life seems to be a life of comfort and few problems. Jesus challenges that view. Deny your all (needs, self, ambitions?), give your all for others (even if it means death?), and follow (live like I have lived, love like I have loved, be willing to die for anyone?).

We often get too comfortable with our beliefs and our lives as they are. We forget that Jesus' life was radical and dangerous. What would life be like if we gave up our comforts (as God did) to live and love with those who most need to know there is a God who created and loves them, who wants to walk with them?

Are we willing to dismantle any boxes we have created, to love and live life as Jesus did, no matter the cost?

*Trina Holmberg, missionary for God,
working with the Moravians in Nepal*

The Moravian Church

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2026

