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Mission Statement:

Growing Faith, Sharing Hope, Living Love in Christ!

October 11, 2026
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
“We all Have a Calf”
Exodus 32:1-14

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

*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
Sexton: Andy Weik
Assistant Sexton: Rodney Moore
Office Manager: Jaime Weik
Administrative Assistant: Sharon Roseboro
Treasurer: Barbara McKenney
Financial Secretary: Mary Sweger
Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

**Stand, if you are able.*

Prelude: *How Beautiful*

Jesus, Name Above All Names

Twila Paris, arr. L. Larson

Naida Hearn, arr. J. Wilson

Welcome, Announcements and Holy Hellos

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:** (from Psalm 106)

Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord or declare all his praise?

Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

Remember us, O Lord, when you show favor to your people; help us when you deliver them,

that we may see the prosperity of your chosen ones, that we may rejoice in the gladness of your nation, that we may glory in your heritage.

Both we and our ancestors have sinned; we have committed iniquity, have done wickedly.

They made a calf at Horeb and worshiped a cast image. They exchanged the glory of God for the image of an ox that eats grass.

They forgot God, their Savior, who had done great things in Egypt, wondrous works in the land of Ham, and awesome deeds by the Red Sea.

Therefore he said he would destroy them— had not Moses, his chosen one, stood in the breach before him, to turn away his wrath from destroying them.

Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

And let all the people say,

“Amen.” Praise the Lord!

***Hymn:** 461

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Sharing of Joys, Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

Scripture: Exodus 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, “Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who

brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” Aaron said to them, “Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters and bring them to me.” So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears and brought them to Aaron. He took these from them, formed them in a mold,[a] and cast an image of a calf, and they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it, and Aaron made a proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.” They rose early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being, and the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to revel. The Lord said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’ ” The Lord said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation.” But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’ ” And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Children’s Chat Hymn: 679 (v. 1-2)

Little Children, Welcome!

Children’s Chat

Pastor Mandy Mastros

***Hymn:** 746

Since We, Though Unworthy

Message: *We All Have a Calf*

Pastor Sayward Lippincott

The Offering of Tithes and Gifts and Second Mile Offering

The Second Mile Offering will be for Warwick Community Chest.

The Lititz Warwick Community Chest assists families and individuals residing in the Warwick School District by providing food and assistance during temporary situations when other agency resources are not available.

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

(10:30 a.m.) Offertory Anthem: *Requiem*

Eliza Gilkyson,
arr. C. H. Johnson

*mother mary, full of grace, awaken. all our homes are gone,
our loved ones taken.*

*taken by the sea. mother mary, calm our fears, have mercy.
drowning in a sea of tears, have mercy. hear our mournful plea.
our world has been shaken, we wander our homelands forsaken.*

*in the dark night of the soul bring some comfort to us all,
o mother mary come and carry us in your embrace that our sorrows
may be faced.*

*mary, fill the glass to overflowing. illuminate the path where we are going.
have mercy on us all. in funeral fires burning each flame to your
mystery returning.*

*in the dark night of the soul your shattered dreamers, make them whole,
o mother mary find us where we've fallen out of grace,
lead us to a higher place.*

*in the dark night of the soul our broken hearts you dare make whole,
o mother mary, come and carry us in your embrace,
let us see your gentle face, mary.*

-text reproduced as it appears in the music

NOTE: Singer/songwriter Eliza Gilkyson wrote “Requiem” after the devastating Asian tsunami of 2004 as an invocation to compassion and as a song of prayer and comfort. When choral conductor/arranger Craig Hella Johnson heard this profound and pristinely simple song, as a duet beautifully sung by Eliza and her daughter, he “heard” the invitation for it to be sung communally. He wrote this beautiful choral arrangement hoping to let the song speak clearly and meaningfully for itself and to give many people an opportunity to experience its universal themes.

Offertory Response: 650 (v. 1 & 2)

As Saints of Old

Offertory Prayer

***Hymn:** page 5-6 of bulletin; v.1-3

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Benediction

Postlude: *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

Linstead
Jamaican Folk Tune
adpt., Doreen Potter; arr. J. Carter

Sweet Hour Of Prayer v. 1-3

Words by
William W. Walford

(Optional chords in parentheses)

Music by
William Batchelder Bradbury

VERSE

♩ = 110

C F C

1. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, that calls me from a
 2. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, that joy I feel, the
 3. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, thy wings shall my pe -
 4. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, may I thy con - so -

4 G C F C

world of care, and bids me at my Fa - ther's throne make all my wants and
 bliss I share of those whose anx - ious spir - its burn with strong de - sires for
 - ti - tion bear to Him whose truth and faith - ful - ness en - gage the wait - ing
 - la - tion share, till, from Mount Pis - gah's loft - y height, I view my home and

8 G7 C C G/D C/E F C C G/D C/E F

wish - es known! In sea - sons of dis - tress and grief my soul has of - ten
 thy re - turn! With such I has - ten to the place where God, my Sav - ior,
 soul to bless; And since He bids me seek His face, be - lieve His Word, and
 take my flight; This robe of flesh I'll drop and rise to seize the ev - er -

12 C G C F C

found re - lief, and oft es - caped the tempt - er's snare by thy re - turn, sweet
shows His face, and glad - ly take my sta - tion there, and wait for thee, sweet
trust His grace, I'll cast on Him my ev - 'ry care, and wait for thee, sweet
-last - ing prize, and shout, while pass - ing through the air, "Fare - well, fare - well, sweet

16 G7 C

hour of prayer.
hour of prayer.
hour of prayer.
hour of prayer."

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Serving Today:

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

Head Usher: Matt Bomberger

Scripture Readers: (8:00 a.m.) Missy Anderson
(10:30 a.m.) Carol Dague

Sound Booth Personnel: Chris Rickson

Nursery: Cindy Walter and Addy Bomberger

Announcements

October 11, 2026

CELEBRATE OUR OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS!

Join us **TODAY**, following 2nd Worship in the Social Hall as we celebrate all those with an October birthday!



We'll gather for a little birthday song, yummy treats, and good old-fashioned fellowship.

Come celebrate another year of life and help us make our October birthday friends feel extra special!

Everyone is welcome to join the celebration!

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

This month, we celebrate and give thanks for Pastor Sayward and Pastor Mandy and the many ways they serve our congregation and community.

From worship and preaching to pastoral care, prayer, teaching, celebrations, difficult moments, and countless things behind the scenes, they give their time, hearts, and energy to the life of LMC.

Thank you, Pastor Sayward and Pastor Mandy, for all you do and for the love you bring to LMC!

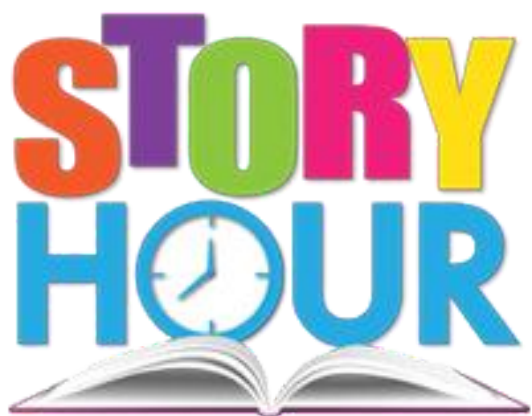
When you see them this month, give them an extra hug, high five, or word of thanks!

Joyful Noise: Giving with Purpose

The Cultivate class has chosen Essentials Café in Bethlehem as their Joyful Noise recipient for October!

Using your **Joyful Noise** offerings on **October 25th**, the class will “shop” from Essentials Café’s Amazon Wish List to purchase items they need most.

Thank you for helping Cultivate turn your generosity into meaningful support!



Preschool Story Hour

Preschool Story Hour is back in full swing from 9:30-10:30am on the third Friday of each month through May 2027.

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

Thank you...

Thank you to everyone who brought in socks for the Moravian Youth Council.

During their annual youth rally this weekend, they will be assembling Blessing Bags to distribute to individuals experiencing homelessness and poverty.



Josh Colon in NYC!

Over one large paper box and additional bag were delivered to help with this mission!

As always, thank you for your kindness and opening your heart to others.

...and a special thanks to Josh Colon for helping to hand deliver the “socks in a box” to NYC!

Departed Spirits Tours

The Lititz Historical Foundation will once again host its popular **“Departed Spirits Tour” on Saturday, October 24 beginning at 5pm.**

Led by a costumed docent, guests will journey through the historic grounds of the Lititz Moravian Church, where they’ll encounter several “departed spirits” who will share fascinating stories and tales from Lititz’s past.

Along the way, visitors will discover some of the area's most intriguing historic sites, including a former Revolutionary War hospital said to be haunted and the 1786 Corpse House, along with plenty of other interesting places, characters, and stories from Lititz history!

This is a *family friendly event*, and a *joint fundraiser* between the *Lititz Historical Foundation* and the *Lititz Moravian Archives*.

Grab your tickets at: www.lititzhistoricalfoundation.com

...then check out the ‘events’ tab.

Consecration Services

You are cordially invited to attend the Consecration Services for
Rev. Brian Dixon and Rev. Nasel Ephraim.

Rev. Nasel Ephraim

Consecration service will be held on
Sunday, October 18th at 4:00 pm at
Redeemer Moravian Church
in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

If unable to attend in person,
you may join the live-stream through
Redeemer's Facebook page:
Redeemer Moravian Phila

Rev. Brian Dixon

Consecration service will be held on
Saturday, October 31st at 2:00pm at
Emmaus Moravian Church
in Emmaus, Pennsylvania.

If unable to attend in person,
you may join the live-stream on Zoom at:
<https://zoom.us/j/4429489211>

Are you Christmas card ready?

WELCOME A MORAVIAN CHRISTMAS!

The historic Coffee Kitchen is ready for Christmas!

After serving as a festive photo backdrop during last weekend's
Vigil Open House,
we decided it was simply too pretty to take down!

Now you and your family can enjoy this special space and capture your own
Moravian Christmas memory in front of the beautifully decorated hearth.

Weekdays: Contact the Church Office to arrange a time to visit,
Monday–Friday during the day.

Sundays: Feel free to stop down between worship services.

Gather your family, bring your camera,
and step into a little piece of Moravian Christmas history.

Come make a memory. Come welcome a Moravian Christmas.



Sensory-Friendly Pictures

at The Arc Lancaster Lebanon

116 W Airport Road, Suite A
Lititz, PA 17543

November 16 or 17, 2026

NEW THIS YEAR—Choose your favorite setting!
A Magical Winter Wonderland or a special visit with Santa

On **Monday, November 16th**, families or individuals can sign-up for a time slot between **4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.** to schedule a picture.

**We ask that you sign up with a time slot so we do not double book time with Santa.*

On **Tuesday, November 17th**, families or individuals can drop-in for pictures between **5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.**

***We ask that you sign up so we have an approximate head count.*

Register below using the **Register Here** link or **QR Code**:

REGISTER HERE



Use your phone or camera to snap a picture!

Enjoy a calm and welcoming experience designed for individuals with sensory needs. We'll offer low lighting, less noise, and flexible timing so families can take their time enjoying the **Magical Winter Wonderland** or **meeting Santa** and making special memories.



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 BOTH 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

Traditions, Treasures and Christmas Cheer!

The holiday season is just around the corner, and **Attic Treasures** and the **Makers Market** are returning for this year's **Advent Tea** on Saturday, December 5!

Come sip, shop, browse, and get into the Christmas spirit!
Both Attic Treasures and the Makers Market will be open from 9:00 AM–3:00 PM, while The Advent Tea will be served from 1:00 - 3:00 PM.

Ready to make room at home?
Household items for **Attic Treasures** may be dropped off in the Craft Room beginning October 1.
For questions about Attic Treasures, please contact Cindy Walter.

Calling all makers!
Makers Market tables are \$25 each, so gather your creations and join us for a festive day of shopping and sharing.
For more information about the Makers Market, contact Brenda Watson.



A “HOLLY JOLLY MARKET” — SOMETHING NEW THIS YEAR DURING THE MAKERS MARKET!

We’re adding a little holiday shopping fun for the younger shoppers during The Makers Market this year!

Our Holly Jolly Market will give children the chance to shop for family and loved ones, choosing special gifts priced between just \$0.25 and \$1.00!

They’ll get to pick, purchase, and take home their treasures—ready to give to someone they love.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

We’re collecting small household items and holiday décor that are new or very gently used and would make fun gifts for Mom, Dad, grandparents, siblings, teachers, or someone special.

And here’s your hint:

You know that thing Aunt Sally gave you years ago that has been sitting on the top shelf of your closet ever since? This might be its moment to shine! (HELLO – “regift!”)

Please place your donated items in the collection box in the Star Room.

We’re also collecting gently used holiday gift bags so our young shoppers can take their purchases home wrapped and ready for gifting!

A Goddess Gathering to Energize Your Existence

with
Eileen Crone &
Special Guests

A Day-Long Retreat Full of Self-Care , Yummy Food, Movement and Fun



When: Saturday, October 17, 2026 from 8:30am to 4:30pm
Where: Lititz Moravian Church, Church Square, Lititz, PA 17543
(enter drive between church and social hall from Main Street; park in large back parking lot and enter Fellowship Hall through glass doors and go upstairs to right. Make a left at top of stairs to Fellowship Hall)
Cost: \$75 for Adult Women; \$40 for Young Women aged 10-16
by October 11, 2026 (by Venmo or hand it to Eileen)
Questions: (717) 627-4258 or eileenwiederocrone@gmail.com.

8:30 – 9:00 am

Welcome Smoothies, Register for Giveaways and Introductions 9:00 – 10:00 am Herbal Introductions (with possible walk outside) by Stephanie Maguire Witman from www.DragonflyRiverApothecary.com

10:15 – 11:15 am Zumba Party by Em Crone, Certified Zumba Teacher

11:30 – 1:00 pm Experience Raw and Vegan Mediterranean Cuisine, including Sproutful Salad, Falafel with Steamed Rice and surprise dessert provided by Olivia Hertzog, raw food chef, www.oliviahertzog.com

1:15 – 1:45 pm Self-Care Hacks by Eileen Wieder Crone, Registered Yoga Teacher 2:00 – 3:00 pm Tai Chi Easy by Eileen Wieder Crone, Certified Tai Chi Instructor 3:15 – 4:15 pm Ask the Teachers Panel moderated by Eileen and Drawing for Prizes 4:15 – 4:30 pm Close with Sharing Circle and Meditation by Stephanie

What to Bring: your own water bottle and water, adequate footwear for walking outside and dancing, journal and pen if you take notes. Turn off your cell phone!!

Payment by Venmo to: @Olivia-Hertzog or send form and check payable to Eileen Crone, 535 E. Woods Dr., Lititz, PA 17543-8570.

Name _____ ***Phone*** _____

Address _____

Email _____ ***EmergContact*** _____

Name and Phone Number

| 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 Sayward or Pastor Mandy
to schedule a
pastoral visit for yourself or
family members.
You may also scan QR code
below to submit a confidential
prayer request online.*



Prayers of Healing for:

*Meda Hostetter
Richard Hostetter
Marilyn Diener
Susan Yeagley
Roger Groce
Melissa Hostetter
Greg Laubach
Marilyn Copenhaver
Charlene Van Brookhoven
Harry Peters*

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Completed Month of August 2026

	2025	2026
Tithes & Offerings	\$69,120	\$55,538
General Fund Other Income	\$5,300	\$306
General Fund Expenses	\$78,666	\$61,555
Net Income	\$(4,247)	\$(5,711)

YTD Through the Month of August 2026

	2025	2026
Tithes & Offerings	\$411,139	\$448,429
General Fund Other Income	\$63,881	\$58,646
General Fund Expense	\$514,640	\$482,974
Net Income	\$(39,620)	\$24,101

Walking Together This Week

Sunday, October 11, 2026 - Second Mile Offering

8:00 a.m. Worship

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

10:30 a.m. Worship **LIVE STREAM**

11:30 a.m. Birthday Celebration in Social Hall

Monday, October 12, 2026 - SPIRE Deadline for Nov. / Dec. Edition

8:30 a.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall

6:30 p.m. Fellowship - HDR

6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Leaders Meeting - Liquid

6:30 p.m. Random Acts of Kindness - RAO

7:00 p.m. Community Band - Fellowship Hall

7:15 p.m. HBC Practice - Prep Room

Tuesday, October 13, 2026

9:00 a.m. Quilting - Nursery

6:30 p.m. Archives Committee - HDR

Wednesday, October 14, 2026

8:30 a.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. NA - HDR

7:15 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, October 15, 2026

7:00 p.m. Lititz Historical Society - HDR

7:00 p.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall

Friday, October 16, 2026

9:15 a.m. Beginner Community Yoga - Fellowship Hall

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

Saturday, October 17, 2026

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Women's Wellness Retreat with Eileen Crone & Guests
- Pre-registration required - Fellowship Hall

Sunday, October 18, 2026 - Trombone & Handbell Choirs

8:00 a.m. Worship

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

10:30 a.m. Worship Service **LIVE STREAM**

Moravian Mission
Gift Shop
now open
fall hours!
Thursday, Friday &
Saturday
10am-4pm

Invitation to Responsibility

The parable of the Wedding Banquet (Matthew 22:1–14) is surprisingly relevant to our world today when reduced to its core themes: invitation, response, inclusion, and accountability.

The king invites many guests, but the invitations are ignored and rejected. Today we live in a time of almost unlimited access to information, opportunities, faith, and community—at our fingertips, in our pockets, and on our desktops. Yet important calls for justice and compassion are ignored. While the information and opportunity exist, they are not enough. The response matters.

When the original guests refuse, the king expands his invitation to “everyone”—people who weren’t originally considered. Worldwide, we’ve seen barriers disappear. In some countries, there is more inclusion of people of different races, classes, and backgrounds. Communities have become more diverse and interconnected. Grace, opportunity, and purpose are open to all.

But the acceptance of the invitation isn’t passive. One guest shows up without proper wedding attire and is cast out. Being invited isn’t just about showing up; it’s *how* you show up. Integrity and respect still matter. Claiming a community means accepting the values of that community.

Actions have consequences. Those who rejected the invitation face consequences, and the unprepared guest is removed. Social, environmental, and political decisions carry real costs. Ignoring responsibility eventually leads to a fallout.

“Many are called, but few are chosen.” The closing of the parable, applied to today, is less about exclusion and more about response and responsibility. We are invited. We are included. We are given opportunity. Will we live up to it?

*Jan MacDonald Russell, member of Shepherd of the Prairie
Moravian Church, Fargo, North Dakota*

The Moravian Church

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
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