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Mission Statement:

Growing Faith, Sharing Hope, Living Love in Christ!

October 25, 2026
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
LIFT Worship
Matthew 22:34-46

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: *Three Chorale Preludes*

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

“Angel’s Song” (*Song 34*, Gibbons)

“Dundee”

“O wie selig”

Welcome, Announcements & 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

LIFT Leader

God loves us and welcomes us with grace.

We come to worship the God who loves us.

Jesus teaches us to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind.

We offer God our love, our praise, and our lives.

Jesus also calls us to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Help us to show kindness, patience, and care to everyone.

Come, let us worship God, whose love brings us together!

With grateful hearts, we worship God and share Christ’s love with the world.

Amen.

***Liturgy for Grace: 31**

LIFT

Leader

Sharing of Joys, Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

LIFT Leader

Scripture: Matthew 22:34-46

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.” Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah?^[a] Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand: until I put your enemies under your feet” ’? “If David thus calls

him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

(10:30 a.m.) **Sunday School Choir**

Father, I Adore You

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

Allyson Miller
Children's Ministry Coordinator

Joyful Noise Collection for Essentials Cafe in Bethlehem

The Cultivate class has chosen Essentials Café as their Joyful Noise recipient for October! Using your Joyful Noise offerings from today, the class will shop from Essentials Café's Amazon Wish List to buy items they need most.

***Hymn:** 474

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Message:

Rev. Lance Fox

The Offering of Tithes and Gifts

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

(10:30 a.m.) **Offertory Anthem:** "Thus saith the high and lofty one" from
The New-England Psalm-Singer (1770)
William Billings (1746-1800)

*Thus saith the high and lofty One, "I sit upon my holy Throne:
My Name is God, I dwell on high; Dwell in my own Eternity."*

Psalm 57:15, tr. Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

***Offertory Response:** 650 (v. 1 & 2)

As Saints of Old

***Offertory Prayer**

LIFT Leader

***Hymn:** 673

Christian Hearts, in Love United

Benediction

LIFT Leader

Postlude: *Chorale and Fugue*

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

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Serving Today:

Guest Pastor: The Rev. Lance Fox

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

Head Usher: Tim Hartel

Scripture Readers: (8:00 a.m.) Mary Ginder (10:30 a.m.) LIFT Leader

Sound Booth Personnel: Chris Rickson

No Nursery due to LIFT Worship

Announcements

October 25, 2026

All Saints Day – Remembering Those We Love

On **Sunday, November 1**, we will observe All Saints Day, and we would like to remember the Saints from our own lives.

We invite you to bring a photograph or small memento of someone dear to you to share during worship. If you would like a photograph printed, please email a picture to Allyson by the morning of Friday, October 30th.

These treasured reminders will be displayed during and after worship as we remember the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us.

Please take your photos and mementos home with you after worship.

If you would like to include a small note with your photo or memento, you are welcome to, if you would like. Together, we will celebrate the lives, love, and lasting impact of those who remain forever in our hearts.

You are cordially invited to attend the Consecration Service for
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>

“Small Doors, Big Love” - Making a Difference!

A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who donated money or brought in cleaning supplies for Small Doors, Big Love! Your generosity helps spread love, care, and practical support to those who need it.

Every donation, big or small, makes a difference.

Thank you for showing God's love through your kindness!

Lititz Moravian's Advent Poinsettia Tree



To be presented in the Sanctuary
Sunday, December 19th and Sunday, December 27th.

Poinsettias will be distributed after the 10:30 a.m. service
on December 27th.

Plants can be purchased for \$15.00 and will be displayed on the
Poinsettia Tree "In Honor" or "In Memory" of a loved one.

Please print information on the form below and turn into the church office
or place *in an envelope* in the offering plate during a Sunday service.

Checks can be written to "Lititz Moravian Congregation"
with 'Poinsettia Tree' in memo line.

Return the bottom portion with your order with payment attached.

Deadline to order is Friday, November 20th.



Presenter (From): _____

Phone: () _____

(CIRCLE ONE) - "In Honor" or "In Memory" of:

Name: _____

(CIRCLE ONE) - "In Honor" or "In Memory" of:

Name: _____

Number of Plants TOTAL: _____ X \$15.00 / each = \$ _____

OFFICE USE: CHECK # _____ CASH _____ LOGGED _____



Discover Our Moravian Heritage!

Join the Seekers Adult Sunday School Class
this November!

Curious about Moravian history and the stories that shaped our faith? You're invited to join the Seekers Adult Sunday School Class for a special three-week series exploring Moravian heritage through engaging videos and lively discussion.

For three weeks in November,
we'll explore these fascinating topics:

November 8

Moravian Women
in Early America

November 15

The Moravians: From
Persecution to Global Revival

November 22

The Moravians and
John Wesley Explained



You are welcome to join us
for this series in the Heritage
Dining Room

9:15 to 10:15 AM



All are welcome!



Christmas Vigils

Vigil admission card requests have begun to be received since Monday, October 19th.

IF you receive the Spire by mail, a Vigil Packet / Letter was sent in the the mail to address on file.

IF your email is on file with the office and you opted into receiving emails, you received your Vigil Google ticket request via email on October 19th. Please check 'spam' folder if not in your in-box.

Requests must be received by Friday, November 13th.

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

Interested in LMC's Visitation Ministry?

Have you ever considered being part of *LMC's Visitation Ministry*? Whether you're curious about getting involved or already feel called to visit and support others, we invite you to join us for two helpful training sessions with Pastor Mandy and Greg.

These sessions will offer practical resources, guidance, and tips to help you feel more comfortable and confident as you connect with those you visit.

Training Dates: November 1 and November 22
Time: During the Sunday School hour (9:15–10:15 AM)
Location: Parsonage Kitchen

We will be referencing *Care and Visitation Ministry Volunteer Handbook: Equipping You to Serve*. Participants will receive a copy of the book, which is also available on Amazon.

If you're interested in learning more or plan to attend, please let us know! We'd love to have you join us as we continue sharing God's love and care with others in our congregation and community.

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 12:00 - 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!

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

Charlene Van Brookhoven

Harry Peters

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Completed Month of September 2026

	2025	2026
Tithes & Offerings	\$37,707	\$32,738
General Fund Other Income	\$10,748	\$12,596
General Fund Expenses	\$65,479	\$58,679
Net Income	\$(17,024)	\$(13,345)

YTD Through the Month of September 2026

	2025	2026
Tithes & Offerings	\$448,845	\$481,167
General Fund Other Income	\$74,630	\$71,242
General Fund Expense	\$580,119	\$541,653
Net Income	\$(56,644)	\$10,756

Walking Together This Week

Sunday, October 25, 2026 - LIFT Worship with Joyful Noise

8:00 a.m. Worship

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

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

Monday, October 26, 2026

8:30 a.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, October 27, 2026

9:00 a.m. Quilting - Nursery

7:15 p.m. Trombone Choir Practice - Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 28, 2026

OFFICE CLOSED FOR STAFF DEVELOPMENT

8:30 a.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. NA - HDR

7:15 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, October 29, 2026

7:00 p.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall

Friday, October 30, 2026

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

Saturday, October 31, 2026

Reminder to turn clocks back 1 hour before bedtime for the end of Daylight Savings

Sunday, November 1, 2026 - All Saints Sunday

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

Core Values

When a Pharisee asks Jesus the loaded question, "Which commandment in the law is the greatest?," Jesus responds first with a quote from the sixth chapter of Deuteronomy, one that any observant Jew, then and now, would immediately recognize. Jesus then follows up with a second familiar quote, this time from Leviticus. The two commandments Jesus references, love God and love your neighbor as yourself, are central to what it means to be a child of the Covenant, and equally central to what it means to be a Christian. These are core values. Defining principles. By quoting them Jesus silences his critic.

Embracing these same core values has never posed much of a challenge for Christians living in North America. But lately, in the United States particularly, loving your neighbor—especially when that neighbor doesn't look like you or talk like you or embrace all of the traditions that you do—can put you at odds with some powerful forces and some equally powerful voices that dominate politics and airwaves and social media.

The conversation between Jesus and the Pharisee happened, as best we can tell, shortly after Jesus entered Jerusalem and only a few days before powerful forces plotted to have him executed. He steadfastly adhered to his core values, even when he knew that doing so would lead to his death.

Holding true to the core Christian value of loving our neighbor will most likely not lead to death for any of us. But it could cost us. It could put us at odds with family or friends or make us feel out of step in places where we once felt comfortable.

Is it a price worth paying? I hope that for all of us, the answer is yes.

Jeff Van Orden, retired pastor, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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