



Ardmore Moravian Church

April 5, 2026

WATCH WORD FOR THE WEEK:

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Colossians 3:1

John 20:1-18

20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus’s head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, ¹²and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, “Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and she told them that he had said these things to her.

ARDMORE MORAVIAN CHURCH

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026

Prelude

“Morning Has Broken”

arr. Fred Bock

Call to Worship

The Lord is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed!

“Jesus Christ Is Ris’n Today” MBW # 358

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, alleluia!

Our triumphant holy day, alleluia!

Who did once, upon the cross, alleluia!

Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia!

Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave, alleluia!

Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, alleluia!

Our salvation have procured; alleluia!

Now above the sky he's King, alleluia!

Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Now be God the Father praised, alleluia!

With the Son, from death upraised, alleluia!

*And the Spirit, ever blessed; alleluia!
One true God, by all confessed. Alleluia!*

Greeting One Another

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgy

(Standing.)

Sing this aloud, proclaim it to the ends of the earth:

The Lord has set his people free.

“Ellacombe (151 R)”

*The day of resurrection! Earth tell it out abroad;
the passover of gladness, the passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin to be set free,
our Christ has brought us over, with hymns of victory.*

*Now let the heav'ns be joyful, let earth its song begin;
the round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein;
in grateful exultation their notes let all things blend,
for Christ the Lord has risen, our Joy that has no end.*

(Sitting)

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By God's great mercy we are given new birth into a living hope through

the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.

Praise, honor, glory, and power to the One seated on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!

Jesus was handed over to death for our sins,

And was raised to life for our justification.

Then what can separate us from the love of Christ? Can affliction or hardship? Can persecution, hunger, nakedness, peril, or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Christ, who loved us.

For we are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come,

Nor powers, nor heights, nor depths, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

“Lux Eoi (167 H)”

Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;
sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise;
he, who on the cross a victim
for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,
now is risen from the dead.*

We have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, it is for the Lord that we live; and if we die, it is for the Lord that we die.

So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord, for Christ died, rose from death, and lives again in order to be Lord of the living and of the dead.

We do not want you to be in any doubt about those who have died, or to grieve over them as others do who have no hope.

For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.

What we are saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God.

Nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable;

What is sown as perishable,

Is raised imperishable;

What is sown in dishonor,

Is raised in glory;

What is sown in weakness,

Is raised in power;

What is sown a physical body,

Is raised a spiritual body.

Then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: Death has been swallowed up in victory.

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

(Standing)

“Christians, Dismiss Your Fear” MBW #356

*Christians, dismiss your fear;
let hope and joy succeed;
the joyful news with gladness hear:
“The Lord is ris’n indeed!”
The promise is fulfilled
in Christ our only Head;
now justice, mercy, reconciled,
he lives who once was dead.*

*The Lord is ris’n again,
who on the cross did bleed;
he lives to die no more, amen,
the Lord is ris’n indeed!
He truly tasted death
to give us hope again,
in bitter pangs resigned his breath,
but now has ris’n. Amen!*

*He has himself the keys
of death, the grave, and hell;
his is the victory and praise,
and he rules all things well;
death now no more I dread,
but cheerful close my eyes;
death is a sleep, the grave a bed;
with Jesus I shall rise.*

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Anthem "The Risen Christ" John Holler

Response "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayer

Scripture

Acts 10:34-43
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-18

"The Strife is O'er" MBW # 361

*The strife is o'er, the battle done,
the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun.*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*The powers of death have done their worst,
but Christ their legions has dispersed:
let shouts of holy joy outburst.*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*The three sad days are quickly sped,
Christ rises glorious from the dead:
all glory to our risen Head!*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*He closed the yawning gates of hell,
the bars from heav'n's high portals fell;
let hymns of praise his triumph tell.*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Lord, by your wounds on Calvary
from death's dread sting your servants free,
that we may live eternally.*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Sermon

“The Divine Yes” Rev. Dr. Worth Green

Prayer

Closing

(Standing)

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are of the earth.

For we have died, and our lives are hidden with Christ in God.

God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant,

Make us complete in everything good so that we may do your will, working among us all that is pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

“ Sing Hallelujah, Praise The Lord!” Bechler (159 D)
Sing hallelujah, praise the Lord!
Sing with a cheerful voice;
exalt our God with one accord,
and in his name rejoice.

Ne'er cease to sing, O ransomed host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
until in realms of endless light
your praises shall unite.

*There we to all eternity
shall join the angelic lays
and sing in perfect harmony
to God our Savior's praise;
he has redeemed us by his blood,
and made us kings and priests to God;
for us, for us, the Lamb was slain!
Praise ye the Lord! Amen.*

Benediction


Glory be to Christ Jesus, who is the Resurrection and the Life. He was dead, and behold he is alive forever and ever. Those who believe in him, even though they die, yet shall they live. Glory be to Christ Jesus, in the church which waits for him on earth, and in the church which is around him in heaven, from everlasting to everlasting.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with all of you.


Amen.

Please be seated and use this time to listen to the Postlude and reflect upon how God is calling you to live, to love, and to serve in the week to come.

Postlude "Easter Fanfare and Chorale" Thomas Chesterton



The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary this morning to the glory of God and His Son, Jesus Christ, as we remember the agony of the cross & celebrate the glory of the empty tomb.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, April 5 – Easter Sunday

- 4:30 AM Ushers' Breakfast
- 6:15 AM 254st Easter Sunrise Service in Salem
- 10:30 AM Worship Service – Rev. Dr. Worth Green

Wednesday – April 8

- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, April 12 – Second Sunday after Easter

- 9:30 AM Sunday School Classes
- 10:30 AM Worship Service – Rev. Joe Moore

PEOPLE FOR WHOM WE ARE PRAYING



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Cindy Clore
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****Please contact the church office to add or remove individuals from the prayer list.***

Welcome to Ardmore Moravian Church
“Where Communion and Community Come Together”

We are a Christ-centered fellowship of people bound by love of Jesus and one another. Our greatest hope is that God will be glorified through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit among us. We have gathered to worship; celebrating the eternal life won for us by Christ through His death and resurrection as promised in the Bible.

God has created and called us into relationship with Himself (communion) and with one another (community). We need the Lord, and we need each other. As you draw close to God, may you also grow in friendship with those around you. We believe God has gifted people in every age. So our worship is marked by a variety of styles and expressions of music, liturgy, prayer and proclamation. We seek to blend these expressions in a way that pleases God and edifies one another.

The Moravian Church, while unfamiliar to many, is actually one of the oldest Protestant denominations in the world. Our roots and heritage run deep, even one hundred years prior to the Great Reformation. Yet our sense of mission is alive and active *today* as we serve the Lord in ministry together.

Jesus said to His disciples, “...you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.” At Ardmore Moravian we sincerely strive to live that promise. We worship, study the Holy Scriptures, fellowship and grow as Disciples of Christ together here at the corner of Hawthorne and Academy. We ask the Lord then to send us out and employ us for His glory as we share the Gospel - the Good News of Christ - locally, regionally and globally.

If you are searching for a meaningful relationship with God and productive friendships with other people, you’ve come to the right place, “Where Communion and Community Come Together.”



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