Ardmore Moravian Church

April 26, 2026

WATCH WORD FOR THE WEEK:

Jesus said, "I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture."

John 10:9

John 10:1-10

10 “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. **2** The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. **3** The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. **4** When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. **5** They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” **6** Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

7 So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. **8** All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. **9** I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. **10** The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

ARDMORE MORAVIAN CHURCH
Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2026

Prelude "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" Mark Hayes

Call to Worship

The Lord is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed!
Sing this aloud, proclaim it to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has set his people free.

Songs of Praise

"This Is Amazing Grace" Riddle, Farro, Wickham

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of glory, the King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder?
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of glory, the King above all kings

This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross

You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh, Jesus, I sing for
All that You've done for me

Who brings our chaos back into order?
Who makes the orphans a son and daughter?
The King of glory, the King of glory
Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of glory, the King above all kings

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"King Of Love"

The King of Love, my Shepherd is;
Whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.
And He is mine forever

Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul He leadeth.
And where the fertile pastures grow
with food celestial feedeth.

Chorus: Never failing Ruler of my heart
Everlasting, Lover of my soul.
On the mountain high or in the valley low,
The King of Love, my Shepherd is.
The King of Love, my Shepherd is.

Lost and foolish, off I strayed
But yet in love, He sought me.
And on His shoulder, gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me.
In death's dark veil, I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me.
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.
Chorus:

Bridge: Oh, hallelujah, hallelujah.
Oh, hallelujah, hallelujah.

Never failing, Ruler of my heart.
Everlasting, Lover of my soul.
On the mountain high or in the valley low,
The King of Love, my Shepherd is.

Never failing, Ruler of my heart
Everlasting, Lover of my soul.
On the mountain high or in the valley low,
The King of Love, my Shepherd is.
The King of Love, my Shepherd is.

So through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing Your praise
Within Your house forever.
Within Your house forever.

Greeting One Another

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgy

O Lord, our Lord, your greatness is seen in all the world.

We give thanks to you, for you are good; your love is eternal.

We glorify you, majestic Lord.

We praise your holy name.

"O Lord, Our Lord, How Majestic" MBW # 823

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
O Lord, we praise your name. O Lord, we magnify your name:
Prince of Peace, mighty God; O Lord God Almighty.

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O Lord, we praise your name. O Lord, we magnify your name:
Prince of Peace, mighty God; O Lord God Almighty.

The sacrifice which you desire is a humble spirit: O God, you will not reject a humble and repentant heart.

If we confess our sins, you are just and will keep your promises; you will forgive our sins and will purify us from all wrongdoing.

Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker, humbly confessing our sins.

Most holy and Almighty God, our Savior, we confess our disobedience. We, like sheep have gone astray, all of us turning to our own way. We have sinned and have done wrong. The good that we knew to do we have not done. We know that we have been unworthy servants and have fallen short of your glory. Help us, deliver us, and forgive our sins, O God of our Salvation, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who loved us and gave himself for us.

"Spirit of the Living God"

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. (Repeat)

Thus says the Lord: I, even I, am the God who blots out your transgressions for my own sake and will not remember your sins. Go and sin no more.

(Standing.)

Lord, make us one in spirit with all your people as we profess our faith, saying:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary,

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead;

On the third day he rose again,

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father;

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

(Sitting.)

"I Am Jesus' Little Lamb" MBW # 723

I am Jesus' little lamb;
ever glad at heart I am;
for my Shepherd gently guides me,
knows my need and well provides me,
loves me every day the same,
even calls me by my name.

Day by day, at home, away,
Jesus is my staff and stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,
into pleasant pastures leads me;
when I thirst, he bids me go
where the quiet waters flow.

Who is happy as I am,
even now the Shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended,
by his angel host attended,
he shall fold me to his breast,
there within his arms to rest.

The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil,

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

(Standing.)

"Jesus Makes My Heart Rejoice" MBW # 662

Jesus makes my heart rejoice,
I'm his sheep, and know his voice;
he's a Shepherd, kind and gracious,
and his pastures are delicious;
constant love to me he shows,
yea, my very name he knows.

Trusting his mild staff always,
I go in and out in peace;
he will feed me with treasure
of his grace in richest measure;
when a-thirst to him I cry,

living water he'll supply.

Should not I for gladness leap,
led by Jesus as his sheep?
For when these blessed days are over
to the arms of my dear Savior
I shall be conveyed to rest.
Amen, yea, my lot is blessed.

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Shepherd Me, O God" Marty Haugen

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 Lessons Acts 2:42-47
I Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

"How Great The Bliss To Be A Sheep Of Jesus" MBW # 593

How great the bliss to be a sheep of Jesus,
and to be guided by his shepherd-staff!
Earth's greatest honors, howsoe'er they please us,
compared to this are vain and empty chaff.

Yea, what this world can never give,
may, through the Shepherd's grace,
each needy sheep receive.

Here is a pasture, rich and never failing,
here living waters in abundance flow;
none can conceive the grace with them prevailing,
who Jesus' shepherd-voice obey and know.
He banishes all fear and strife,
and leads them gently on to everlasting life.

Whoe'er would spend his days in lasting pleasure
must come to Christ and join his flock with speed;
here is a feast prepared, rich beyond measure,
the world meanwhile on empty husks must feed.
Those souls may share in ev'ry good
whose Shepherd does possess the treasuries of God.

Sermon "In Through the Out Door" Rev. Joe Moore

Closing

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.

"Come, Faithful Shepherd, Bind Me" MBW # 795

Come, faithful Shepherd, bind me
with cords of love to thee,
and evermore remind me
that thou hast died for me;
O may the Holy spirit
set this before my eyes,
that I thy death and merit
above all else may prize.

Thou, Lord, wilt not forsake me,
though I am oft to blame;
as thy reward, O take me
anew, just as I am;
grant me henceforth, dear Savior,
through all my pilgrim years
to look to thee and never
give way to anxious fears.

Am I of my salvation
assured through thy great love?
May I on each occasion
to thee more faithful prove.
Hast thou my sins forgiven?
Then, leaving things behind,
may I press on to heaven
and bear the prize in mind.

Benediction

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 "A Joyous Acclamation" Gerald Peterson

The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary this morning to the glory of God and His Son, Jesus Christ, in honor of our Circle Leader, Terri Kessler ("The Little General') for her vision and dedication in carrying out our ongoing church projects.

Her Circle 5 Sisters in Christ

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, April 26 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

Wednesday – April 29

5:30 PM Meal
6:15 PM Bible Study
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, May 3 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, May 17 – Summer Kickoff

Sunday, June 28 – Anniversary Sunday

Wednesday, July 1 – Independence Party

Sunday, August 16 – Ice Cream Social

PEOPLE FOR WHOM WE ARE PRAYING

Members

Tom Alspaugh
Meredith Bowles
Cindy Clore
Ann Cranford
Beverly Dillon
Fanchon Funk
Julie Johnson
Adam Lefevre
Mike Meritt
Alice Pierce
Carolyn Spainhour
Polly Story
Donna Ebert Williams

Friends

Lizanne Butner
Dwayne Jones
Wanda Jones
Emery Mabe
Donna Myrick
Juan
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Sam Spach
Brent, Margo, Suzanne
Larry

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

SERMON NOTES

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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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