Ardmore Moravian Church

May 17, 2026

WATCH WORD FOR THE WEEK:

Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.

1 Peter 5:7

Acts 1:1-11

1 In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began
to do and teach **2** until the day when he was taken up to heaven,
after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles
whom he had chosen. **3** After his suffering he presented himself
alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them
during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of
God. **4** While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave
Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father.
"This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; **5** for John
baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy
Spirit not many days from now."
6 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this
the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" **7** He
replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the
Father has set by his own authority. **8** But you will receive power
when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my
witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends
of the earth." **9** When he had said this, as they were watching,
he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. **10** While
he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly
two men in white robes stood by them. **11** They said, "Men of
Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus,
who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the
same way as you saw him go into heaven."

ARDMORE MORAVIAN CHURCH
Ascension Sunday, Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2026

Prelude "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God" Arr. Fred Bock

Call to Worship

Songs of Praise

"He Is Exalted" Twila Paris

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high
I will praise Him
He is exalted; Forever exalted
And I will praise His Name

He is the Lord; Forever His truth shall reign
Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy Name
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high

"King of Kings"

In the darkness, we were waiting
Without hope, without light
'Til from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word

From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

CHORUS: *Praise the Father, praise the Son*
Praise the Spirit, three in one
God of glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

CHORUS

And the morning that You rose
All of Heaven held its breath
'Til that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

And the church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel, shall not faint
By His blood and in His name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

CHORUS (2X)

Praise forever to the King of Kings

Greeting One Another

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgy

"Crown Him With Many Crowns" MBW # 405

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who set us free,
and hail him as your matchless King
through all eternity.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be lifted up, ye ancient doors.

And the King of glory will come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates: lift them up, you everlasting doors;

And the King of glory will come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

The Lord has prepared his throne in the heavens,

And his kingdom rules over all.

The Father of glory has raised Christ from the dead, and made him to sit at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come, and he put all things under his feet, and made him head over the Church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

To him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

"Crown Him With Many Crowns" MBW # 405

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.

No angels in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Jesus said: In my Father's house are many mansions. If I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and will receive you to myself; that where I am there you may be also. I ascend to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.

If we are risen with Christ, let us seek those things that are above, where Christ sits at the right hand of God.

O most merciful Savior, as you were raised from the dead,

May we also walk in newness of life.

As you ascended into heaven,

May we set our minds on things above.

As you sit on the throne,

May we be confident of final triumph.

As you make intercessions for us,

May we rejoice in forgiveness and peace.

As the angels honor you in heaven,

May every tongue on earth confess your name.

And when we see you face to face,

May we share in your glory.

"Crown Him With Many Crowns" MBW # 405

Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing,
who died and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring
and lives that death may die.

Seeing that we have a great High Priest, who has passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast to our profession. For we have not a High Priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect was tempted as we are, yet without sin.

We will with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Thus says the Lord: I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To those who are thirsty I freely give the water of life. They who overcome shall inherit all things; and I will be their God and they shall be my children.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious name, always praising you and saying: Holy,

Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory: glory be to you, O Lord most high. Amen.

"Crown Him With Many Crowns" MBW # 405

Crown him the Lord of years,
the risen Lord sublime,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
the Master of all time.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for you have died for me;
your praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Sing to the Lord" arr. Mary McDonald

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 1:1-11
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
John 17: 1-11

"Sing Praise To God" MBW # 537

Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of pow'r, the God of love,
the God of our salvation.
My soul with comfort rich he fills,
and ev'ry grief he gently stills:
To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty pow'r has made,
in mercy he is keeping;
by morning glow or evening shade
his eye is never sleeping.
And where he rules in kingly might,
there all is just and all is right:
to God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away,
but through all grief distressing,
an ever present help and stay,
our peace, and joy, and blessing.
As with a mother's tender hand,
he leads his own, his chosen band.
To God all praise and glory!

Thus all my toilsome way along,
I sing aloud your praises,

that all may hear the grateful song
my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart,
both soul and body bear your part:
To God all praise and glory!

Sermon "Looking Up" Rev. Joe Moore

"Hail The Day That Sees Him Rise" MBW # 371

Hail the day that sees him rise, alleluia!
To his throne above the skies! Alleluia!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners giv'n, alleluia!
Reascends his native heav'n! Alleluia!

There for him high triumph waits; alleluia!
Lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluia!
He has conquered death and sin; alleluia!
Take the King of glory in! Alleluia!

Highest heav'n its Lord receives, alleluia!
Yet he loves the earth he leaves; alleluia!
Though returning to his throne, alleluia!
Still he calls the world his own. Alleluia!

See, he lifts his hands above! Alleluia!
See, he shows the prints of love! Alleluia!
Hark, his gracious lips bestow, alleluia!
Blessings on his church below! Alleluia!

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 "Hail to the King!" David Paxton

The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary this morning to the glory of God and His Son, Jesus Christ, and honoring the 70th wedding anniversary of Judy and Glenn Mabe by their children.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 17 – Ascension Day - Seventh Sunday of Easter

9:30 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship Service – Rev. Joe Moore

Immediately following the worship service, the Joint Board will meet and then the Board of Elders and Board of Trustees will meet for their monthly meeting.

4:00 PM "Summer Kickoff" at the Playground

Tuesday – May 19

11:30 AM Seniors & Friends @ Mama Zoe's,
2859 Reynolda Rd., Pine Ridge Shopping Center

Wednesday – May 20

5:30 PM Meal

6:15 PM Bible Study

7:00 PM No Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 21

8:30 AM Men's Breakfast @ Café Arthurs

Sunday, May 24 – Day of Pentecost

9:30 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Communion Worship Service
Baptism of Ella Leslie Saint

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, May 19 – Seniors & Friends –

Thursday, May 21 – Men's Breakfast

Sunday, May 24 – Day of Pentecost – Holy Communion

Saturday, June 13 - Bingo

Sunday, June 28 – Anniversary Sunday

Wednesday, July 1 – Independence Party

Sunday, August 16 – Ice Cream Social

PEOPLE FOR WHOM WE ARE PRAYING

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Adam Lefevre
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