



# Ardmore Moravian Church

July 6, 2025

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WATCH WORD FOR THE WEEK:

*So let us not grow weary in doing what is right.*

*Galatians 6:9*

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## **Mark 8:34-38**

<sup>34</sup> He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup> For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup> Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup> Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

**ARDMORE MORAVIAN CHURCH**  
**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 6, 2025**

Prelude                    “Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace”  
arr. Mark Hayes

Song of Praise                    “O Beautiful For Spacious Skies”

*O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!  
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood,  
From sea to shining sea!*

*O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern impassioned stress  
A thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness!  
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,  
Confirm thy soul in self-control, Thy liberty in law!*

*O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,  
Who more than self their country loved,  
And mercy more than life!  
America! America! May God thy gold refine,  
Till all success be nobleness and ev'ry gain divine!*

*O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years  
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!  
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea!*

## Welcome and Announcements

### Prayers of the People

Praise the Lord, all you nations!

**Extol him, all you peoples!**

For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

**Praise the Lord!**

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live upon it. Let all people everywhere know that the supreme God has power over the human kingdom and that he can give it to anyone he chooses— even to the least important. The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations. Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord.

**Praise the Lord!**

Not to us, Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory,

**For the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness.**

*It is God who holds the nations in the hollow of his hand;  
it is God whose light is shining in the darkness of the land;  
it is God who builds his city on the Rock and not the sand:  
the living God be praised!*

*God reminds us every sunrise that the world is ours on lease  
for the sake of life tomorrow may our love for it increase;  
may all peoples live together, share its riches, be at peace:  
the living God be praised!*

Almighty God, ruler of nations, to whose grace we owe the manifold blessings of this land.

**We worship you with grateful hearts.**

We confess that in many ways we have turned aside from your commandments, and it is because of your steadfast love that we are not consumed. You offer us mercy and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against you, and have not obeyed your command to walk in your laws, which you have set before us.

**Lord, have mercy on us, and blot out our transgressions.**

We pray, Lord, that you will guide and bless all who are in places of authority. Protect them from violence, and fill the hearts of the people with love and respect for them, because you have established their authority.

**Save your people, and bless your inheritance.**

Make of this nation an instrument for the promotion of peace, freedom, and righteousness. May it be a haven for the oppressed of other lands, a home of happiness for all who dwell within its borders; and may our commitment to liberty and justice for all be preserved for generations to come.

**Hear us, gracious Lord and God.**

Almighty God, Redeemer and Sustainer, we offer you thanks and praise for the holy lives of all your servants—the apostles, prophets, and martyrs—who have shone forth as lights in the world and sacrificed their lives in testimony of their faith.

**We thank you for calling your servant John Hus to be an instrument of reformation and renewal in your church, for keeping him faithful even unto a martyr's death.**

We thank you for those who were willing to offer their lives to help make this nation a place where we can worship our God freely.

**Hear us, gracious Lord and God.**

Grant wisdom to those who are of the family of faith. Enable us to accept the authority of government for your sake, ready for every good work, abstaining from every form of evil, and paying to all whatever is due them. As citizens of this nation may we bring credit to our Savior in all that we do.

**Hear us, gracious Lord and God.**

*“My Country, 'Tis Of Thee”*

*My country, 'tis of thee,  
sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing:  
Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride,  
From ev'ry mountain side let freedom ring!*

*My native country, thee,  
land of the noble free, Thy name I love:  
I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills;  
My heart with rapture thrills like that above.*

*Our fathers' God, to Thee,  
Author of liberty, to Thee we sing:  
Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;  
Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King.*

## Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory                      *“Heal Our Land”*                      Kari Jobe

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 heavenly hosts,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen*

Prayer

## Scripture Lessons

Isaiah 49:1-7

1 Corinthians 1:18-24

Mark 8:34-38

“Take Up Your Cross,’ The Savior Said” MBW # 758

*"Take up your cross," the Savior said,  
"if you would my disciple be;  
take up your cross with willing heart,  
and humbly follow after me."*

*Take up your cross, let not its  
weight fill your weak spirit with alarm;  
his strength shall bear your spirit up,  
and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.*

*Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,  
and let your foolish heart be still;  
the Lord for you accepted death,  
upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.*

*Take up your cross, then, in his strength,  
and calmly ev'ry danger brave:  
it guides you to abundant life  
and leads to victory o'er the grave.*



*Take up your cross, and follow Christ,  
nor think till death to lay it down;  
for only those who bear the cross  
may hope to wear the glorious crown.*

Communion Meditation

Rev. Robert Wolfe

Service of Holy Communion  
in Celebration of the Martyrdom of John Hus

Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father, and from the  
Lord Jesus Christ, be with you all.

**Amen. Thanks be to God.**

(Standing. During the playing of the following hymn, the  
congregation gives the right hand of fellowship, signifying  
oneness in Christ and the desire to be at peace with one  
another. As the hymn is played a second time, the  
congregation joins together to sing.)

“Spirit Song”

*O let the Son of God enfold you  
with his Spirit and his love;  
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul  
O let him have the things that hold you,  
and his Spirit, like a dove,  
Will descend upon your life and make you whole*

*Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs  
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs*

*O come and sing the song with gladness  
as your hearts are filled with joy  
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name  
O give him all your tears and sadness,  
give him all your years of pain,  
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name*

*Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs  
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs*

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

(Sitting. As the bread is served, the communicants stand to receive it.)

*Most Holy Lord and God,  
holy, almighty God,  
Holy and most merciful Savior,  
Thou eternal God!  
Grant that we may never  
lose the comforts from Thy death  
Have mercy, O Lord.*

*Most Holy Lord and God,  
holy, almighty God,  
Holy and most merciful Savior,  
Thou eternal God!  
Bless Thy congregation  
through Thy sufferings, death, and blood.  
Have mercy, O Lord.*

*Most Holy Lord and God,  
holy, almighty God,  
Holy and most merciful Savior,  
Thou eternal God!  
Lamb of God unspotted,  
to our prayers, O lend an ear.  
Have mercy, O Lord .*

“Seek Ye First The Kingdom Of God” MBW # 605

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
and his righteousness,  
and all the things shall be added unto you—  
Allelu, alleluia.*

*Ask and it shall be given unto you,  
seek and ye shall find,  
knock and the door shall be open unto you—  
Allelu, alleluia.*

*We do not live by bread alone,  
but by every word  
that proceeds from the mouth of God.  
Allelu, alleluia.*

(When the bread has been served, the communicants stand.)

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

(All partake together.)

Silent Prayer

By your divine presence, by the holy sacraments, by all the merits of your life, sufferings, death, and resurrection,

**Bless and comfort us, gracious Lord and God. Amen.**

In the same way, after supper our Lord Jesus Christ took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sin. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

(Sitting. As the cup is served, the communicants stand to receive it.)

“Come, Let Us Sing The Song Of Songs” MBW # 469

*Come, let us sing the song of songs,  
with hearts and voices swell the strain,  
the homage which to Christ belongs;  
"Worthy the Lamb, for he was slain!"*

*Slain to redeem us by his blood,  
to cleanse from ev'ry sinful stain,  
and make us kings and priests to God;  
"Worthy the Lamb, for he was slain!"*

*To him who suffered on the tree our souls,  
at his soul's price, to gain,  
blessing, and praise, and glory be,  
"Worthy the Lamb, for he was slain!"*

*Long as we live, and when we die,  
and while in heaven with him we reign,  
this song, our song of songs shall be:  
"Worthy the Lamb, for he was slain!"*

*"The Savior's Blood And Righteousness" MBW # 201  
The Savior's blood and righteousness  
my beauty is, my glorious dress;  
Thus well arrayed, I need not fear,  
when in his presence I appear.*

*The holy, spotless Lamb of God,  
who freely gave his life and blood,  
For all my numerous sins to atone,  
I for my Lord and Savior own.*

*Refresh your thirsting people, Lord,  
and bid our drooping spirits live,  
And more, that energy afford  
a Savior's love alone can give.*

(When the cup has been served, the communicants stand.)

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Drink from this, all of you. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

(All partake together.)

## Silent Prayer

Christ, the Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

**Grant to us your peace. Amen**

Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim  
the Lord's death,

**Until he comes.**

(As the hymn is played, the congregation gives the right hand  
of fellowship, signifying renewed dedication and unity of  
purpose in the service of Christ. As it is played a second time,  
the congregation joins together to sing.)

*"We Who Here Together Are Assembled" MBW # 207*

*We who here together are assembled,*

*joining hearts and hands in one,*

*Bind ourselves with love that's undissembled,*

*Christ to love and serve alone.*

*O may our imperfect songs and praises*

*be well-pleasing unto you, Lord Jesus.*

*Say: "My peace I leave with you."*

*Amen, amen, be it so.*

## Benediction


The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make his face shine upon you


and be gracious unto you;  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you  
and give you peace.

**In the name of Jesus. Amen.**

Postlude                      “America The Beautiful”                      arr. Chris Heckman



*The flowers are placed today to the glory of God and  
remembering the martyrdom of John Hus*





## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

### **Today, Sunday, July 6**

- 9:30 AM      Sunday School Classes
- 10:30 AM      Worship Service – Rev. Robert Wolfe  
Holy Communion in Celebration of the  
Martyrdom of John Hus

### **Tuesday, July 8**

- 10:00 AM      Circle # 3 meeting & lunch @ JoAnn's home
- 5:30 PM      Circle # 5 meeting

### **Wednesday, July 9**

- 7:00 PM      Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### **Sunday, July 13**

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

## **FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES**

Following are events being considered:

August 24	Peach Sunday and Ice Cream Social
September	Game Night
October 17-18	Yard Sale
October 31	Hand out Halloween candy
November	Ardmore Art Walk
December 1	Candle Trimming
December 3-5	Candle Tea
December 24	Christmas Eve Lovefeast and Candle Service

# PEOPLE FOR WHOM WE ARE PRAYING



## ***Members***

Cindy Clore  
Lucille Crouse  
Beverly Dillon  
Vic Eckard  
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Adam Lefevre

Mike Meritt  
Alice Pierce  
Carolyn Spainhour  
Polly Story  
Frances Walker  
Donna Ebert Williams

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Chris Heckman  
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Allison Murray  
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***\*Please contact the church office to add or remove individuals from the prayer list.***



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