



Ardmore Moravian Church

August 31, 2025

WATCH WORD FOR THE WEEK:

Let mutual love continue.

Hebrews 13:1

Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with loud songs of joy.

² For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome,
a great king over all the earth.

³ He subdued peoples under us
and nations under our feet.

⁴ He chose our heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves. *Selah*

⁵ God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.

⁷ For God is the king of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm.

⁸ God is king over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.

⁹ The princes of the peoples gather
as the people of the God of Abraham.

For the shields of the earth belong to God;
he is highly exalted.

ARDMORE MORAVIAN CHURCH
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 31, 2025

Prelude

“My Tribute”

arr. Fred Bock

Call to Worship

“The Church in the Wildwood”

*There's a church in the valley by the wildwood,
no lovelier spot in the dale;*

*No place is so dear to my childhood
as the little brown church in the vale.*

*Come to the church in the wildwood,
Oh, come to the church in the vale;*

*No spot is so dear to my childhood
as the little brown church in the vale.*

*How sweet on a clear Sunday morning,
to list to the clear ringing bell;*

Its tones so sweetly are calling,

Oh, come to the church in the vale;

Come to the church in the wildwood,

Oh, come to the church in the vale;

*No spot is so dear to my childhood
as the little brown church in the vale.*

*From the church in the valley by the wildwood,
when day fades away into night,
I would fain from this spot of my childhood
wing my way to the mansions of light.
Come to the church in the wildwood,
Oh, come to the church in the vale;
No spot is so dear to my childhood
as the little brown church in the vale.*

Greeting One Another

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymns

“Keep On the Sunnyside Of Life”

*There's a dark and a troubled side of life
there's a bright and a sunny side too
Though we meet with the darkness and strife
the sunny side we also may view*

*Chorus: Keep on the sunny side, always on the sunny side;
keep on the sunny side of life
It will help us every day, it will brighten all the way,
if we keep on the sunny side of life*

*Though the storm in its fury breaks today
crushing hopes that we cherished so dear*

*Storms and clouds will in time pass away
the sun again will shine bright and clear*

Chorus

*Let us greet with a song of hope each day
though the moments be cloudy or fair*

*Let us trust in our Savior always
who keepeth every one, in His care*

Chorus

“Just a Closer Walk With Thee”

*I am weak, but Thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk,
let me walk close to Thee.*

*Chorus: Just a closer walk with Thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee,
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

*Thro' this world of toil and snares,
if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.*

Chorus

*When my feeble life is o'er,
time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er
to Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore.*

*Just a closer walk with Thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee,
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

"Leaning On The Everlasting Arms"

*What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.*

*Chorus: Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.*

*Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms.*

Chorus

*What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms.*

Chorus

Prayer

Prayer Hymns

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

*Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
That calls me from a world of care,
And bids me at my Father's throne,
make all my wants and wishes known;
In seasons of distress and grief,
my soul has often found relief,
And oft escaped the tempter's snare,
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer.*

*Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
Thy wings shall my petition bear
To him, whose truth and faithfulness
engage the waiting soul to bless;
And since He bids me seek His face,
believe His Word, and trust His grace,
I'll cast on Him my every care,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.*

“Softly and Tenderly”

*Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me;
See, on the portals He’s waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.*

*Chorus: Come home, come home,
Ye who are weary, come home;
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, O sinner, come home!*

*Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not His mercies,
mercies for you and for me?*

Chorus

*Oh! for the wonderful love He has promised,
promised for you and for me;
Tho' we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me.*

Chorus

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

“Fly Away Medley”

Mark Hayes

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

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Psalms 47

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Hymns

"Love Lifted Me"

*I was sinking deep in sin,
far from the peaceful shore,
Very deeply stained within,
sinking to rise no more;
But the Master of the sea
heard my despairing cry,
From the waters lifted me,
now safe am I.*

*Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me!*

*All my heart to Him I give, ever to Him I'll cling,
In His blessed presence live, ever His praises sing.
Love so mighty and so true merits my soul's best songs;
Faithful, loving service, too, to Him belongs.*

*Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me!*

“The Old Rugged Cross”

*On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of suff'ring and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain.*

*Chorus: So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown.*

*Oh, that old rugged cross so despised by the world,
has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above
to bear it to dark Calvary.*

Chorus

*To the old rugged cross I will ever be true;
its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away,
where His glory forever I'll share.*

Chorus

"There Is Power in the Blood"

*Would you be free from the burden of sin?
There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood;
Would you o'er evil a victory win?
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood.*

*Chorus: There is pow'r, pow'r, wonder-working pow'r
In the blood of the Lamb;
There is pow'r, pow'r, wonder-working pow'r
In the precious blood of the Lamb.*

*Would you be free from your passion and pride?
There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood;
Come for a cleansing to Calvary's tide?
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood.*

Chorus

*Would you be whiter, much whiter than snow?
There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood;
Sin-stains are lost in its life-giving flow;
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood.*

Chorus

*Would you do service for Jesus your King?
There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood;
Would you live daily His praises to sing?
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood.*

Chorus

Prayer

Closing Hymns

“When We All Get to Heaven”

*Sing the wondrous love of Jesus,
sing His mercy and His grace;
In the mansions bright and blessed
he'll prepare for us a place.*

*Chorus: When we all get to heaven,
what a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus,
we'll sing and shout the victory!*

*While we walk the pilgrim pathway,
clouds will overspread the sky;
But when trav'ling days are over,
not a shadow, not a sigh.*

Chorus

*Let us then be true and faithful,
trusting, serving every day;
Just one glimpse of Him in glory
will the toils of life repay.*

Chorus

*Onward to the prize before us!
Soon His beauty we'll behold;*

*Soon the pearly gates will open;
we shall tread the streets of gold.*

Chorus

“When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder”

*When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound,
and time shall be no more,
And the morning breaks,
eternal, bright and fair;
When the saved of earth shall gather
over on the other shore,
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.*

*Chorus: When the roll is called up yonder,
When the roll is called up yonder,
When the roll is called up yonder,
When the roll is called up yonder,
I'll be there.*

*On that bright and cloudless morning
when the dead in Christ shall rise,
And the glory of His resurrection share;
When His chosen ones shall gather
to their home beyond the skies,
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.*


Chorus

Benediction


Postlude

“Majesty”

arr. Fred Bock



*The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of
God and praising Him with songs.*



OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Today, Sunday, August 31

- 9:30 AM Sunday School Classes
- 10:30 AM Worship Service – Rev. Joe Moore
- 5:00 PM Community Ice Cream Party

Monday, September 1

Holiday – Office is closed

Wednesday, September 3

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

Sunday, September 7

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 9	Circle Meetings
September 13	2:00 PM – Bingo
September 16	11:30 AM – Seniors & Friends @ Johnny's B
September 18	8:30 AM – Men's Breakfast @ Café Arthurs
October 5	4:00 PM – 5:00 PM – Blessings of pets
October 14	Circle Meetings
October 15	Sort and price Yard Sale items
October 16	8:30 AM – Men's Breakfast @ Café Arthurs
October 17	4:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Yard Sale
October 18	8:00 AM – Noon – Yard Sale
October 21	11:30 AM – Seniors & Friends @ The Sherwood Restaurant
October 31	5:00 PM – Hand out Halloween candy
November 8	11:00 AM – 4:30 PM – Ardmore Art Walk
November 9	Church Council Meeting
November 18	Seniors & Friends @ The Carriage House
November 20	8:30 AM – Men's Breakfast @ Café Arthurs
November 27	Thanksgiving
December 1	7:00 PM – Candle Trimming
December 3-5	Candle Tea – Children Groups
December 4	5:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Candle Tea – Public
December 18	8:30 AM – Men's Breakfast @ Café Arthurs
December 24	Christmas Eve Lovefeast and Candle Service
December 25	Christmas

PEOPLE FOR WHOM WE ARE PRAYING



Members

Cindy Clore
Beverly Dillon
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Adam Lefevre
Mike Meritt

Alice Pierce
Carolyn Spainhour
Polly Story
Frances Walker
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****Please contact the church office to add or remove individuals from the prayer list.***

“What is a Singstunde?”

“Moravians have long been renowned for their love of congregational singing and their practice of letting hymns and liturgies reveal their theology. This heritage is carried on in the Singstunde. Literally translated from German as “hour of singing,” the Singstunde is a service consisting almost entirely of hymns, sung by the congregation — more specifically, hymn stanzas carefully chosen to develop a theme.

Most Moravians in the 18th and early 19th century had several hundred hymn stanzas committed to memory. Thus executing a Singstunde was simple. The pastor would select stanzas from many different hymns, place them in order, and the service would proceed without printed program or announcement. The pastor would simply begin singing a stanza, and the congregation joined in, by memory. Upon conclusion of that verse, the pastor began another, then another; the theme of the service was thus revealed through the selected texts.

Holding a Singstunde today is necessarily different, as the participants do not all have the same hymn stanzas memorized. Often now the specific hymn stanzas are printed in a bulletin, so that we still avoid the “page-flipping” from one hymn to another; and still often just one or two stanzas of a hymn are used. Hymns are also often interspersed with

Scripture readings and anthems. The purpose remains the same: the revelation of a theme or concept, through carefully-chosen and ordered texts, sung by the entire assembly. Each person becomes part of the message, and messenger to his/her neighbors, as well as recipient.

In fact, the musical structure of two beloved Moravian services are outgrowths of the Singstunde: our lovefeasts, and our way of celebrating Holy Communion. For both, the purpose remains the same; the revelation of a theme or concept, through carefully-chosen and ordered texts, sung by the entire assembly.”

The above explanation of what a “Singstunde” is from the Moravian Music Foundation website.



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