

Ardmore Moravian Church

September 7, 2025

WATCH WORD FOR THE WEEK:

Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him.

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¹⁵ "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. 16 If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. 19 I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰ loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

ARDMORE MORAVIAN CHURCH Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 7, 2025

Prelude "I Love You, Lord" arr. Fred Bock

Call to Worship

This is the day which the Lord has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

From the rising to the setting of the sun,

The name of the Lord be praised.

Gathering 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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"Living Hope"

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation, I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night

Then through the darkness, Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame

The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me (Repeat)

Jesus, Yours is the victory!

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope (Repeat)

Jesus Christ, my living hope Oh God, you are my living hope.

Greeting One Another

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgy

"10,000 Reasons"

Chorus: Bless the Lord, oh my soul, oh my soul, worship his Holy name Sing like never before, oh my soul, I'll worship your Holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
it's time to sing your song again
whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
let me be singing when the evening comes...
Chorus

Glory be to you, Lord God, our Father.

You are the merciful Father, the God from whom all help comes.

You chose us in Jesus Christ our Lord before the creation of the world.

You rescued us from the power of darkness and brought us safe into the kingdom of your dear Son.

In our union with Christ you have blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly world.

You have made us worthy to share in that which you have reserved for your people in the kingdom of light.

Your love is so great that we may be called the children of God.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we join in proclaiming the glory of your name.

"How Deep the Father's Love"

How deep the Father's love for us,
how vast beyond all measure!
That He should give His only Son,
to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss!
The Father turns His face away;
As wounds which marred the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Praise, honor, and glory be to you, Christ Jesus, Son of the living God.

To you be glory at all times, in the church which waits on earth for you, and in that which is with you in heaven, now and forever.

Jesus, you are the eternal Word, who became a human being and lived among us.

Those who were yours saw your glory, the glory which you received as the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

In you, the full content of the divine nature dwells in a human body. You are the true God and eternal life.

Through you the whole universe is reconciled to God. You made peace through your death on the cross.

Therefore God raised you to the highest place above, and gave you the name which is greater than any other name.

"How Deep the Father's Love"

Behold the man upon a cross,
my sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life,
I know that it is finished.

Glory be to you, Holy Spirit, our Teacher, Guide, and Comforter.

We proclaim your righteousness and praise.

You pour out the love of God into the hearts of all believers, and make their bodies your holy temples.

By our own reason or strength we cannot believe in Jesus Christ our Lord, or come to him; but you call us through the gospel and enlighten us with gifts of grace.

You dedicate us to God in the true faith, and you enable us to remain in union with Jesus Christ.

We praise you, together with the Father and the Son, now and forever.

"How Deep the Father's Love"

I will not boast in anything,
no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart
his wounds have paid my ransom.

Hear us now as we confess our sins and seek your forgiveness:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

The Lord says: 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.

Lord, make us truly one in spirit with all your faithful people as we profess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven;

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,

and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father.

Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.

Who has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Chorus: Bless the Lord, oh my soul,
oh my soul, worship his Holy name
Sing like never before,
oh my soul, I'll worship your Holy name.

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger, your name is great and your heart is kind for all Your goodness I will keep on singing ten thousand reasons for my heart to find... Chorus

Prayers of the People

Almighty God, for the opportunity to be used by you in the life of your church,

For our use of your splendid gifts,

For the joy of obedient service,

We dedicate ourselves to you.

For our creation and preservation, and all the blessings of this life,

For your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,

For the fellowship and ministry of your body, the church, For the opportunity of service in Christ's name through the power of the Holy Spirit,

For your personal presence among us to guide and bless, We offer our thanks, dear Lord.

For our congregation, that we may know and do your will, For our bishops, ministers, teachers, and leaders, that they may guide your people in the truth

For the peace of the world, and for the renewal of your whole church by the power of the Holy Spirit,

For all who, in your name, work for justice, reconciliation, and peace,

Lord, hear our prayer.

For our community, for the whole land, and all who live in it, For the fruitfulness of the earth, and for the careful stewardship of our natural resources,

For those who travel,

For the poor, the homeless, the imprisoned,

For the afflicted, the persecuted, the abused, and those who face temptation, anger, or violence,

For the sick and dying, and for the salvation of all,

Lord, hear our prayer.

Be gracious to us, for to you alone are due all glory, honor, and praise.

Amen.

"10,000 Reasons"

Chorus: Bless the Lord, oh my soul,
oh my soul, worship his Holy name
Sing like never before,
oh my soul, I'll worship your Holy name.

And on that day when my strength is failing the end draws near and my time has come, still my soul will sing your praise unending ten thousand years and then forevermore...

Chorus: Bless the Lord, oh my soul, oh my soul, worship his Holy name Sing like never before, oh my soul, I'll worship your Holy name.

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Indescribable" Vicki Tucker Courtney

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 Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm 1

Luke 14:25-33

"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!

"We've A story To Tell To The Nations" MBW # 621
We've a story to tell to the nations,
that shall turn their hearts to the right,
a story of truth and mercy,
a story of peace and light,
a story of peace and light.

Refrain: For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noon-day bright; and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light.

We've a song to be sung to the nations, that shall lift their hearts to the Lord, a song that shall conquer evil and shatter the spear and sword, and shatter the spear and sword.

Refrain

We've a message to give to the nations, that the Lord who's reigning above has sent us his Son to save us, and show us that God is love, and show us that God is love.

Refrain

We've a Savior to show to the nations, who the path of sorrow has trod, that all of the world's great peoples might come to the truth of God, might come to the truth of God.

Refrain: For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noon-day bright; and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light.

Benediction

Postlude "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Christina Harmon

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in honor of those who are Grandmothers or Grandfathers for their love, guidance, and wisdom passed down to the younger generations

Proverbs 17:6 Grandchildren are the crown of the aged, and the glory of children is their parents.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Today, Sunday, September 7

9:30 AM Sunday School Classes

10:30 AM Worship Service – Rev. Joe Moore

Tuesday, September 9

10:00 AM Circle # 3

1:30 PM Circle # 4

5:30 PM Circle # 5

Wednesday, September 10

5:30 PM Meal

6:15 PM Bible Study

7:00 PM Choir Practice

Saturday, September 13

2:00 PM Bingo

Sunday, September 14

9:30 AM Sunday School Classes

10:30 AM Worship Service – Rev. Joe Moore

PEOPLE FOR WHOM WE ARE PRAYING



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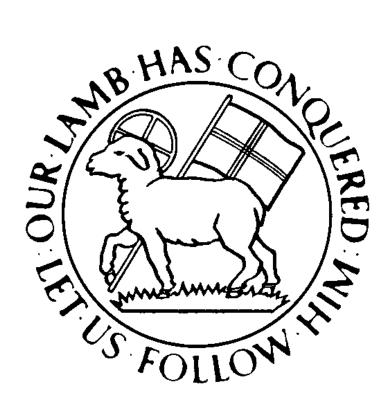
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