



Ardmore Moravian Church

September 14, 2025

WATCH WORD FOR THE WEEK:

*The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.*

Psalms 51:17

Luke 15:1-10

15 Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸ “Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

ARDMORE MORAVIAN CHURCH
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 14, 2025

Prelude “I Have Decided To Follow Jesus” Lani Smith

Call to Worship

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.

Gathering Songs of Praise

“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.

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.*

"Here I Am to Worship"

*Light of the world you stepped down into darkness
opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore you
hope of a life spent with you;*

*Chorus: Here I am to worship,
 here I am to bow down
 Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy
 Altogether wonderful to me*

*King of all days, oh, so highly exalted
 glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth You created
 all for love's sake became poor*

Chorus

*Well, I'll never know how much it cost
to see my sin upon that cross
(Repeat)*

Greeting One Another

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgy

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 promise; 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.

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.**

“TUNE: Gloria Patri”

*Choir: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit;*

*All: As it was in the beginning, is now, and
ever shall be, world without end.*

Amen, Amen, Amen.

Choir: Lord God, Father, hear us as we pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come.**

Thy will be done on earth,
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Choir: Lord God, Son, the Savior of the world;

*All: **Be gracious unto us.***

Choir: Lord God, Holy Spirit,

*All: **Abide with us forever.***

Prayers of the People: The Church Litany

Choir: Lord, have mercy upon us;

*All: **Christ, have mercy upon us.***

Choir: Lord, have mercy upon us;

*All: **Christ, hear us.***

From all sin, from all error, from all evil,
Preserve us, gracious Lord and God.
From famine and disease,

From disaster by fire or flood, storm or earthquake,
From war and bloodshed,
From the violence of wicked people,
From pride and trust in our own wisdom and strength,
From needless worry and anxiety,
From the selfish desire of becoming great,
From hypocrisy and fanaticism,
From envy, greed, hatred, and malice,
From the deceitfulness of sin,
From the power and destructive ways of Satan,
From the influence of the secular spirit of this world,

Preserve us, gracious Lord and God.

By your holy incarnation and birth,
By your baptism, fasting, and temptation,
By all the merits of your perfect life before God and
humanity,

Bless and comfort us, gracious Lord and God.

By your agony and bloody sweat,
By your cross and suffering,
By your sacred wounds and precious blood,
By your dying words,
By your atoning death,
By your rest in the grave,
By your triumphant resurrection and ascension,
By your sending the Holy Spirit,
By your prevailing intercession,

By your holy sacraments,
By your divine presence,
By your coming again to your church on earth, or our being
called home to be with you in heaven,

Bless and comfort us, gracious Lord and God.

“TUNE: Eisleben (519 A)”

*Most holy Lord and God,
Holy, Almighty God,
Holy and most merciful Savior,
Our Eternal God,
Grant that we may never
Lose the comforts from your death:
Have mercy, O Lord.*

Head and Savior of your body, the church, unite all the children of God in one spirit. Send us as faithful laborers into your harvest that all may be gathered into your family. Pour out your Spirit and power on those who preach your word. Prevent division and useless conflict in the church. Put far from your people all who deceive. Bring back all who have gone astray. Defeat the evil intentions of those who oppose and persecute your church, and help them to turn from the error of their ways.

Hear us, gracious Lord and God.

Grant love and unity to all our congregations. Keep our bishops and ministers sound in doctrine and holy in life. May

everyone who serves in the church be faithful, not only in great matters, but also in the smallest things. Grant that all of us may pattern our lives after your example, that we may be your holy people to our life's end.

Hear us, gracious Lord and God.

Lord, supply the needs of your people. Bless our labor and make us diligent in our daily tasks. Do not let any of us become entangled by the affairs of this life, but may everything we do or think be for you. Help us to make proper use of your gifts, and make us generous in our giving. Help us to be loving and caring in all our relationships. Be present in our homes, and guide us to bring up our children to love and serve you.

Hear us, gracious Lord and God.

We pray for ourselves and for all Christians; for the people of Israel and Islam, who are close to us in heritage and faith; and for persons of every religion, that we all may come to a fuller knowledge of your truth and love. Grant success to the witness of your gospel throughout the world, that all people may come to know you as Savior and Lord.

Hear us, gracious Lord and God.

Direct all governments in the way of justice and peace, that your will may be known and done among the nations. Bless those who hold office in our land; and may we lead under them a peaceable, godly, and honest life. Deliver us from the sins which lead to war and conflict, and strengthen within us

the will to establish righteousness and justice on the earth. Enable us to make wise use of the world you have entrusted to us.

Hear us, gracious Lord and God.

Good Shepherd, we commend to your care those of our congregation who are absent from us today. Watch over those who travel. Send help to all who are in danger, trouble, or anguish. Strengthen and support those who suffer persecution for the sake of the gospel. Protect and provide for the poor, the hungry, and the homeless. Support the aged. Bless and heal the sick and the afflicted, and in their suffering comfort them with your love. Enable the dying to put their trust in you as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Hear us, gracious Lord and God.

Have mercy on your whole creation. Hasten the day when the kingdom of the world shall become your kingdom, and by grace make us worthy to stand before you.

“TUNE: Innsbruck (79 A) ”

*Lord, for thy coming us prepare;
May we, to meet thee without fear,
At all times ready be;
In faith and love preserve us sound;
O let us day and night be found
Waiting with joy to welcome Thee.*

Keep us in everlasting fellowship with the Church Triumphant in heaven, and let us rest together in your presence from our labors.

Choir: O Christ, almighty God,

*All: **Have mercy upon us.***

*Choir: Christ, the Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;*

*All: **Manifest yourself to us.***

*Choir: Christ, the Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;*

*All: **Grant to us your peace.***

Choir: O Christ, hear us.

*All: **Lord, have mercy upon us.***

Choir: Christ, have mercy upon us.

*All: **Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.***

“All in All”

You are my strength when I am weak

you are the treasure that I seek

You are my all in all

Seeking You as a precious jewel

Lord to give up I'd be a fool

You are my all in all

*Jesus Lamb of God worthy is Your name;
Jesus Lamb of God worthy is Your name.*

*Taking my sin my cross my shame
rising again I bless your name
You are my all in all
When I fall down you pick me up
when I am dry You fill my cup
You are my all in all*

*Jesus Lamb of God worthy is Your name;
Jesus Lamb of God worthy is Your name.*

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory “Build My Life” arr. Cliff Duren

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

I Timothy 1:12-15

Psalms 51:1-10

Luke 15:1-10

*Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
much we need your tender care;
in your pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use your fold prepare.*

*Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us: yours we are.*

*Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us; yours we are.*

*We are yours, in love befriend us,
be the guardian of our way;
keep your flock, from sin defend us,
seek us when we go astray.*

*Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear your children when we pray.*

*Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear your children when we pray.*

*You have promised to receive us,
poor and sinful though we be;
you have mercy to relieve us,
grace to cleanse and pow'r to free.*

*Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
early let us turn to you.*

*Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
early let us turn to you.*

*Early let us seek your favor;
early let us do your will;
blessed Lord and only Savior,
with your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have loved us, love us still*

Sermon

Looking for the Lost

Rev. Joe Moore

"I, The Lord Of Sea And Sky" MBW #641

*I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I who made the stars and night,
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them
Whom shall I send?*

*Chorus: Here I am Lord.
Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go Lord,
If you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

*I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone
give them hearts with for alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?*

*Chorus: Here I am Lord.
Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go Lord,
If you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*


*I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?
Chorus*

Benediction


Postlude

“A Mighty Fortress”

Wilbur Held



*The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God
and in memory of Eva Jean Crouse Caudle
by her brothers and sisters.*



OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Today, Sunday, September 14

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

Tuesday, September 16

- 11:30 AM Seniors & Friends Luncheon @ Johnny's B

Wednesday, September 17

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

Thursday, September 18

- 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast @ Café Arthurs

Sunday, September 21

- 9:30 AM Sunday School Classes
 - 10:30 AM Worship Service – Rev. Joe Moore
- Immediately following the worship service, the Joint Board will meet followed by individual Board of Elders and Board of Trustees meetings.

PEOPLE FOR WHOM WE ARE PRAYING



Members

Cindy Clore
Beverly Dillon
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Adam Lefevre
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Frances Walker
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****Please contact the church office to add or remove individuals from the prayer list.***



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