



Ardmore Moravian Church

September 20, 2026

WATCH WORD FOR THE WEEK:

For to me, living is Christ
and dying is gain.

Philippians 1:21

Philippians 1:21-30

²¹ For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, ²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵ Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶ so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me.

²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel ²⁸ and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹ For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, ³⁰ since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

ARDMORE MORAVIAN CHURCH
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 20, 2026

Prelude “Prelude on Morning Has Broken (Bunessan)”

Traditional, arr. Fred Bock

Call to Worship

(Please stand, as you are able.)

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.

Songs of Praise

“All Praise To Him” Matt Merker, Bob Kauflin

*All praise to Him, the God of light,
who formed the mountains by His might.*

*All praise to Him who names the stars
that sing His fame in skies afar.*

*All praise to Him who reigns in love,
who guides the galaxies above,
yet bends to hear our every prayer
with sovereign pow’r and tender care.*

*All praise to Him whose love is seen
in Christ the Son, the Servant King,
who left behind His glorious throne*

*to pay the ransom for His own.
All praise to Him who humbly came
to bear our sorrow, sin, and shame,
who lived to die, who died to rise,
the all-sufficient sacrifice.*

*All praise to Him whose pow'r imparts
the love of God within our hearts,
the Spirit of all truth and peace,
the fount of joy and holiness.
To Father, Son, and Spirit now
our souls we lift, our wills we bow,
To You, the Triune God, we raise,
with hearts of love, our song of praise!*

*"Who You Say I Am" Reuben Morgan, Ben Fielding
Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me, Oh His love for me
Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, Yes I am
Free at last He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin*

Jesus died for me, Yes He died for me

Who the Son sets free

Oh is free indeed

I'm a child of God, Yes, I am

In my Father's house

There's a place for me

I'm a child of God, Yes, I am

I am chosen, not forsaken

I am who You say I am

You are for me, not against me

I am who You say I am

I am chosen, not forsaken

I am who You say I am

You are for me, not against me

I am who You say I am

I am who You say I am

Who the Son sets free

Oh is free indeed

I'm a child of God, Yes, I am

In my Father's house

There's a place for me

I'm a child of God, Yes, I am

In my Father's house

*There's a place for me
I'm a child of God, Yes, I am*

Greeting One Another

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgy

In grace God called and chose the people of Israel and established with them a covenant: I will be your God and you will be my people. In that relationship they were to be freed from sin and become a blessing to all. Then God came to us in Jesus Christ and fulfilled that covenant for all people. Through Christ's life, death, and resurrection, God made for us a new covenant of grace.

We come before you with joy, O God, to claim the promises of your covenant.

Our Lord Jesus Christ instituted baptism as the visible means of entry into the new covenant. Baptism is a gift of God. In this sacrament, through grace and the power of the Holy Spirit, we are united with Christ, are cleansed by his saving work, enter into the fellowship of the church, and are called to a life of faith and willing obedience.

Claimed by God in baptism, we pray that through the power of the Holy Spirit our lives may faithfully affirm the blessings of Christ's new covenant.

(Congregation sitting. The minister addresses the candidate.)

John, as you present yourself before God and this congregation, we call upon you to profess your faith.

Do you believe in God as your Creator and loving heavenly Father, in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord, and in the Holy Spirit as your Comforter and Sustainer, according to the Holy Scriptures?

I do.

(The candidate profess his faith by the means of the Apostles' Creed, the baptismal profession of the early church. The congregation joins him in the Creed as an affirmation of their own baptism.)

Lord make us one with all your children 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.**

(The minister addresses the candidate.)

Do you in this faith turn away from sin, evil, and selfishness in your thoughts, words, and actions; and do you intend to participate actively in Christ's church, serving God all the days of your life?

I do.

(The minister addresses the congregation.)

Members of Ardmore Moravian, do you welcome John as a member of this congregation, and accept your obligation to love and nurture him in Christ?

We do.

(The minister addresses the candidate.)

John, you have affirmed your faith and baptismal covenant before God and this congregation, and, by the grace and

strength of Christ, have declared your desire and promise to renew your Christian discipleship. We welcome you with joy and thanksgiving.

May the Lord be with you. Build yourself up in your most holy faith, led by the Holy Spirit. Keep yourself by grace in the love of God, as you wait for our Lord Jesus Christ in his mercy, to give you eternal life.

(Congregation stands. During the singing of the following hymn, the pastor and members of the Church Boards, greet John who has reaffirmed his baptism.)

“Here in the Name of Christ Our Lord” MBW pg. 174

*Here in the name of Christ our Lord,
the church's Head by all adored,
with Christian love and purpose true,
this church in faith embraces you.*

*We welcome you among us here,
with joy that God has brought you near.
With heart and hand we pledge our love
and pray Christ's blessing from above.*

*The God of peace you sanctify
and bless you richly from on high,
That spirit, soul, and body may
reflect God's presence ev'ry day.*

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory “What A Beautiful Name”

Brooke Ligertwood, Ben Fielding, 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 heav’nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer

Scripture Lessons

Philippians 1:21-30

Psalms 145:1-8

Matthew 20:1-16

“Goodness of God” Bethel Music/Jenn Johnson

I love You, Lord

for Your mercy never fails me

All my days, I've been held in Your hands

From the moment that I wake up

till I lay my head

I will sing of the goodness of God

All my life You have been faithful

All my life You have been so, so good

With every breath that I am able

I will sing of the goodness of God

*I love Your voice You
have led me through the fire
In darkest night You are close like no other
I've known You as a Father,
I've known You as a Friend
I have lived in the goodness of God.*

*All my life You have been faithful,
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God,*

*Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now
I give You everything*

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me,

*Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now
I give You everything*

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me

*All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God*

I will sing of the goodness of God

Sermon

“The Privilege of Suffering” Rev. Joe Moore

“Christians, Dismiss Your Fear” MBW # 356

*Christians, dismiss your fear;
let hope and joy succeed;
the joyful news with gladness hear,
“The Lord is ris'n indeed!”
The promise is fulfilled
in Christ our only Head;
now justice, mercy, reconciled,
he lives who once was dead.*

*The Lord is ris'n again,
who on the cross did bleed;
he lives to die no more, amen,
the Lord is ris'n indeed!
He truly tasted death
to give us hope again,
in bitter pangs resigned his breath,
but now has ris'n. Amen!*

*He has himself the keys
of death, the grave, and hell;
his is the victory and praise,
and he rules all things well;*

*death now no more I dread,
but cheerful close mine eyes;
death is a sleep, the grave a bed;
with Jesus I shall rise.*

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 “All Hail The Power Of Jesus’ Name”

Oliver Holden, arr. Joseph Prentiss



The flowers are placed today to the glory of God and his Son as we celebrate Betsy Annese’s birthday (September 26th) by the “Canasta Chicks”.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 20 – Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost

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.

Wednesday, September 23

5:30 PM BYO Meal

6:15 PM Bible Study

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, September 27 – Eighteenth Sunday of Pentecost

9:30 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship Service – Rev. Joe Moore

PEOPLE FOR WHOM WE ARE PRAYING



Members

Betsy Annese
Meredith Bowles
Kaye Brookshire
Beverly Dillon
Fanchon Funk
Julie Johnson

Adam Lefevre
Barry Lyons
Beth Kiger Mabe
Mike Meritt
Polly Story
Donna Ebert Williams

Friends

Beva Alspaugh
Lizanne Butner
Rachel Cloius
Sallie Goza
Dwayne Jones
Wanda Jones
Laura Mabe

Donna Myrick
Marolyn Schauss
Ray Shelton
Arkon Stewart
Suzanne
Juan
Larry

Today, we welcome John Blalock and Jeffrey Ausband into the communicant fellowship of Ardmore Moravian Church.

**Please contact the church office to add or remove individuals from the prayer list.*

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

October 4	10:30 AM Worldwide Communion 4:00 PM Car Care Clinic 5:00 PM Blessing of Pets
October 20	11:30 AM Seniors & Friends @ The Olive Tree Deli
November 7	Art Walk
November 8	10:30 AM Communion Celebration of the Chief Eldership of Jesus Christ 11:30 AM Church Council Meeting
November 17	11:30 AM Seniors & Friends @ The Carriage House
November 30	7:00 PM Candle Trimming
December 2-4	Candle Tea (Scheduled Groups)
December 3	Candle Tea (Public)
December 24	Christmas Eve Lovefeast and Candle Services
December 25	Christmas Day – Birth of Jesus Christ

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SERMON NOTES

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Welcome to Ardmore Moravian Church
“Where Communion and Community Come Together”

We are a Christ-centered fellowship of people bound by love of Jesus and one another. Our greatest hope is that God will be glorified through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit among us. We have gathered to worship; celebrating the eternal life won for us by Christ through His death and resurrection as promised in the Bible.

God has created and called us into relationship with Himself (communion) and with one another (community). We need the Lord, and we need each other. As you draw close to God, may you also grow in friendship with those around you. We believe God has gifted people in every age. So our worship is marked by a variety of styles and expressions of music, liturgy, prayer and proclamation. We seek to blend these expressions in a way that pleases God and edifies one another.

The Moravian Church, while unfamiliar to many, is actually one of the oldest Protestant denominations in the world. Our roots and heritage run deep, even one hundred years prior to the Great Reformation. Yet our sense of mission is alive and active *today* as we serve the Lord in ministry together.

Jesus said to His disciples, “...you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.” At Ardmore Moravian we sincerely strive to live that promise. We worship, study the Holy Scriptures, fellowship and grow as Disciples of Christ together here at the corner of Hawthorne and Academy. We ask the Lord then to send us out and employ us for His glory as we share the Gospel - the Good News of Christ - locally, regionally and globally.

If you are searching for a meaningful relationship with God and productive friendships with other people, you’ve come to the right place, “Where Communion and Community Come Together.”



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