



Ardmore Moravian Church

September 28, 2025

WATCH WORD FOR THE WEEK:

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment.

1 Timothy 6:6

Luke 1:68-79

⁶⁸ “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.

⁶⁹ He has raised up a mighty savior for us
in the house of his child David,

⁷⁰ as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

⁷¹ that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.

⁷² Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors
and has remembered his holy covenant,

⁷³ the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,
to grant us ⁷⁴ that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies,

might serve him without fear, ⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness in his presence all our days. ⁷⁶ And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, ⁷⁷ to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

⁷⁸ Because of the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, ⁷⁹ to shine upon those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

ARDMORE MORAVIAN CHURCH
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 28, 2025

Prelude *"Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"* arr. Fred Bock

Gathering Songs of Praise

"Everlasting God" Brenton Brown

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Our hope, our strong deliverer

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You're the defender of the weak, You comfort those in need

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"How Great Is Our God"

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty

Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice

He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide

And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice

How great is our God. Sing with me; how great is our God

And all will see how great, how great, is our God

*And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end
The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb*

*How great is our God. Sing with me; how great is our God
And all will see how great, how great is our God*

*Name above all names, worthy of all praise
My heart will sing; how great is our God (Repeat)*

*How great is our God. Sing with me; how great is our God.
And all will see how great, how great is our God.*

Greeting One Another

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgy

(Standing.)

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.

"Praise the Lord! You Heav'ns, Adore Him" MBW pg. 1
Worship, honor, glory, blessing,
Lord, we offer unto you;
young and old, your praise expressing,
sing your mercies ever new.
All the saints in heav'n adore you;
we would bow before your throne.
As your angels serve before you,
so on earth your will be done.

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.

(Sitting.)

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.**

*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.

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *“Whom Shall I Fear (God of Angel Armies)”*

Chris Tomlin

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

Psalm 46 (Responsive)

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains
tremble with its tumult.**

**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

**The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter; he utters
his voice; the earth melts.**

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.
**Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations
he has brought on the earth.**

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
**he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the
shields with fire.**

“Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the
nations; I am exalted in the earth.”

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Luke 1:68-79

“Holy, Holy, Holy” MBW # 381

Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;

holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

*Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
God everlasting through eternity.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.*

*Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and
sea.*

*Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

Sermon “Our Refuge and our Strength”

Rt. Rev. Lane Sapp

“A Mighty Fortress is our God” MBW # 788

*A mighty fortress is our God,
a sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor’s rod
and wins salvation glorious.*

*The old satanic foe
has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might
he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.*

*No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
whom God Himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is He,*


*Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.*

*Though hordes of devils fill the land
all threat'ning to devour us,
We tremble not, unmoved we stand;
they cannot overpow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage;
In battle we'll engage.
His might is doomed to fail;
God's judgement must prevail!
One little word subdues him.*

*God's Word forever shall abide,
no thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God Himself fights by our side
with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away,
they cannot win the day.
The Kingdom's ours forever!*

Benediction

Postlude *“Festival Piece on ‘Nicaea’ ”* arr. Jerry Westenkuehler



*The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God
and in remembrance of Lucille Crouse by her brothers and sisters.*

(September 30th would have been her 94th birthday)



OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Today, Sunday, September 28

- 9:30 AM Sunday School Classes
- 10:30 AM Worship Service – Rt. Rev. Lane Sapp

Wednesday, October 1

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

Sunday, October 5 “World Wide Communion Sunday”

- 9:30 AM Sunday School Classes
- 10:30 AM Worship Service – Rev. Joe Moore
- 4:00 PM Blessing of the Animals

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

For congregational and community fellowship

October 5 – 10:30 AM World Wide Communion Service

October 5 – 4:00 PM Pet Blessing

October 14 – Women's Fellowship Circle Meetings

October 15 – Set up for Yard Sale

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 Luncheon

@ 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 – 10:30 AM Chief Elder Communion Service

November 9 – 11:30 AM Church Council

November 11 – Women's Fellowship Circle Meetings

November 18 – 11:30 AM Seniors & Friends Lunch

@ Carriage House

November 20 – 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast @ Café Arthurs

December 1 – 7:00 PM Candle Trimming

December 3-5 – Candle Tea for Children Groups

December 4 – 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM Candle Tea for Public

December 9 – Women's Fellowship Circle Meetings

December 18 – 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast @ Café Arthurs

December 24 Christmas Eve Lovefeast & Candle Service

PEOPLE FOR WHOM WE ARE PRAYING



Members

Cindy Clore
Beverly Dillon
Fanchon Funk
Adam Lefevre
Mike Meritt

Alice Pierce
Carolyn Spainhour
Polly Story
Frances Walker
Donna Ebert Williams

Friends

Dr. Bill J. Beason
Lizanne Butner
Tommy Butner
Chris Heckman
Dwayne Jones
Larry
Juan

Laura Mabe
Ann M^cCurdy
Allison Murray
Marlyn Schauss
Ray Shelton
Jerry Seivers
Steven Starling

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





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