



Ardmore Moravian Church

October 19, 2025

WATCH WORD FOR THE WEEK:

Proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching

2 Timothy 4:2

GENESIS 32:22-31

²² The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷ So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

LUKE 18:1-8

18 Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' ⁴ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " ⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

ARDMORE MORAVIAN CHURCH
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 19, 2025

Prelude “More Love To Thee, O Christ” arr. Mark Hayes

Call to Worship

Gathering Songs of Praise

“Ancient Words”

*Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart
Oh, let the ancient words impart*

*Words of Life, words of Hope
Give us strength, help us cope
In this world, where e'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us home*

*Ancient words ever true
Changing me and changing you
We have come with open hearts
Oh, let the ancient words impart*

*Holy words of our Faith
Handed down to this age*

*Came to us through sacrifice
Oh heed the faithful words of Christ*

*Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart
Oh let the ancient words impart*

*Ancient words ever true
Changing me and changing you
We have come with open hearts
Oh, let the ancient words impart*

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Oh, let the ancient words impart
Oh, let the ancient words impart
Repeat*

"As The Deer"

*As the deer pants for the water,
So my soul longs after You.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship You.*

*Refrain: You alone are my strength my shield,
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship You.*

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*Refrain: You alone are my strength my shield,
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship You.*

*You're ,my friend and You are my brother,
Even though You are a King.
I love You more than any other,
So much more than anything.*

Refrain X2

Greeting One Another

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgy

(Please stand, as you are able.)

How should we come before the Holy One and bow before
God on high?

God has shown us what is good and what is required: to do justice, to show constant love, and to walk humbly with our God.

We give thanks to you, O God, for you are good;

Your steadfast love endures forever!

Who can utter your mighty works, or show forth all your praise?

Blessed are they who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

Is not this the kind of worship that pleases me, says our God: to undo the bonds of injustice, to let the oppressed go free and break every yoke, to share bread with the hungry and shelter the homeless poor, to clothe the naked and not turn from your own people? I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, sick or in prison and you visited me.

When did we see you hungry and feed you, thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, naked and clothe you, sick or in prison and visit you?

Truly, I say to you, when you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me.

(Sitting.)

“When Peace, Like A River” MBW # 754

*When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, you have taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

*Refrain: It is well with my soul,
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word; if you give your bread to the hungry and relief to the oppressed, then your light will rise like the dawn; your goodness will go before you and the glory of God behind you.

God has shown us what is good and what is required: to do justice, to show constant love, and to walk humbly with our God.

As we consider these things, let us confess our sins in silence.

SILENT CONFESSION

The peace of Christ be with you;
And also with you.

“When Peace, Like A River” MBW # 754

*Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blessed assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul.*

*Refrain: It is well with my soul,
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

Blessed are the poor in spirit,

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,

For they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,

For they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

For they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,

For they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,

For they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,

For they will be called children of God.

Jesus said: You have heard it said, "You shall not murder"; and "whoever murders shall be liable to judgment." But I say to you that if you are angry with your neighbor, you will be liable to judgment.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

You have heard it said, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." But I say to you: Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

You have heard it said, “You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.” But I say to you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“When Peace, Like A River” MBW # 754

My sin, O, the bliss of this glorious thought!

*My sin - not in part, but the whole -
is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more,
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!*

*Refrain: It is well with my soul,
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

Praise God, all you nations,

Praise God, all you people!

Place not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help. There will be One who will rule with integrity and govern with justice: One who will be like a shelter from the wind and a place to hide from the storm; One who will be like streams flowing in a desert, like the shadow of a giant rock within a barren land; One whose eyes and ears will be open to the needs of the people.

Our God says:

Here is my servant, whom I strengthen, the one I have chosen, with whom I am pleased.

I have filled him with my Spirit, and he will bring justice to every nation.

He will not lose hope or courage; he will establish justice on the earth.

He will teach us what he wants us to do;

We will walk in the paths he has chosen.

He will settle disputes among the nations; he will arbitrate for many people.

We will beat our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks.

Nation will not lift up sword against nation; neither will they learn war anymore;

We will live in peace, and no one will make us afraid.

Justice will roll down like waters,

And righteousness like an everflowing stream.

And the effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness will be quietness and trust forever. And we will abide in peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.

We will live in peace, and no one will make us afraid.

(Please stand, as you are able.)

God has shown us what is good and what is required:

To do justice, to show constant love, and to walk humbly with our God.

“When Peace, Like A River” MBW # 754

*And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
even so, it is well with my soul.*

*Refrain: It is well with my soul,
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

Prayers of the People

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory “Our God” arr. Russell Mauldin

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

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalms 121

Luke 18:1-8

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, O Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.*

*Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, you rule day and night;
your justice like mountains high soaring above,
your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.*

*Life-giving Creator of both great and small;
of all life the maker, the true life of all;
we blossom, then wither like leaves on the tree,
but you live forever who was and will be.*

*Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
your angels adore you, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render, O lead us to see
the light of your splendor, your love's majesty.*

Sermon

"Why Me, Lord?"

Rev. Joe Moore

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,*

born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

*Refrain: This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.*

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praising my Savior all the day long.*

*Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight.
Angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.*

Refrain

*Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blessed,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.*

Refrain

Benediction

Postlude “Now Thank We All Our God” arr. Fred Bock



*The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of
God and in recognition of Barbara and Ed Blazer's 60th wedding
anniversary on October 16th.*



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nominations Needed: Our annual Church Council meeting is coming up on November 9th and we need nominations for the Boards of Elders and Trustees and a delegate to represent Ardmore at the 2026 Southern Province Synod. If you are interested in serving as a member of either board or as Synod delegate, please contact Pastor Joe and he will share your interest with the Nominating Committee.

Donations Needed: Every Halloween, the Ardmore neighborhood is the most popular location for trick or treating. Hundreds of children and their parents travel the streets of our neighborhood. To help people know that Ardmore Moravian is an active part of the community, we are going to be handing out candy on Halloween. If you would like to donate some Halloween candy (individually wrapped), please bring it to the church. We will have a collection basket near the office door.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Today, October 19

- 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.
- 1:30 PM Crop Walk – Check-In and Registration

Tuesday, October 21

- 11:30 AM Seniors & Friends @ The Sherwood Restaurant

Wednesday, October 22

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

Sunday, October 26

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

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

For congregational and community fellowship

October 19 – 1:30 PM Crop Walk

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

November 23 – Thanksgiving Harvest Table –

Food for Sunnyside Ministry

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
Ray Shelton
Larry
Juan

Laura Mabe
Ann M^cCurdy
Terry Moore
Allison Murray
Marlyn Schauss
Jerry Seivers
Steven Starling

Please remember the Gambill family in special prayer. Tommie Poindexter Gambill entered the more immediate presence of her Lord and Savior on October 11, 2025.

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

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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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