



Ardmore Moravian Church

October 26, 2025

WATCH WORD FOR THE WEEK:

*Jesus said "All who exalt themselves will be humbled,
but all who humble themselves will be exalted."*

Luke 18:14

Luke 18:9-14

⁹ He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰ “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

ARDMORE MORAVIAN CHURCH
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 26, 2025

Prelude “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” arr. John Carter

Call to Worship

Gathering Songs of Praise

“Forever”

Give thanks to the Lord our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good, He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that’s been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise

Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong
Forever God is with us, forever, forever

From the rising of the setting sun
His love endures forever

*And by the grace of God we will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise
Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong
Forever God is with us, forever, forever*

“Faithful God (I Am They)”

*I am surrounded on every side
Can't see the light of day
But I am persuaded, beyond all hope
You won't let go of me
I stake my claim on ev'ry word You say
You will not be late*

*I will sing through fire and thunder
'cause You are on my side
I trust You with my life
I know my story, it isn't over
Even against all odds
You are a faithful God
You're faithful, God*

*The darkest of weather though I can't see
I still believe You're good
So I'm moving forward through crashing waves
I know I'm safe with You
You hold my life, You hear my cry*

*With ev'ry breath inside
I will sing through fire and thunder
'cause You are on my side
I trust You with my life
I know my story, it isn't over
Even against all odds
You are a faithful God
That's Who You are, You are a faithful God
I am convinced that Your promises will hold together
And I will dwell in the hope of Your love forever
I am convinced that Your promises will hold together
And I will dwell in Your love
And I will sing through fire and thunder
'cause You are on my side
I trust You with my life
I know my story, it isn't over
Even against all odds
You are a faithful God
That's Who You are
O You are a faithful God
Oh, You're faithful, God*

Greeting One Another

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgy

“O Lord, Hear My Prayer” MBW # 745

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;

When I call answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer.

Come and listen to me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;

When I call answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer.

Come and listen to me.

Hear my cry, O God, attend to my prayer.

From the end of the earth I will cry to You, when my heart is overwhelmed.

Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

For you have been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy.

Hear the word of the Lord: I am the Lord your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you in the way you should go. O that you had listened to my commandments! Then your peace would have been like a river, and your righteousness like the waves of the sea. Stand by the roads and look and ask for the old paths, where the good way is, and walk in it, and you shall find rest for your souls. Let the wicked forsake their ways, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them

return to the Lord, and he will have mercy upon them; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

“O God, Our Help In Ages” MBW # 461

*O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home!*

Repent and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the time of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.

We will declare our iniquity; we will repent of our sin.

Thus says the High and Lofty One, who inhabits eternity, whose name is holy: return, you backsliding children; acknowledge your iniquity, that you have transgressed against the Lord your God, and I will not keep my anger forever.

We acknowledge our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Against you, you alone, have we sinned, and done what is evil in your sight.

“O God, Our Help In Ages” MBW # 461

*Under the shadow of your throne
your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone,
and our defense is sure.*

*Before the hills in order stood
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting you are God,
to endless years the same.*

If you, Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?
Enter not into judgments with your servants: for no one living is righteous before you.

We do not offer our supplications before you, relying on our own goodness, but on your great compassion.

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your loving kindness.

Hide your face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities.
Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

Cast us not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from us.

Restore unto us the joy of your salvation, and anoint us with your spirit.

O Lord, open our lips and our mouths shall show forth your praise.

For you do not desire sacrifice, or we would give it.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

“O God, Our Help In Ages” MBW # 461

*A thousand ages in your sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.*

Drawing near, in full assurance of faith, let us confess our sins, and present our supplications before the Lord our God. Let us pray:

Most holy and almighty God, our Savior, we acknowledge our transgressions. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to their own way. We have sinned and have done wickedly. The good we knew to do we have not done; and in all our works we have fallen short of your glory. Help us, O God of our salvation; and deliver us, purge away our sins, for your name’s sake. Amen.

Thus says the Lord: I, even I, am the God who blots out your transgression for my own sake, and will not remember your sins. God, and sin no more.

“Zurich (168A) ”

*You have canceled my transgressions,
Jesus, by your precious blood;
may I find therein salvation,
happiness, and peace with God;
and since you, for sinners suffering,
on the cross was made an offering,*

*from all sin deliver me,
that I wholly yours may be.*

Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. The gates of hell shall not prevail against my church. Because you have kept my work, I will also keep you for the hour of temptation, which come upon all the world, to test those who dwell upon the earth, that no one take your crown.

"O God, Our Help In Ages" MBW # 461

*O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
remain our guard while life shall last,
and our eternal home.*

Prayers of the People

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Only A God Like You" arr. Heather Sorenson

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

“Just As I Am, Without One Plea” MBW # 762

*Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!*

*Just as I am, and waiting not
to rid my soul of one dark blot,
to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!*

*Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!*

*Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!*

*Just as I am; thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!*

*Just as I am; thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!*

Sermon “The Best Way to Pray” Rev. Joe Moore

“There Is Power In The Blood”

*Would you be free from the burden of sin?
There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood;
Would you o'er evil a victory win?
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood.*

*Chorus: There is pow'r, pow'r, wonder-working pow'r
In the blood of the Lamb;
There is pow'r, pow'r, wonder-working pow'r
In the precious blood of the Lamb.*

*Would you be free from your passion and pride?
There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood;
Come for a cleansing to Calvary's tide?
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood.*

Chorus

*Would you be whiter, much whiter than snow?
There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood;
Sin-stains are lost in its life-giving flow;*

There's wonderful pow'r in the blood.

Chorus

Would you do service for Jesus your King?

There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood;

Would you live daily His praises to sing?

There's wonderful pow'r in the blood.

Chorus

Benediction

Postlude

"Prelude In Classic Style"

Gordon Young



The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and during this Pastor's Recognition Month, we recognize Rev. Joe Moore for his leadership and spiritual guidance.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday, October 29

5:30 PM Meal

6:15 PM Bible Study

7:00 PM Choir Practice

Friday, October 31

5:00 PM Hand out Halloween candy

Sunday, November 2

9:30 AM Sunday School Classes

10:30 AM Worship Service – Rev. Joe Moore

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

For congregational and community fellowship

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

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Nominations Needed for Church Boards: 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.

Nominations needed for Delegate to 2026 Southern Province Synod. Every four years, pastors and representatives from the congregations gather together for Synod: "to discern God's call to mission and service, to consider our response to God in faith, love and hope, and to give attention to matters of governance." Delegates to the Synod vote for the Provincial leadership, including the President and members of the Provincial Elders' Conference, Board of World Mission, Moravian Mission Society, School of Theology at Moravian University Board of Trustees, and Provincial Women's Board. Delegates also consider ideas and plans to help set the direction and focus for the ministry of the Moravian Church for the next four years.

Ardmore Moravian is entitled to 1 delegate to the Synod, in addition to the Pastor. The 2026 Synod will take place June 3-6 at New Philadelphia Moravian Church. If you are interested in being our delegate to Synod or would like to learn more about it as you consider serving as a delegate, please contact Pastor Joe. We need to elect 1 delegate and 1 alternate at our November 9 Church Council meeting.

At our November 9 Church Council meeting,
we will be voting on the following:

**Changes to Rules and Regulations
of Ardmore Moravian Church**

Approved by the Joint Board on October 19, 2025

Article III Section 8 Manner of Elections

Current Version:

“Retiring Board members are not eligible for re-election or appointment to either Board for one year.”

Change to:

“Upon completion of their term, Board members are eligible to be re-elected or appointed to either board for an additional 3 year term.”

Article IV Section 1 Composition of Church Boards

Current Version:

Each board shall consist of 9 members.

Change to:

Each board shall consist of 6 members.

Article IV Section 1 Composition of Church Boards

Current Version:

“No members serving a full term shall be eligible for reelection to either Board until after an intermission of at least one (1) year.”

Delete this sentence from Rules and Regulations

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

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