

## **Ardmore Moravian Church**

November 16, 2025

WATCH WORD FOR THE WEEK:

Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

2 Thessalonians 3:13

#### II Thessalonians 3:6-13

<sup>6</sup> Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. <sup>7</sup> For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, <sup>8</sup> and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. 9 This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. <sup>10</sup> For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. 11 For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. 12 Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. 13 Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

## ARDMORE MORAVIAN CHURCH Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost November 16, 2025

Prelude "Praise Him! Praise Him!" Mark Hayes

Call to Worship

O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

Let the sea roar and all that fills it, the world and those who live in it.

Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever.

Amen.

**Gathering Song of Praise** 

"Shout to the Lord"

My Jesus, my Savior Lord,
there is none like You
All of my days, I want to praise
the wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort, my shelter
tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath, all that I am
never cease to worship You

Chorus: Shout to the Lord all the earth let us sing power and majesty praise to the King Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand Nothing compares to the promise I have

#### **Greeting One Another**

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### Liturgy

We worship you, Lord God, the high and lofty one, who inhabits eternity, whose name is holy. You dwell in the high and holy place, and also with those who are contrite and humble in spirit.

Give us grace to bring you the sacrifice of a broken and contrite heart, which you, O God, will not despise.

"Invitation Fountain"

All who are weak, all who are weary;
Come to the rock, come to the fountain;
All who have sailed on the rivers of heartache,
Come to the sea, come on be set free

Refrain: If You lead me Lord I will follow
Where You lead me Lord I will go
Come and heal me Lord I will follow
Where You lead me Lord I will go
I will go, I will go...

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

God spoke these words, saying:

You shall have no other gods besides me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

"They'll Know We Are Christians"

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord; We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord; And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand; We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand; And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Lord God, merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity, and transgression, and sin, yet by no means clearing the unrepentant: incline your ear and hear, for we do not present our supplications before you on the ground of our righteousness, but on your great mercies.

#### SILENT CONFESSION

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Do not cast us away from your presence and do not take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and sustain in us a willing spirit. Have mercy upon us according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

#### Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.

Thus says the Lord: I will forgive your iniquity and remember your sin no more. Peace be with you.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come; And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son. And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

In the peace of God, let us join in professing our faith:

With the whole of Christendom, we share faith in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We believe and confess that God has revealed himself once for all in Jesus Christ; that our Lord has redeemed us with the whole of humanity by his death and resurrection; and that there is no salvation apart from him.

We believe that Christ is present with us in the word and the sacrament; that he directs us through the Spirit and thus forms us into a church. We hear him summoning us to follow him, and ask him to use us in his service. Christ joins us together mutually, so that knowing ourselves to be members of his body, we become willing to serve each other.

In this spirit we await the appearing of Jesus Christ, go forward to meet our Lord with joy, and pray to be found ready when he comes. Amen.

All who are weak, all who are weary;
Come to the rock, come to the fountain;
All who have climbed on the mountains of heartache
Reach for the sky, come and give your life;

Refrain: If You lead me Lord I will follow
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Where You lead me Lord I will go
I will go, I will go...

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.

(Prayers of thanksgiving and intercessions for church, nation, and world, the afflicted, and the coming of God's kingdom may be offered.)

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time to make our common intercession to you, and you have promised through your beloved Son that where two or three are gathered together in his name you will be in the midst of them. Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

Amen.

"Invitation Fountain"

All who are weak, all who are weary;
All who are tired, all who are thirsty;
All who have failed, all who are broken
Come to the rock, come to the fountain,

Refrain: If You lead me Lord I will follow

Where You lead me Lord I will go

Come and heal me Lord I will follow

Where You lead me Lord I will go

I will go, I will go...

#### **Giving Our Tithes and Offerings**

Offertory

"Blessings"

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

**Scripture Lessons** 

Malachi 4: 1-2a Psalm 98 II Thessalonians 3: 6-13 Luke 21:5-19

"Blessed Be the Tie That Binds" MBW # 680

Blessed be the tie that binds

our hearts in Christian love;

the fellowship of kindred minds

is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear; and often for each other flows

the sympathizing tear.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free; and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

Sermon

"Do the Right Thing(s)" Rev. Joe Moore

"We Are Called To Be God's People" MBW # 635

We are called to be God's people,
showing by our lives his grace,
one in heart and one in spirit,
sign of hope for all the race.

Let us show how he has changed us,
and remade us as his own,
let us share our life together
as we shall around his throne.

We are called to be God's servants, working in his world today; taking his own task upon us, all his sacred words obey.

Let us rise, then, to his summons, dedicate to him our all, that we may be faithful servants, quick to answer now his call.

We are called to be God's prophets, speaking for the truth and right, standing firm for godly justice, bringing evil things to light.

Let us seek the courage needed, our high calling to fulfill, that the world may know the blessing of the doing of God's will.

Benediction

Postlude "All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name!"

Anna Laura Page

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in honor of Peggy Crouse for her unwavering dedication in many ways as a servant of the Lord in our church.

On behalf of the congregation, The Women's Fellowship

#### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

#### Sunday, November 16

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.

#### **Tuesday, November 18**

11:00 AM Senior & Friends – Lunch at Carriage House

#### Wednesday, November 19

10:00 AM Floating Candle Tea Craft Workshop

5:30 PM Meal

6:15 PM Bible Study

7:00 PM Choir Practice

#### **Thursday, November 20**

8:30 AM Men's Breakfast @ Café Arthurs

#### **Sunday, November 23**

9:30 AM Sunday School Classes

10:30 AM Worship Service – Rev. Joe Moore

Placement of food under the Harvest Table

for Sunnyside Ministry

# FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES For congregational and community fellowship

November 18 – 11:30 AM Seniors & Friends Lunch

@ Carriage House

November 19 – 10:00 AM – Floating craft and workshop for Candle Tea

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 December 25 Christmas

#### PEOPLE FOR WHOM WE ARE PRAYING



#### **Members**

Cindy Clore Alice Pierce

Beverly Dillon Carolyn Spainhour

Fanchon Funk Polly Story

Adam Lefevre Frances Walker

Mike Meritt Donna Ebert Williams

#### Friends

Dr. Bill J. Beason Ann M<sup>c</sup>Curdy

Lizanne Butner Terry Moore

Chris Heckman Allison Murray

Dwayne Jones Marlyn Schauss

Ray Shelton Jerry Seivers

Larry Steven Starling

Juan

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## **SERMON NOTES**

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## Welcome to Ardmore Moravian Church "Where Communion and Community Come Together"

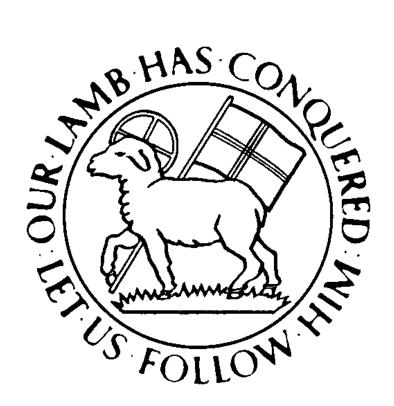
We are a Christ-centered fellowship of people bound by love of Jesus and one another. Our greatest hope is that God will be glorified through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit among us. We have gathered to worship; celebrating the eternal life won for us by Christ through His death and resurrection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