

# **Ardmore Moravian Church**

November 23, 2025

WATCH WORD FOR THE WEEK:
Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth.

Psalm 46:10

#### Luke 23:33-43

<sup>33</sup> When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[<sup>34</sup> Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup> And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" <sup>36</sup> The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine <sup>37</sup> and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" <sup>38</sup> There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

<sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup> But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup> And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup> Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." <sup>43</sup> He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

## ARDMORE MORAVIAN CHURCH Reign of Christ Sunday November 23, 2025

Prelude "Come, Christians Join To Sing" Mark Hayes

Call to Worship

(Please Stand, as you are able.)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him; bless his name.

For the Lord is good;

His steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.

**Gathering Songs** 

"Come, You Thankful People, Come" MBW # 450
Come, you thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest-home;
all is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin;

God, our Maker, does provide for our needs to be supplied; come with all his people, come, raise the song of harvest-home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield, wheat and weeds together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown; first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear:

Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his harvest-home; he himself in that great day all offense shall take away, give his angels charge at last in the fire the weeds to cast, but the fruitful ears to store in his storehouse evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come, to your final harvest-home: gather all your people in, free from sorrow, free from sin, there forever purified in your presence to abide.
Come, with all your angels, come, raise the glorious harvest-home!

"We Gather Together"

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; He chastens and hastens his will to make known; The wicked oppressing cease them from distressing, Sing praises to His name, He forgets not His own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine; So from the beginning the fight we were winning, Thou, Lord, was at our side, the glory be Thine!

We all do extol Thee, our leader triumphant,
And pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy name be ever praised. O Lord, make us free!

**Greeting One Another** 

Welcome and Announcements

"Now Thank We All Our God" MBW # 533
Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,

who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices; who, from our mothers' arms, has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto God and bless his name.

For the Lord is good, his mercy is everlasting, and his truth endures to all generations.

All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord, and your saints shall bless thee.

They shall abundantly utter the memory of your great goodness, and sing of your righteousness.

Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

"Now Thank We All Our God" MBW # 533

O may this bounteous God

through all our life be near us,
 with ever joyful hearts

and blessed peace to cheer us,
 to keep us in his grace,

and guide us when perplexed,
 and free us from all ills

of this world and the next.

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all of his benefits.

He redeems our life from destruction, and crowns us with loving-kindness and tender mercies.

He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor punished us for our iniquities.

As high as the heaven is above the earth, so great is his mercy toward those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon those who fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children.

To such as keep his covenant, and to those who remember his commandments to do them.

Blessed be the God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in the heavenly places in Christ.

He has chosen us before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and righteous before him all the days of our life. "Now Thank We All Our God" MBW # 533

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son and Spirit blessed,
who reign in highest heaven the one eternal God,
whom heav'n and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Give Thanks"

arr. Lloyd Larson

Response

"We Thank You" MBW # 162

We thank you, then O Father, for all things bright and good, the seed-time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food; help us to show thanksgiving for all you freely give, to love you in our neighbor and by the way we live.

All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above; then thank the Lord,

O thank the Lord for all his love.

Prayer

Colossians 1:11-20

Psalm 46

Luke 23:33-43

"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er The Sun" MBW # 404

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

does its successive journeys run,

his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,

till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head; his name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song, and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns, the pris'ners leap to lose their chains, the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blessed.

Let ev'ry creature rise and bring the highest honors to our King; angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.

"Giving Thanks to the King" Rev. Joe Moore

Sermon

Closing
Great is the Lord,

## And greatly to be praised!

Let the people of the Lord praise the holy and righteous One. On the day of the Lord, justice will roll on like a river and righteousness like a never-failing stream.

Almighty God, we lift our hearts to you; and our eyes are fixed upon your unchanging glory. We rejoice in the promise of the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power and majesty.

We believe that our Lord Jesus, who ascended into heaven after his resurrection, will come again in the same way.

The Lord himself will come from heaven with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God; and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive will be caught up together with them to meet the Lord. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

"How Great Thou Art" MBW #. 112

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim: "My God, how great thou art!"

Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!

Since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, indeed by all the saints who have gone before us, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

Christ, Bringer of Justice, we ask for courage and boldness to stand by the poor and the oppressed: to work for justice in this present world as we anticipate your perfect justice to come.

Christ, Hope of the World, we ask that your Holy Spirit move among those who have yet to hear the, that their hearts may be softened and prepared for the message of the gospel.

Christ, Lord of the Church, we ask for help for your church to love as we truly are—a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to you, who love to declare your praises, for you called us out of darkness into your wonderful light.

"Crown Him With Many Crowns" MBW # 405 Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne; hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who set us free,
and hail him as your matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave, and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.

His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high, who died, eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of years, the risen Lord sublime, Creator of the rolling spheres,
the Master of all time.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for you have died for me;
your praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.

**Benediction** 

Postlude "Now Thank We All Our God" Lloyd Larson



The Harvest Table is dedicated to the glory of God and in memory of the dedicated members of the Women's Fellowship who now rest in Eternity with the Lord.



The non-perishable food items placed under the Harvest Table today will be taken tomorrow to benefit Sunnyside Ministries for Thanksgiving.



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

## 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

## Wednesday, November 26

No Bible Study or Choir Practice

## **Thursday, November 27**

Thanksgiving Day

## Sunday, November 30 - First Sunday of Advent

9:30 AM Sunay School Classes

10:30 AM Worship Service – Rev. Joe Moore

#### **FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES**

For congregational and community fellowship

**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 Services at 2:00 PM and 5:00 PM

**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

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Lizanne Butner Terry Moore

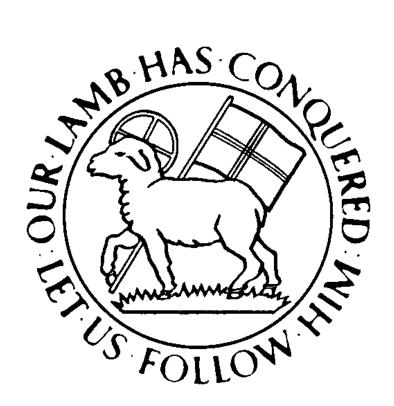
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