

November 15, 2020 - Twenty - Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Worship Aid for Great Kills Moravian Church

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Welcome

Watchword for the Week: **So teach us, O God, to count our days that we may gain a wise heart. Psalm 90:12**

Liturgy: Stewardship

Blue Book Page 154

(*Standing)

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God, creator of all things visible and invisible, powerful beyond measure, good beyond all understanding.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Lord, Our God, you bring forth and nourish every living being.

We lift up our hearts to you.

We assemble here celebrating the joys of human life, shared one with the other. We recall the ministry of Jesus, crucified and raised up for our salvation, still present among us through the mystery of the Holy Spirit.

We praise you for new life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Confessing that we have strayed from your holy will, we humbly acknowledge our sins before you.

(Kneeling or sitting)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned in many ways, times, and places. We have mishandled this good earth entrusted to our care, and we have misused our personal gifts, hurting both ourselves and others. Forgive our false pride which hides our negligence, and forgive our careless acts which destroy your handiwork. In your mercy correct our faults and restore us to responsible, compassionate living.

Silent Confession

Hear and know that the Lord is good. God forgives those who are contrite in heart. Live in peace, for God's steadfast love endures forever.

(Blue Book Pg. 162)

**We thank you then, O Father, for all things bring and good,
the seedtime 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.**

(*Standing)

Let us taste and see that the Lord is good. Let us be grateful for all that God has provided.

Inspire us, God of mercy, to be thankful for what we have received.

Let our lives resound with the wonder and beauty of all that God has been creating from the beginning. As caretakers of creation, may we learn anew to enjoy the land, preserve the water, respect all living creatures, and meditate upon the grandeur of open sky and sea.

Teach us, God of creation, to walk the earth with gratitude and wisdom.

Let our eyes be open to the needs of all people, especially the poor.

Move us, God of justice, to share what we have and to be just and merciful in our nation and the world. Let us hear God's call to the urgent tasks of our time: studies to pursue, projects to begin, communities to build, individuals to support, damages to restore.

Use us, God of the covenant - use our time, our talent, our treasure.

Blue Book 453 v 1 & 3

**We plow the fields, and scatter the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand;
he sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine and soft refreshing rain.**

**We thank you, our Creator, for all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food;
accept the gifts we offer for all your love imparts,
and what you most would treasure our humble, thankful hearts.**

Word of God:

Zephaniah 1:7,12-18

Psalm 90:1-8,(9-11),12

1 Lord, you have been our dwelling place[a] in all generations.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

3 You turn us[b] back to dust, and say, "Turn back, you mortals."

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.

5 You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning;

6 in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

7 For we are consumed by your anger; by your wrath we are overwhelmed.

8 You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

9 For all our days pass away under your wrath; our years come to an end[c] like a sigh.

10 The days of our life are seventy years, or perhaps eighty, if we are strong; even then their span[d] is only toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.

11 Who considers the power of your anger? Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.

12 So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

Message

Prayers of the People:

Response: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Offering Our Gifts to God

*Doxology: "For the Life That You Have Given" Blue Book Page 819

HOLY MANNA

**For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own:**

here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring.
Give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.

***Prayer of Blessing:** – There is no escape from your judgment, O Spirit of Holiness, but neither can we flee beyond your limitless love. We offer an accounting of our stewardship in and beyond the offering of this day. Reshape our lives for joyous, responsive participation in work that builds up the body of Christ. Use what we offer here to bring encouragement and hope to many who have lost a sense of meaning for their lives. Bless us and our offerings. Amen.

***Lord's Prayer:** 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.

***Benediction and Sending**

Let us now rise to serve God. Let us renew our commitment to Christ's call for servanthood, obedience, and sacrifice to establish a world of justice, prosperity, and peace.

We rise as one to love and serve the Lord!

Blue Book Page 624 v. 1 and 3

Called together and united by the Spirit, we are one.
Hearts and hands are consecrated to the service of God's Son.
We, entrusted with Christ's mission, will accept the gracious call.
Faith in action ever, always, till on earth Christ reigns in all.

Called by Christ, redeemed, accepted, we are blessed with work to do.
By the Spirit we're empowered: "Tell the good news, life renew."
Our lives now reveal Christ's presence; we will show God's love and grace.
Faith in action, ever, always, while on earth we run our race.

May the words of our lips and the meditations of our hearts-

May the deeds of our hands and the action of our lives

Be pleasing in your sight, O God our Creator.

Through Christ Our Lord, and the Holy Spirit,

One God of all, world without end.

Amen!

Fellowship and News of the Church Alive

Sunday school continues to meet in person from 9:30am-10:30am. Children must wear a mask, enter and exit from the nursery door on Cleveland Ave; each child will need a building form filled out before arrival. Parents are not permitted to stay in the building during Sunday School. Food and snacks are not permitted; you may bring a water bottle for your child. **Worship 11am** – please remember to complete AT HOME and bring in a health questionnaire and mask each week. **Bible Study**- Grab your Bible or pull one up online and join us for an online or call-in group study of the New Testament, contact Pastor Tracy for login information. All are welcome! **Chair Yoga** Wednesdays at 9:30AM via Zoom. **Crafters** meet outdoors weather permitting on Friday (contact Nancy Walker or Janice Hermansen for details).

Thanksgiving Basket items for November: Coffee, apple sauce, apple juice, crackers. Please drop off to worship on Sunday or to the church office, call before dropping off items to the church office. Help is requested to assemble baskets at New Dorp Moravian Church, November 22 at 7pm. Delivery drivers needed November 23th (contact GKMC or NDMC to sign up). **Community Thanksgiving Meal at Vanderbilt Moravian Church,** November 21 from 4:30-6:30 pm (to provide assistance with the meal please contact Muriel Timari). **Community Thanksgiving Worship** at St. Clare's on Tuesday, November 24 at 7:30 pm.

Prayers : The Family of Maureen Donnelly, Adam, Katie, Baby Aria, Desmond B, Bilbao Family, Joseph B, Scott and Marsha C, Meredith C, Cascio Family, Rocky C, Pete C, Christopher, Bob C, Julianna D, Joseph D, Diane, Jessica D, Valerie F, Anna Galicia, Matilde G, Thomas G, Janine H, Jason, Jen, Joe, Diane Gibbons, Bill & Sue G, Henry, Jackie, Janice, Evelyn J, Robert K, Kathy, Kelly, Linda, Giuliana L, Juliana M, Mary M, Susan M, Donna M, Claudia M, Silvia N, Peter, Mary P, Barbara P, Betty P, Thomas P, Karen P, Tom P, Susan P, John P, Mike R, Rob, Rosanna, Sam and all Caretakers, Norma S, Muriel Timari. (Please contact the church office to add or remove names from the prayer list)

An Advent Season Gift for Moravian Open Door

Each Advent season we are reminded of the family long ago who were homeless, had no room at the inn, and not even a crib for their expected infant. Yet they were provided for. Moravian Open Door (MOD) is a Moravian ministry in New York City that provides a safe, clean, temporary home for homeless men and women. Currently we have 34 residents whose ages range from 53 to 91 years. While the facility (called Moravian House) provides accommodation in single and double rooms, the staff provides supportive services to rebuild lives and help residents move to affordable permanent housing.

During this pandemic of COVID-19, MOD mourned the loss of three of its residents to the virus, and some other residents and even the staff have been sickened by the disease and recovered. Keeping everyone safe with extra sanitizing of building areas, providing residents precautionary items such as masks and hand sanitizer, and providing extra food for residents who have lost income has put a great strain on MOD's budget.

MOD receives no government funding at all.

MOD needs the financial support of Moravian congregations, especially now with the extra costs of fighting the COVID-19 virus.

Please respond generously with your "No Room at the Inn" gift to support this ministry.

For those not receiving mailed bulletins you may mail a check with MOD in the memo line, to GKMC. It has been requested of Central Elders to match our donations.