

**May 4, 2025- Third Sunday of Easter
Worship Aid for Great Kills Moravian Church**

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Prelude

Welcome/Announcement

Watchword For The Week: Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing! Revelations 5:12

(Please Stand if able.)

Call To Worship:

L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

A: And also with you!

L: Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his Holy name.

A: We gather to worship the Lord with a purpose.

L: We gather with a purpose; Come prepared to walk with Christ.

A: We gather to make our way to the cross.

L: Gather with a purpose! Come as disciples committed to holy living.

A: We gather to renew our resolve to faithfully live to follow Jesus today.

(Please continue To Stand if able.)

To God be the glory—great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the lifegate that all may go in. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory-great things he has done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to ev-'ry believer the promise of God: the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory-great things he has done!

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our re-joic-ing through Jesus the Son: but purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our transport when Jesus we see. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory-great things he has done!

(Please continue to Stand if able.)

What shall we render to the Lord for all his bounty to us?

We will offer to the Lord the sacrifices of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord.

Praise the Lord!

Hymn:

BEACH SPRING

**Come in praise and adoration, all who on Christ's name believe;
worship him with consecration, grace and love will you receive.
For his grace give him the glory, for the Spirit and the Word, and
repeat the gospel story 'til all souls his name have heard.**

Gracious God, for revealing yourself to us as one
who created all things,
who gave us dominion over all the earth,
who called us into a covenant relationship with you,
who has given us the privilege of being your ambassadors in our world,
who loves us as your children through Jesus Christ our Lord,

We give you our heartfelt thanks.

Hymn:

EMMANUEL

**Our heav'nly Father, source of love, to you our hearts we raise.
Your all sustaining power we prove, and gladly sing your praise.**

(Sitting)

Jesus Christ our Savior, because you were willing to come to earth in the
likeness of humanity, to take the form of a servant;
Because you became obedient unto death, even death on a cross;
Because God has highly exalted you and bestowed on you the name which is
above every name, that at your name every knee should bow, in heaven and
on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that you are Lord,
to the glory of God the Father;

We humbly bow before you in praise and adoration.

Hymn:

MANOAH

**Lord Jesus, yours we wish to be; our sacrifice receive.
By you preserved, from sin set free, to you ourselves we give.**

Holy Spirit, for dwelling within us and calling us to God by the gospel,
For preserving us in the true faith,

For leading the church on earth in its mission,
For pointing the way of discipleship to each of us,

We acknowledge your presence and power among us.

Hymn:

LAND OF REST

**Come, Holy Ghost,___ the Savior's love___ shed in our hearts
abroad;___ so shall we ev___-er live and move___ and be with
Christ___ in God. ___**

Jesus said: Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, there shall my servant be also; whoever serves me, the Father will honor. If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples.

We hear your call to discipleship. Master, teach us the way we should go.

Present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your minds, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Jesus said: This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear much fruit, and that your fruit should abide.

**Now the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience,
kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. If
we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.**

Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord,
knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Hymn:

IN BABILONE

Lord, as you have lived for others, so may we for others live; freely have your gifts been granted; freely may your servants give. Yours the gold and yours the silver, yours the wealth of land and sea, we but stew-ards of your bounty sharing all by your decree.

(Sitting)

Please Join me:

We confess, Lord, that as your disciples we have often dishonored the holy name we bear. We ask your forgiveness for the times when we have failed to labor for your kingdom; when we have not followed your admonition to seek first the kingdom of God; when we have hidden our light from the world; when we, as the salt of the earth, have lost our strength. Have mercy on us, and restore unto us the joy of faithful discipleship. Amen.

The Lord, your Redeemer, has said: With everlasting love, I will have compassion on you. Therefore serve the Lord with gladness; witness to his goodness and mercy; and preach Jesus Christ as Lord, with yourselves as servants for Jesus' sake.

(Standing)

Hymn:

GRACEHAM

Jesus, Master, whom I serve, though so feebly and so ill, strengthen hand and heart and nerve, all your bidding to fulfill; open now my eyes to see all the work you have for me.

Jesus, Master, will you use one who owes you more than all? As you will, I would not choose; only let me hear your call. Jesus, let me always be in your service glad and free. Amen

(Sitting)

Offering Our Gifts Today:

Offertory:

(Please Stand if able.)

Doxology: “For the Life That You Have Given” MBW Page 819

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: (All) Please join me in the Prayer of Blessing.

As the manna appeared in the wilderness, God’s blessing have come to us in a way we can never understand. God has given us life, not just in this world but in the world to come.

We offer our gifts as symbols of our gratitude and devotion to a merciful and loving God.

**Gracious Lord, for your gifts we give you thanks. May we in turn provide gifts, care and sustenance to those who are in need.
Amen**

(Sitting)

God’s Word for Today

1st Scripture Reading: Acts 9:1-10 Pew Bible Page 1149-1150

Saul’s Conversion

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord’s disciples. He went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” “Who are you, Lord?” Saul asked. “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,” he replied. “Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.” The men

traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything. In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, “Ananias!” “Yes, Lord,” he answered.

**2nd Scripture Reading: Revelations 5:11-14 (Responsive Reading)
Pew Bible Page 1290**

The Scroll and the Lamb

Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders.

In a loud voice they sang: “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!”

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing: “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power for ever and ever!”

The four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

**Hymn of Preparation: “Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”
MBW Page 613**

Lord_____ you have come to the lake-shore_____ look-ing nei-ther_____ for wealth-y nor wise ones.____ You on-ly asked me_____ to fol-low humbly._____ O Lord,_____ with your eyes you have searched me,_____ and while smil-ing,_____ have spoken my name._____ Now my boat’s left_____ on the shore-line be-hind me,_____ by your side_____ I will seek oth-er seas._____

You know so well my pos-ses-sions;_____ my boat car-ries_____ no gold and no weap-ons,_____ you will find there my nets and la-bor._____ O Lord,_____ with your eyes you have searched me,_____ and while smil-ing,_____ have spoken my name._____ Now my boat’s left_____ on the shore-line be-hind me,_____ by your side_____ I will seek oth-er seas._____

You need my hands,_____ full of car-ing,_____ through my la-bors to give oth-ers rest,_____ and con-stant love that keeps on lov-ing._____ O Lord,_____ with your eyes you have searched me,_____ and while smil-ing,_____ have spoken my name._____ Now my boat’s left_____ on the shore-line be-hind me,_____ by your side_____ I will seek oth-er seas._____

You, who have fish-ed other oce-ans,_____ ever long-ed for by souls who are wait-ing,_____ my lov-ing friend,_____ as thus you call me._____ O Lord,_____ with your eyes you have searched me,_____ and while smil-ing,_____ have spoken my name._____ Now my boat’s left_____ on the shore-line be-hind me,_____ by your side_____ I will seek oth-er seas._____

The Gospel Reading: John 21:1-19

Pew Bible Page 1137-1138

Jesus and The Miraculous Catch of Fish

Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Tiberias. It happened this way: Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. “I’m going out to fish,” Simon Peter told them and they said, “We’ll go with you.” So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize it was Jesus. He called out to them, “Friends, haven’t you any fish?” “No,” they answered. He said, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.” When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish. Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, “It is the Lord,” he wrapped his outer garment around

him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread. Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you have just caught.” Simon Peter climbed aboard and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” None of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Jesus Reinstates Peter

When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these?” “Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.” Again Jesus Said, “Simon son of John, do you truly love me?” He answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I Love you.” Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.” The third time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” He said, “Lord, you know all things you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my sheep. I tell you the truth, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.” Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, “Follow me!”

Sermon: “Do We Know That it is Him to Follow?”

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Hymn of Response and Preparation for Holy Communion:

“Come, Come, Come Christ Jesus Bids” MBW Page 412

Come, _ come, _ come, _ Christ Jesus bids us _ come. O come to his table all who love him, think of his grace, and pray to re-ceive him; come, _ come, _ come _ Christ Jesus bids us _ come.

Eat, _ drink, _ love, _ sing praise to God a _bove; remember how he came here to save us, gave us his Son, that sin won't enslave us; eat, _ drink, _ love, _ sing praise to God a _bove.

Go, _ go, _ go, _ in _to the world we must go; go tell to _ others how Jesus loves them, go to serve freely, thus, we may show them God _ a _bove gives all of us his _ love.

**Service for Holy Communion in Celebration of the Resurrection:
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Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, be with you all.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

(Standing, the congregation gives a nod, wave of fellowship signifying oneness in Christ and the desire to be at peace with each other)

Hymn:

WORSHIP

We covenant with hand and heart to fellow Christ our Lord; with world, and sin, and self to part and to obey his word; to love each other heartily, in truth and with sincerity, and under cross, reproach, and shame, to glorify his name.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer: (All) 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.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when

he had given thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

(Sitting. As the bread is served, the communicants stand to receive it)

Hymn:

ACCLAMATIONS Page 210

This is the threefold truth on which our faith depends; and with this joyful cry worship begins and ends: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

On this we fix our minds as, praying side by side, we take the bread and wine from him, the crucified: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

This is the threefold truth which, if we hold it fast, changes the world and us and brings us home at last: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Hymn:

IRBY Page 211

Christ is risen! Grief and sighing, sins and sorrows fall behind; fear and failure, doubt, denying, full and free forgiveness find. All the world's dark night is past, morning breaks in joy at last.

Morning breaks and Jesus meets us, feeds and comforts, pardons still; as his faithful friends he greets us, partners of his work and will. All our days, on ev'ry shore, Christ is ours forever more!

Hymn:

WAREHAM Page 213

Come, let__ us sing, the song__ of songs, with hearts__ and voic__es swell__ the strain, the hom__age which__ to Christ belongs; "Worthy__ the Lamb,__ for he__ was slain!"

To him__ who suffered on__ the tree our souls,__ at his__

soul's price__ to gain, blessing,__ and praise,__ and glory be;
"Worthy__ the Lamb,__ for he__ was slain!"

To him,__ enthroned by fil__ -ial right, all power__ in heaven__
and earth__ proclaim, honor,__ and maj__ -es-ty, and might;
"Worthy__ the Lamb,__ for he__ was slain!"

Long as__ we live, and when__ we die, and while__ in
heaven__ with him__ we reign, this song__ our song__ of songs
shall be: "Worthy__ the Lamb,__ for he__ was slain!"

(When the bread has been served, the communicants stand.)

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

(All partake together.)

Silent Prayer

By your divine presence, By the holy sacraments, By all the merits of your life, sufferings, death, and resurrection,

Bless and comfort us, gracious Lord and God. Amen.

In the same way after supper our Lord Jesus Christ took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sin. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

(Sitting. As the cup is served, the communicants stand to receive it)

Hymn:

CONFIDENCE Page 215

Jesus, my Redeemer, lives! I, too, unto life must wa__ -ken; he will have me where he is. Shall my courage then be sha__ -ken? Shall I fear? Or could the Head rise and leave his members dead?

Nay, too closely am I bound unto him by hope for-ev_-er; faith's strong hand the rock has found, grasped it and will leave it nev_-er; not the ban of death can part from the Lord the trust-ing heart.

Hymn: LASST UNS ERFREUEN Page 216

Now all the vault of heav'n resounds in praise of love that still abounds: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear! Repeat their song of glory here: "Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Eternal is the gift he brings; there-fore our heart with rapture sings, "Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Now still he comes to give us life and by his presence still all strife. Christ has triumphed! He is living! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Adoring praises now we bring and with the heav'n-ly blessed sing, "Christ has triumphed! Al-le-lu-ia!" Be to the Father and our Lord, to Spirit blest, most holy God, all the glory never ending! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

(When the cup has been served, the communicants stand.)

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Drink from this, all of you. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

(All partake together.)

Silent Prayer

Christ, the Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

Grant us your peace. Amen.

Hymn:

ALMSGIVING

**By Christ redeemed, ___ in Christ ___ restored, we keep the
mem___o-ry adored, and show the death of our ___ dear Lord un-
til he comes.**

**O blessed hope! ___ In faith ___ we wait, hearing his foot ___-steps
at _ the gate, while we his tri-umph cel_e-brate un-til he comes.**

Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, your proclaim the Lord's
death,

Until he comes.

*(The congregation gives a nod, or a wave of fellowship signifying
renewed dedication and unity of purpose in the service of Christ.)*

Hymn:

GERMANY

**Now let us from this ta_-ble rise renewed in bo-dy, mind, ___ and
soul; with Christ we die ___ and live a-gain, his self-less love ___
has made ___ us whole.**

**Then grant us cour-age, Fa_-ther God, to choose a-gain the
pil___-grim way, and help us to ___ ac-cept with joy ___ the chal-
lenge of _ to-mor_-row's day.**

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you;

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace;

In the name of Jesus. Amen.

(Please Stand if able.)

Parting Hymn:

“Jesus Calls Us”

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**Jesus calls us; o’er the tumult of our life’s wild, restless sea, day
by day his voice is sounding, saying, “Christians, follow me.”**

**Long ago apostles heard it by the Galilean lake, turned from
home and work and fam-’ly, leaving all for his dear sake.**

**Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me
more."**

**In our joys and in our sorrows, days of work and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures, “Christian, love me more
than these.”**

**Jesus calls us, by your mercies, Savior, may we hear your call,
give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best.**

(Please remain seated in quiet meditation during the postlude.)

Postlude

Co Leaders for May, 2025

May 11th - Laura Hepworth

May 18th - Normalee Mallawaarachchi

May 25th - Todd Hallett

**Next Sunday, May 11, 2025, we will be celebrating Mother’s Day.
We will welcome back Pastor Jesus Laguerra into the pulpit. The
Sunday School Singers will be singing a song for us. We will have
the Children’s Chat and will be collecting The Joyful Noise
Collection for Camp Hope. Please bring your coins to drop into
the cans to make a lot of noise. If you don’t have coins we will
take cash. Thank you.**