

**August 10, 2025 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
August Thirteenth Festival  
Worship Aid for Great Kills Moravian Church**  
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## **Prelude**

## **Welcome/Announcements**

**Watchword for the Week:** Jesus said, “Do not be afraid little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” Luke 12:32

(Please Stand if able.)

## **Call to Worship:**

**L:** On this day of remembrance, we gather as brothers and sisters in Christ, celebrating the love that unites us.

**A: The Lord has drawn our hearts together in covenant and grace.**

**L:** God knows our hearts, searches our thoughts and calls us to faithfulness.

**A: We come with grateful hearts, ready to worship and rejoice in God's presence.**

**L:** Sing Hallelujah, Praise the Lord! The Savior reigns in love.

(Please continue to Stand if able.)

**Gathering Hymn/Liturgy August 13th Singing from the Heart Bk pg. 46**

**Hymn**

**ST. THEODULPH, Hymn 77**

**All praise, dear God, for founders who built this church by grace,  
our mothers and our fathers, whose legacy we trace. Renew us  
now for service that we may hallow all, possessions, time, and  
talents, to answer to your call.**

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,**

**The whole earth is full of your glory!**

You are worthy to receive glory, honor, and power. You created all things, and by your will you brought them forth.

**To you, the One who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be praise and honor, glory and might, forever and ever!**

We know God as the Holy Spirit, who reveals the truth about God.

**The world cannot receive the Spirit because it cannot see or know him. But we know him, because the Spirit remains with us and is in us.**

(Sitting)

God's Spirit joins with our spirits to declare that we are God's children.

**The Holy Spirit is the helper who stays with us forever.**

**Hymn: BATTY, Hymn 105**

**Holy Spirit, still creating Christ's one church in tongues of flame,  
move within us and inspire us more to serve God's holy name.**

**Let us never claim your blessings come as trophies we deserve;  
make the goal of all our striving not to glory, but to serve.**

When the Holy Spirit comes upon us, we receive power, and we become God's witnesses.

**The fruit that the Spirit brings to the lives of those who follow Christ is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.**

The diverse and empowering gifts of the Spirit are given to each one for the common good. None of us is useless to God. None of us is sufficient by ourselves. We serve through the body of Christ, and we depend on the people of Christ.

**The Spirit's gifts are given to equip believers for the work of ministry, to build up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God.**

(Please Stand if able.)

Lord Jesus Christ, Head of your body the church, we thank you with

humble hearts that to fulfill our heavenly Father's good will for the salvation of all, through the power of the Holy Spirit you came upon the members of our church in years past, to unite them in love and service to proclaim your name to all the world.

**We ask you today that through this same Spirit, you will anoint us to love you and each other, so that with our words and with our actions, we may bear true witness to you as Lord and Savior, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Hymn:**

**Worship, Hymn 83**

**We covenant with hand and heart to follow 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.**

(Sitting)

**Offering Our Gifts To God:** The regular offering will be taken first and then The Joyful Noise Collection will be taken. We hope you brought your coins, if not we will accept the cash, too.

**Offertory**

(Standing)

**Doxology: "For the Fruit of All Creation" MBW Page 449**

**For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God. For his gifts to every nation, thanks be to God. For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safe keeping, thanks be to God.**

**Prayer Of Blessing:** Please join me in the Prayer of Blessing.

**Loving and ever-present God,  
As we remember the outpouring of Your Spirit on August 13th, we offer these gifts with thankful hearts. Use them to strengthen the unity of Your church, spread the gospel of peace, and bless those in need. May our giving reflect the love and renewal You poured out on that sacred day. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

(Sitting)

## **God's Word for Today**

### **1st Scripture Reading: Psalm 33:12-22 Pew Bible Page 585 (Responsive Reading)**

Blessed in the nation whose God is the Lord, the people we chose for his inheritance.

**From heaven the Lord looks down and sees all mankind;**

from his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth—

**He who forms the hearts of all who considers everything they do.**

No king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior escapes by his great strength.

**A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; despite all its great strength it cannot save.**

But the eyes of the lord are on those who fear him, on those who hope in his unfailing love,

**To deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine.**

We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.

**In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.**

May your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord, even as we put our hope in you.

### **2nd Scripture Reading; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Pew Bible Page 1262**

#### *By Faith*

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs

with him on the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith Abraham, even though he was past age— and Sarah herself were barren— was enabled to become a father because he considered him faithful who had made the promise. And so from this one man, he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky as countless as the sand on the seashore. All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance. And they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth. People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. Instead, they were longing for a better country— a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

### **The Gospel Reading: Luke 12:32-40 Pew Bible Page 1090**

#### *Do Not Worry*

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

#### *Watchfulness*

“Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, like men waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. I tell you the truth, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the second or third watch of the night. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.”

**Message: “The God Who Knows the Heart” Pastor Blondel Jones-Grant**

**Hymn of Response and Preparation for Holy Communion:  
“Cleanse Me”                      Brown Book Page 425**

**Search me, O God, and know my heart today;\_\_\_ Try me, O  
Savior, know my thoughts, I pray.\_\_\_ See if there be\_\_\_ some  
wicked way in me;\_\_\_ Cleanse me from every sin and set me  
free.\_\_\_**

**I praise Thee, Lord,\_\_\_ for cleansing me from sin; Fulfill Thy  
Word, and make me pure within.\_\_\_ Fill me with fire,\_\_\_ where  
once I burned with shame;\_\_\_ Grant my desire to magnify Thy  
name.\_\_\_**

**Lord, take my life and make it wholly Thine: Fill my poor heart  
with Thy great love divine. Take all my will, my passion, self and  
pride; I now surrender, Lord in me abide.**

**O Holy Ghost,\_\_\_ revival comes from Thee;\_\_\_ Send a revival,  
start the work in me.\_\_\_ Thy Word declares\_\_\_ Thou wilt supply  
our need;\_\_\_ For blessing now, O Lord, I humbly plead.\_\_\_**

**Service for Holy Communion in Celebration of the Holy Spirit MBW Pg 222**

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 or a wave of fellowship, signifying  
oneness in Christ and the desire to be at peace with one another)*

**Hymn:**

**LAND OF REST**

**I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free; in awe  
and wonder to recall his life laid down for me.**

**As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends;  
the love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends.**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

**The 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.**

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: "Spirit, Working in Creation"**

**MBW Page 223**

**Spirit, working in creation, bringing order out of strife: come among  
God's gathered people, giving harmony and life.**

**Spirit, breathed on the disciples, giving peace where there was fear:  
come among us, touch us, send us, making Jesus' presence near.**

**Spirit, wind and flame, em-pow-'ring fearless witness to the lost:  
come unite, renew your wonders; give us a new Pentecost.**

**Praise and glory, Holy Spirit, for your love on us out-poured, giving  
honor to the Father and proclaiming Jesus "Lord."**

**Hymn: "Spirit of God"**

**MBW Page 224**

**Spir-it of God, who dwells within my heart, wean it from sin, through  
all its pul-ses move. Stoop to my weakness, mighty as you are, and  
make me love you as I ought to love.**

**Teach me to love you as your angels love, one holy passion filling all  
my frame: the baptism of the heav'n descended Dove; my heart the  
altar, and your love the flame.**

**Hymn: "Embracing Spirit"**

**MBW Page 225**

**Embracing Spirit, gift of Christ, by whom God's truth we can believe,  
within this holy sacrament may we\_ new life,\_ new strength receive.**

**You brought the church to birth that day, on Pentecost with tongues  
of flame, and now with gifts of wine and bread you nourish us new  
gifts to claim.**

**From Christ's own table we are fed, to Christ's own service we are led  
to serve the world for which we bled and claim him as our only Head.**

*(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.

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

**Hymn: "Ponder Now"**

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**Ponder now in rev-'rent thought all the things that fill your heart;  
ev-'ry love and precious dream, ev-'ry prayer and joy supreme.**

**Ponder now the sacred loaf, bread of God, the food of hope, broken,  
blessed, and freely served, richly giv'n though undeserved.**

**Ponder now the holy cup, filled with mercy lifted up. Take this drink  
and know the grace, Christ's own presence in this place.**



**Ponder now the meal\_well spread, on the table, wine and bread.  
Come with happy hearts and share all our Lord has offered there.**

**Hymn: “The Lord is Here”**

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**The Lord is here! His promised word is evermore the same, himself  
to be where two or three are gathered in his name.**

**The Lord is here! Where Christ is come his Spirit too is there, with all  
who raise the song of praise or breathe the voice of prayer.**

**The Lord is here! He comes in peace with blessings from above, by  
pledge and sign of bread and wine to fold us in his love.**

**The Lord is here! To ev-'ry soul this gift of grace be giv'n, to walk the  
way of Christ today, and share the life of heav'n.**

**Hymn: “Lord, Jesus Christ”**

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**Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray that we may feast on you  
today; beneath these forms of bread and wine enrich us with  
your grace divine.**

**By faith your Word has made us bold to seize the gift of love  
retold; all that you are we here receive, and all we are to you we  
give.**

**One bread, one cup, one body we, rejoicing in our unity,  
proclaim your love until you come to bring your scattered loved  
ones home.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray: O, keep us steadfast till that  
day when each will be your welcomed guest in heaven's high and  
holy feast.**

*(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 to us your peace. Amen.**

**Hymn:**

**AUSTRIAN HYMN**

**For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured, for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord. By this pledge that you do love us, by your gift of peace restored, by your call to heav'n above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.**

**With our sainted ones in glory seated at the heav'n-ly board, may the church that's waiting for you keep love's tie unbroken, Lord. In your service, Lord, defend us, in our hearts keep watch and ward; in the world where you have sent us, let your kingdom come, O Lord.**

Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you 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:**

**LAND OF REST**

**I come with Chris\_\_tians far and near\_\_ to find,\_\_ as all are fed,\_\_  
the new community of love\_\_ in Christ's communion bread.\_\_\_\_\_**

**Together met,\_\_ together bound,\_\_ we'll go our different ways;\_\_  
and as his people in the world,\_\_ we'll live and speak his praise.\_\_\_\_\_**

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, A-men.**

(Please continue to Stand if able.)

**Closing Hymn: “Christian Hearts in Love United” MBW Page 673**

**Christian hearts, in love united, seek alone in Jesus rest; has he  
not your love excited? Then let love inspire each breast.  
Members on our Head depending, lights reflecting him, our Sun,  
brethren his commands attending, we in him, our Lord, are one.**

**Come then, come, O flock of Jesus, covenant with him a new;  
unto him, who conquered for us, pledge we love and service true;  
and should our love's union holy firmly linked no more remain,  
wait ye at his footstool lowly, till he draw it close again.**

**Grant, Lord, that with thy direction, “Love each other,” we  
comply, aiming with unfeigned affection thy love to exemplify;  
let our mutual love be glowing; thus the world will plainly see  
that we, as on one stem growing, living branches are in thee.**

**O that such may be our union as thine with the Father is, and not  
one of our communion e'er forsake the path of bliss; may our  
light break forth with brightness, from thy light reflected shine;  
thus the world will bear a witness that we, Lord, are truly thine.**

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

**Postlude**

**Co-Leaders For August, 2025**

**August 17 - Pastor Jesus Laguerra & Muriel Timari**

**August 24 - Hymn Sing Muriel Timari**

**August 31 - Pastor Jesus Laguerra & Normalee Mallawaaracheci**

**We want to thank Donna Ziegeler for being our co - leader this  
past Sunday.**

**Thank you to Charlott Bramwell for being our co - leader today.**

**Thank you to Debra Jelonek for greeting everyone who comes into the church every morning.**

**Thank you to Tom Emery and Jim Jimenez for Ushering.**

**The Joyful Noise Collection is still being collected for our Moravian camp named Camp Hope Renewal Center in Hope, New Jersey.**

**Next Sunday, August 17, 2025, we will welcome back Pastor Jesus Laguerra. We will be having a Fellowship Hour right after the service. We look forward to seeing you here.**

**Tickets for The Moravian Picnic are on sale now. The date is September 27, 2025 from noon to 4:00 pm. The cost is \$10.00 a person. Any child from 11 and under are FREE. Please see Muriel Timari or Liz Reres for the tickets. There will be plenty of food, games for all, crafts for all ages, music and a lot of fellowship with laughter and love. Please bring your lawn chairs with you and a picnic blanket if you wish. Tickets will be on sale until Sunday, September 7, 2025.**

**2026 Moravian Daily Text orders are due to the church office by Monday, August 11. Order form is in a separate email.**