

August 31, 2025 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Worship Aid for Great Kills Moravian Church
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Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Watchword for the Week: Let mutual love continue. Hebrews 13:1

(Please Stand if able.)

Call to Worship:

Based on Psalm 112

L: Praise the Lord.

A: Blessed are those who fear the Lord, who finds great delight in his commands.

L: The Lord is worthy of our praise!

A: His offspring will be mighty on earth, the generation of the upright will be blessed. Wealth and riches will be in his house, and his righteousness endures forever.

L: Let us come before Him, with thankful hearts, ready to receive His blessings and to offer Him our worship.

(Please continue to Stand if able.)

Gathering Hymn: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" MBW Page 530 vs. 1, 2, 3

Praise to the Lord, the al-mighty, the King of cre-a-tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal-va-tion! Let all who hear now to his tem-ple draw near, join-ing in glad ad-o-a-tion.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign-ing, shel-t'ring you un-der his wings, O, so gen-tly sus-tain-ing. Have you not seen all you have need-ed has been met by his gra-cious or-dain-ing.

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you; surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you. Ponder anew what the almighty can do if with his love he befriend you.

(Please continue to Stand if able.)

Liturgy: Reconciliation MBW Page 14

Almighty God, enthroned above all, you alone are God over the nations of the earth. Even the planets, the stars, and the galaxies are placed by your hand.

Where could we go from your Spirit? Where could we flee from your presence? If we go up to the heavens, you are there; if we go down into the caves of the earth or the depths of the sea, you are there.

God of all creation, we sing praises to your name; we stand jubilant before your glory, power, and beauty.

God of certainty, God of truth, our confidence is in you and in you alone.

Yet we live in a fallen world and we are an imperfect people.

Our world is filled with pain and alienation.

We know of illness when body or mind is failing, and the loneliness of spirit it brings.

We know of separation from parent or child, from friend or neighbor, and the emptiness of life it brings.

We know of strangeness in new communities and in changing communities, and the longing it brings.

We know of alienation caused by unemployment or poverty or discrimination, and the pain it brings.

We have become strangers to our relatives, and foreigners to our own families.

How can we sing the Lord's song in a strange land? Let our cry for help come to you.

I am a God nearby, says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? I am the Lord your God. I have called you out from the peoples and you shall be holy to me.

We declare your praise, the One who called us out of darkness into your wonderful light. We are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to you.

Hymn:

MIT FREUDEN ZART

**Sing praise to God, who reigns above, the ___ God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation; with
healing balm my soul he fills, and ev'ry faithless murmur stills.
To God all praise and glory!**

**The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing an
ever-present help and stay, our peace, and joy, and blessing, as
with a mother's tender hand, he leads his own, his chosen band.
To God all praise and glory!**

(Sitting)

Please join me:

**Gracious God, we humbly confess that we walk in the way of
the indifferent, who depend on their strength alone. We sit
among the scornful, who deny the need for your guidance
and power. Our hearts are not satisfied with riches
vulnerable to moth and rust and thief, yet we zealously
store up those very treasures. Set our minds on things
unseen and eternal, that our emptiness within may be
filled.**

**We humbly confess that we fail to welcome the stranger
among us. We pass by the neighbor who is hungry and
thirsty, naked, sick, and in prison. We sing of your healing**

power and your unconditional love, but we fail to make our sanctuaries true havens for the suffering and the exiled. Give us the will to be ambassadors for our Savior and faithful stewards of the ministry of reconciliation entrusted to us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Amen.

Without Christ we were strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus we who were once far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. He is our peace.

We are no longer strangers and aliens, but citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, with Christ himself as the cornerstone.

Therefore, let us affirm our faith in the Triune God.

(Standing)

Please join me:

We believe in the one God who has created the land and sea and heavens and all that is in them; who established a world that was good; who gives to us the task of watchful and responsible care over it; who is certainty and truth.

We believe in the one God who in Jesus Christ assumed our humanity and knew our life as child, youth, and adult; who dined with sinners and lived with the homeless; who confronted popular opinion and power; who remained obedient in temptation and suffering; whose triumph was a servant's death and resurrection.

We believe in the one God who comes to us as comforter and advocate; who does not leave us as orphans; who brings peace and calms the troubled heart; who bestows gifts for serving, healing, showing compassion, and doing miracles; who alone is the power and the wisdom of our proclamation.

Let us in faith keep our eyes fixed on the promises of God, though we see them and greet them from a distance.

We confess that we are strangers and foreigners on the earth, a people who are seeking our true home.

We desire a better place, that is, a heavenly one. Indeed, God has prepared a city for us.

Let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

Hymn:

EASTHAM

O then what raptured greetings on Canaan's happy shore; what knitting severed friendships up, where partings are no more! Then eyes with joy shall sparkle that brimmed with tears of late, no orphans left without a home, nor mourners desolate.

Bring near your great salvation, O Lamb for sinners slain; fill up the roll of your elect, then take your power, and reign! Appear, Desire of nations, your exiles long for home; show in the heav'n your promised sign; great Prince and Savior, come. Amen.

(Sitting)

Offering Our Gifts To God:

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.

O God, in thanksgiving we extend to the world, community and church God's banquet invitation through our suffering. We want to show that our mutual love continues. O gracious God, help us to show hospitality to strangers. Help us to reach out to our brothers and sisters who lack food, clothing, and shelter. We want to share generously what we have that you have graciously entrusted us with. We humbly dedicate our offerings, time, and abilities. We pray this in your gracious Son's name Jesus'. Amen.

(Sitting)

God's Word for Today

1st Scripture Reading: Proverbs 25: 6-7 Pew Bible Page 689

Do not exalt yourself in the king's presence, and do not claim a place among his great men; it is better for him to say to you, "Come up here," than for him to humiliate you before a nobleman. What you have seen with your eyes

2nd Scripture Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Pew Bible Page 1265 (Responsive Reading)

Concluding Exhortations

Keep on loving one another as brothers.

Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have shown entertained angels without knowing it.

Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.

Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?"

Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that confess his name.

And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Hymn of Preparation: “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” MBW page 688 vs. 1, 3

Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy’s perfect deed: we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart, consecrating to your purpose ev-’ry gift which you impart.

Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice forth in your dear name we go, to the child, the youth, the ag-ed, love in liv-ing deeds to show; hope and health, good will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give, that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

The Gospel Reading: Luke 14:1, 7-14 Pew Bible Page 1092

Jesus at a Pharisee’s House

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched. When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: “When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, ‘Give this man your seat.’ Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, ‘Friend, move up to a better place.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all your fellow guests. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.” Then Jesus said to his host, “When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although

they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

Message: A Hospitality Which Honors God. Pastor Jesus Laguerra

Hymn of Response: “Where Cross The Crowded Ways of Life” MBW Page 581 1, 5, 6

**Where cross the crowded ways of life, where sound the cries of
race and clan, above the noise of selfish strife, we hear your
voice, O Son of Man.**

**O Master, from the mountain side, make haste to heal these
hearts of pain; among these restless throngs abide; O tread the
city's streets again;**

**Till all the world shall learn your love, and follow where your feet
have trod; till glorious from your heav’n above shall come the city
of our God.**

Prayers of The People

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.**

(Please Stand if able.)

Sending Hymn: “Jesu,, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love” MBW Pg 577 vs. 2, 3, 5

**Refrain: Je-su,____ Je-su, _____ fill us with your love, show us
how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.**

**Neigh-bors are rich ____ and poor, var-ied in col-or and race,
neigh-bors are near ____ and far _____ a-way. Je-su, ____ Je-su, _____**

fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love, all ____ are neighbors to us ____ and you. ____ Je-su, ____ Je-su, ____ fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet, this is the way we should live ____ with you. ____ Je-su, ____ Je-su, ____ fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

(Please continue to Stand if able.)

Benediction:

Musical Response:(All) In the name of Jesus. Amen.

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

Postlude

Pastor and Co-Leaders For September, 2025

September 7th - Pastor Laudert/Jim Jimenez

September 14th - Pastor Laguerra/Liz Reres

September 21st - Sister Susan Attza Mendoza/Charlott Bramwell

September 28th - Pastor Laguerra/Donna Ziegeler

We want to thank Greeter Debra Jelonek and the Ushers Jim Jimenez and Tommy Emery.

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.