

February 22, 2026 - First Sunday in Lent
Worship Aid for Great Kills Moravian Church
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Welcome

Watchword for the Week: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart. Psalm 32:11

(Please Stand if able.)

Call To Worship:

Psalm 32 vs. 1-2, 5, 7-11

L: Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

A: Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit.

L: Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

A: You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

L: I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you.

A: Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you.

L: Many are the woes of the wicked, but the Lord's unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in him.

A: Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!

(Please continue to stand if able.)

Gathering Hymn: "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" MBW Page 652

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store; nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door, gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise, thankful song shall rise for - ever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son; all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one. Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone; born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure too you have entrusted, gain through pow'r's your grace conferred, ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word. Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call, healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

(Please remain Standing if able)

Liturgy: Lent 1

MBW Page 72

Lord God, our Father in heaven, you have shown your great love toward us by sending your Son into the world to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. We give you thanks because you have made us worthy to share in the inheritance of the saints in light, having rescued us from the power of darkness, and brought us into the kingdom of your beloved Son,

In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins.

Hymn:

BRESLAU

Bless, O my soul, the God of grace; his favors claim your highest praise; why should the wonders he has wrought be lost in silence and forgot?

For he, my soul, has sent his Son to die for wrongs which you have done; he paid the ransom, and forgives the hourly follies of our lives.

Lord God, Son, the Savior of the world, though you were in the form of God,

you did not consider equality with God something to cling to, but emptied yourself, taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness. You humbled yourself and became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Your love compels us to live not for ourselves, but for you.

We give you thanks because you, our merciful and faithful High Priest, have made reconciliation for the sins of the people. You were despised and rejected, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. You were wounded for our transgressions; you were bruised for our iniquities;

Upon you fell the punishment that made us whole; and by your wounds we are healed.

Hymn:

PRAGUE

Maker of all things, Lord our God, now veiled in feeble flesh and blood, to reconcile and set us free from endless woe and misery; what heights, what depths, of love divine in your blessed incarnation shine! Let heav'n and earth unite their praise, to magnify your boundless grace.

Lord God, Holy Spirit, one with the Father and the Son: we give you thanks because you descended upon the Christ, anointing him to bring good news to the poor; to heal the brokenhearted; to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind; to set free those who are oppressed; and to proclaim the time of the Lord's favor.

You fill our hearts with the love of God and make our bodies your holy temple.

(Sitting)

Hymn:

LATROBE

Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost, One in Three, and Three in One, as by the ce-les-tial host, let your will on earth be done; praise by all to you be giv'n, glo-rious Lord of earth and heav'n.

Now with an-gels round the throne, cher-u-bim and ser-a-phim, and the church which still is one, let us swell the sol-emn hymn: glo-ry to the great I Am! Glo-ry to the Pas-chal Lamb!

From the sin of unbelief, from all defilement of the body and spirit, from all self-righteousness, from every neglect of our duty, from ingratitude and

selfishness, from lukewarmness, from all indifference to your meritorious life and death,

Deliver us, gracious Lord and God.

Hymn:

PASSION CHORALE

What language shall I borrow to thank you, dearest Friend, for all your dying sorrow, your mercy without end? Grant me to lean unshaken up-on your faithfulness till I from earth am taken to see you face to face.

By your holy incarnation and birth, by your early exile, by your pure and blameless childhood, by your willing obedience, by your humility, meekness, and patience, by your faithfulness in your earthly calling, by your fasting and temptation, by your perfect life before God and humanity,

Bless and comfort us, gracious Lord and God.

By your tears and agony, your crown of thorns and cross,

Lead us to repentance for our sins.

By your willing sacrifice of yourself even unto death,

Make known to us the mystery of your love.

Into your open arms stretched out upon the cross,

Receive us all.

(Standing)

Hymn:

RATHBUN

In the cross of Christ__ I glo-ry, tow'r-ing over the wrecks of time, all the light of sa_-cred story gath-ers round its head sub-lime.

Bane and bless-ing pain__ and pleas-ure, by the cross are sanc-ti-fied; peace is there that knows__ no meas-ure, joys that through all time a-bide.

By all your sacred wounds and precious blood, by your innocent suffering and dying, by your rest in the grave, by your glorious resurrection and ascension,

Bless us and save us, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

Fulfill in us your prayer that all who love you may be one, as you are in the Father, and the Father in you.

Hear us and help us, gracious Savior.

You have made God known to us as Father, so that the love with which he has loved you may be in us,

And you in us.

Christ, and him crucified,

Remain our confession of faith.

Hymn:

COVENANT

Lamb of God, you shall re-main for-ev-er of our songs the on-ly theme; for your bound-less love, your grace and fa-vor, we will praise your sav-ing name; that for our trans-gres-sions you were wound-ed shall by us in no-blur strains be sound-ed, when we, per-fect-ed in love, once shall join the church a-bove.

(Sitting)

Installation Of Church Officers

Hymn: “Here I Am, Lord” MBW Page 641 vs.1

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo-ple cry. All who dwell in deep-est sin my hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? _____

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. _____ Is it I, Lord? _____ I have heard you call-ing in the night. _____ I will go, Lord, _____ If you lead me. _____ I will hold your peo-ple in my heart. _____

THE INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

Let us pray: Lord, Redeemer of all, we thank you for the call to be your servants.

Grant us, we beseech you, the inspiration of your Holy Spirit so that we may commit ourselves to work in the center of your will. Continually

remind us of our duty to proclaim that you are King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Help us in all we do, to bring harmony and health back to your good creation. We do this for your glory, Amen.

Ephesians 4:11-16 (Read by those who are being installed)

It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to the prophets, some to be evangelists and some to be pastors and teachers to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Leader: We are gathered together in the sight of God, to publicly install into office our brothers and sisters as elders and trustees of our Congregation. We believe that they have been called by God to this great office. We pray that God will endue them with love and power, that they may exercise the ministry of his word, calling many to repentance, edifying his Church, and live to the honor and glory of his holy name. How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who proclaims peace, who brings glad tidings of good things, who proclaims salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

All: Your Watchmen shall lift up their voices, with their voices they shall sing together; For they shall see eye to eye when the Lord brings back Zion.

(All Officers being installed are to stand.)

Leader: Dear brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we heartily welcome you into these positions in which the members of this congregation have called you. Remember the mission committed to his Church by our Lord Jesus Christ, and of the means he has been pleased to use for the development of his Church and the extension of his kingdom.

Leader: Do you acknowledge Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord; and do you pledge to be a faithful officer of his holy Church?

Officers: I do

Leader: Do you trust that you are inwardly moved by the Holy Spirit to be Elders and Trustees in the Church of Jesus Christ our Lord?

Officers: I do

Leader: Do you promise to be diligent in prayer, and in reading the Holy Scriptures and in such studies that help in the knowledge of the same?

Officers: I do

Leader: Do you promise to encourage the members of Great Kills, strengthening the weak, and restoring the fallen?

Officers: I do

Leader: Do you promise to set an example in giving your time, treasure, and talent to the work of the church?

Officers: I do

(For the Congregation)

Leader: Will you as the congregation of Great Kills Moravian Church receive and affirm these leaders. That you will support, pray, be understanding, lend assistance joyfully, and work together for us all to be an instrument in doing the work of Jesus Christ.

Congregation: We will

Leader: Having heard your testimony we in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, joyfully install you as officers of this congregation.

Leader: 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 his peace.

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

Leader: I give you the right hand of fellowship on behalf of the Congregation as a token of welcome by the Church, and in recognition of your place as Elders and Trustees of this Great Kills Congregation.

Hymn: “I, The Lord of Sea and Sky” MBW Page 641 vs.3

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, my hand will save. Fin-est bread I will provide till their hearts be sat-is-fied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. _____ Is it I, Lord? _____ I have heard you call-ing in the night. _____ I will go, Lord, _____ If you lead me. _____ I will hold your peo-ple in my heart. _____

(Sitting)

Offering Our Gifts To God

Offertory

(Please stand if able.)

Doxology: “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow” MBW Page 817

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'ly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

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

God, you have given us the gift of grace. Through grace we have been made righteous by faith. You have blessed us richly and we give in gladness and thanksgiving. We pray that these gifts will further enrich your kingdom by supporting your ministry, teaching and healing among all of us, the community and the worldwide church. We pray this in your son's name. Amen

(Sitting)

God's Word For Today:

1st Scripture Reading: Genesis 2:15-17,3:1-7 Pew Bible Page 3

The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will surely die.”

The Fall of Man

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’” “You will not surely die,” the serpent said to the woman. “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

2nd Scripture Reading: Romans 5:12-19 (Responsive) Pew Bible Page 1181

Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned

for before the law was given, sin was in the world. But sin is not taken into account where there is no law.

Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.

But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God’s grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!

Again, the gift of God is not like the result of one man’s sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification.

For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God’s abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Consequently, just as one trespass was condemnation for all men, so also

the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings life for all men.

For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

Hymn Preparation for Message:

“Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God” MBW Page 605

Seek ye first the king - dom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you - Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!

Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and you shall find, knock and the door shall be o - pened unto you - Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!

We do not live by bread a - lone, but by ev'ry word that pro - ceeds from the mouth of God. Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!

The Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11 Pew Bible Page 1009

The Temptation of Jesus

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.” Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written: ‘He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’” Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’” Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Message: Why Do We Worship?

Pastor Jesus Laguerra

Hymn Response to The Message: “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days” MBW Page 341 vs. 1,2, 3

**Lord, who through-out these for-ty days for us did fast and pray,
teach us with you to mourn our sins, and close by you to stay.**

**As you with Sa-tan did con-tend, and did the vic-t’ry win, O give
us strength in you to fight, in you to con-quer sin.**

**As you did hun-ger and did thirst, so teach us, gra-cious Lord, to
die to self, and so to live by your most ho-ly word.**

Prayers of The People

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.

(Please stand if able.)

**Sending Hymn: “O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”
MBW Page 485 Tune 646 vs. 1, 2, 3, 6**

O love, how deep, how broad, how high, beyond all thought and fantasy, that God, the Son_ of God, should take our mortal form for mortals’ sake.

**For us baptized, for us he bore his holy fast and hungered sore;
for us tempta_tions sharp he knew, for us the tempter ov-er -
threw.**

For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his daily works he wrought: by words and signs_ and actions thus still seeking not himself but_ us.

All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad—the Trinity, whom we adore forever and forevermore.

(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 March, 2026

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March 1st - Pastor Blondel Jones- Grant/Sister Charlott Bramwell

March 8th - Pastor Jesus Laguerra/Sister Donna Ziegeler

March 15th - Bishop Chris Giesler/Brother Jim Jimenez

March 22nd - Pastor Jesus Laguerra/Brother Todd Hallett

March 29th - Pastor Jesus Laguerra/Sister Liz Reres

Next Sunday, March 1, 2026, Pastor Blondel Jones - Grant will be here to install Brother Todd Hallett as Director of Spiritual Formation. We will have guests here from the other ten churches who Todd is responsible for. We will be celebrating in the Lord's Supper. Please mark it on your calendars to come and support Brother Todd as he enters into his new role for the Moravian church. We will be having a Fellowship right after the service in honor for Brother Todd.