

March 1, 2026 - Second Sunday in Lent
Worship Aid for Great Kills Moravian Church

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Welcome

Watchword for the Week: For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. John 3:16

(Standing)

Call to Worship: Based on Psalm 121

(L) I lift up my eyes to the hills — where does my help come from?

(A) My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

(L) He will not let your foot slip —; he who watches over you will not slumber.

(A) The Lord watches over you — the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

(L) The Lord will keep you from all harm — he will watch over your life.

(A) The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

(Please continue to stand if able.)

Gathering Hymn: “How Shall We Thank You” MBW Page 333 Tune 581

**How shall we thank you, Christ, our Lord, for holy life and blood
out poured? Who else assumed our debt and death, who else
deserves our trust and faith?**

**Your dying cleansed the world of sin, and all who die with you
are clean, washed in your blood, we lose our stains, and with
your cross you break our chains.**

**Your willing death upon the cross has earned God’s priceless gift
for us: the Spirit by whose pow’r we kill our pride and do our
Father’s will.**

**The life you lived you lived that we might live that life eternally;
your eager Spirit shows us how we can enjoy it even now.**

**How shall we praise you, Christ, our Lord, for holy life and blood
outpoured? Who else assumed our debt and death, who else
deserves our trust and faith?**

(Please remain Standing if able)

Liturgy: Lent 2

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We give thanks to you, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**In our union with Christ you have blessed us by giving us
every spiritual blessing in the heavenly world.**

Even before the world was made, you had already chosen us to be yours
through Christ, so that we would be holy and without fault before you.

**We praise you for your glorious grace, for the free gift you
gave us in your dear Son!**

Hymn: DARWALL

**We wor-ship you, Lord Christ, our Sav-ior and our King. To you
our life and strength a-dor-ing-ly we bring; to fill our hearts, that
all may view your life in us, and turn to you!**

**You are the Way to God, your blood our ran-som paid; in you we
face our judge and mak-er un-a-fraid. Before the throne ab-
solved we stand, your love has met your law's demand.**

(Sitting)

Lord Jesus, we come before you in humble confession. Help us conform our
lives to you as the model for holy and righteous living.

**Forgive us for our desire for personal greatness, for our
attempts to make gods of ourselves, for our willingness to
exalt ourselves at the expense of others, and for our
resistance to serving one another as you have served us.**

Forgive us for making light of your obedience and sacrifice on the cross by
living an undisciplined and indifferent Christian witness; forgive us for

yielding to fear rather than relying on your strength to take the risk of discipleship.

Forgive us, dear Jesus, for times we have not looked to you as our Lord, and for allowing the clamoring distractions of the world to become higher priorities than you. Forgive us for yielding more to the pressures of this world than being transformed by your lordship over our lives.

Hymn:

CLEAN HEART

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right Spirit within me. ___ Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. ___ Restore unto me the joy of salvation; anoint me with your Spirit free. ___ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. ___

When we were dead in our sins, God made us alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, which was against us and which stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross.

Since we have been raised with Christ, let us set our hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

Hymn:

HE IS LORD

**He is Lord, he is Lord! He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!
Ev-'ry knee shall bow, ev-'ry tongue confess that Jesus Christ is
Lord.**

Throughout this Lenten journey, let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

We thank you, Lord Jesus, not only for the privilege of believing in you, but of suffering for you as well, so that we may also be glorified with you.

(Standing)

Hymn:

GIFT OF LOVE

When I sur-vey the won-drous cross on which the Prince of glo-ry died, my rich-est gain I count but loss, and poor con-tempt on all my pride.

See from his head, his hands, his feet, sor-row and love flow min-gled down. Did e'er such love and sor-row meet, or thorns com-pose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of na-ture mine, that were an of-f'ring far too small. Love so a-maz-ing, so di-vine, de-mands my soul, my life, my all.

Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, since as members of one body we were called to peace. And let us be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in us richly as we teach and admonish one another with all wisdom. Whatever we do, therefore, whether in word or deed, let us do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

(Please continue to stand if able.)

Installation Of Brother Todd Hallett

**Area Director of Faith Formation
Installation Liturgy**

We gather this day in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to install Brother Todd Hallett as an Area Director of Faith Formation for the Eastern District.

We know that all instruction comes from God; yet we give thanks that God calls some to serve in the special educational ministry within Christ's church.

Hymn: "Bless All Those Who Nurture Children" MBW Page 665 vs. 1,2

Bless all those who nurture children,
sharing knowledge, showing love;
who by faithful word and actions
lead young lives to God above.

Bless all those whose voice and presence,
deep devotion, dignity,
motivate the church to rev'rence,
guiding Christ's community.

Jesus taught both by example
and with words of lasting worth;
Christ has given ways to sample
hints of heaven here on earth!
In the same way Christian teachers
model true humanity,
demonstrating in their witness
glimpses of eternity.

(Congregation is seated)

From the earliest days of our founding, the Moravian Church has emphasized life-long learning and proclaimed a faith that embraces the whole person, mind and heart, body and soul. We diligently pursue the study of Scripture, while we affirm that all knowledge and experience are made by our relationship with Christ.

We remember with gratitude the varied activities and experiences that have deepened our relationships with one another and with Jesus Christ.

We pray that the many and varied aspects of faith formation may increase our knowledge about our faith, help to strengthen and increase our faith, and transform our lives in faith, love, and hope, as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Hymn: "By All Your Saints Still Striving" MBW Page 391 2b

With thanks we now remember
Comenius the wise,
who helped by education
your suffering world to rise.
Inspire us, Lord, to offer
our best, our all, to you
that faith, and love, and true hope
your people may renew.

(Director of Faith Formation stands)

Gifts and areas of service may differ, yet we all follow our one true Lord, working together to bring people of all ages into a growing relationship with God. Be mindful of the teaching of Jesus as you serve your area congregations in the ministry of Faith Formation. As you respond to God's call to educational ministry for the Eastern District, are you willing to undertake the responsibilities set before you, and do you pledge to fulfill your service as a ministry offered to God in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ?

Director responds: *I do.*

(Area church representatives please stand)

Will you, the representatives of the area congregations assigned to this Director of Faith Formation, pledge to support Brother Todd in the ministry to which he has been called, with prayer and offers to help as needed?

Response: *We do.*

(Eastern District Executive Board representative addresses the Director)

In the name of Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church, I declare you to be duly installed as the Area Director of Faith Formation. Be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Prayer of Installation

(As the following hymn is sung, the area congregational representatives extend the right hand of fellowship to the newly-installed Director of Faith Formation.)

Hymn: "Be Present with Your Servants, Lord MBW Page 734 vs. 1, 3

Be present with your servants, Lord
we look to you with one accord;
Refresh and strengthen us anew,

and bless what in your name we do.

The Lord's joy be our strength and stay
in our employ from day to day;
our thoughts and our activity
through Jesus' merits hallowed be.

(Sitting)

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offering Hymn: "Lead Me, Guide Me" MBW Page 728 vs. 1, 2

**Lead me, guide me, a-long the way, for if you lead me, I can-not
stray. Lord, let me walk each day with you, lead me my whole life
through.**

**I am weak and I need your strength and pow'r to en-dure with
grace__ my weak-est hour. Help me through the dark-ness your
face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me._____**

**Lead me, guide me, a-long the way, for if you lead me, I can-not
stray. Lord, let me walk each day with you, lead me my whole life
through.**

**Help me walk in the paths of right-eous-ness; be my aid when Sa-
tan and sin op-press. I am trust-ing you__ what-e'er may be.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me._____**

**Lead me, guide me, a-long the way, for if you lead me, I can-not
stray. Lord, let me walk each day with you, lead me my whole life
through.**

(Please stand if able.)

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

**We thank you for leading us O God! We follow willingly in faith.
We trust you to guide us through all of the challenges of life.
Thank you for our spiritual ancestors who by their example,
paved the way for our commitment to you. Our offering shows
our love for you. We rejoice in the opportunity to continue to
dedicate ourselves to you. May you continue to bless us as you**

have blessed our fore-parents. Amen

Doxology: “Our Tithes and Offerings, Lord, We Bring” MBW Page 815 Tune 776

Our tithes and offerings, Lord, we bring; with grateful hearts to you we sing. You are the source of ev’ry gift, to you our song of thanks we lift.

(Sitting)

God’s Words for us Today:

1st Scripture Reading: Genesis 12: 1-4a

Pew Bible Page 11

The LORD had said to Abram, “Leave your country, your people and your father’s household and go to the land I will show you. “I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.” So Abram left, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran.

2nd Scripture Reading : Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 (Responsive Reading) Pew Bible Page 1180

Abraham Justified by Faith

What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather, discovered in this matter?

If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about—but not before God.

What does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.”

Now when a man works, his wages are not credited to him as a gift, but as an obligation.

However, to the man who does not work but trusts God who justifies the wicked, his faith is credited as righteousness.

It was not through law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith.

For if those who live by law are heirs, faith has no value and the promise is worthless,

because law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.

Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all.

As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.” He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were.

The Gospel: John 3:1-17

Pew Bible Page 1111

Jesus Teaches Nicodemus

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him.” In reply Jesus declared, “I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.” “How can a man be born when he is old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely he cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!” Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.” “How can this be?” Nicodemus asked. “You are Israel's teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? I tell you the truth, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. ”For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did

not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

**The Sermon: The Rebirth through Water and The Spirit.
Pastor Blondel Jones-Grant**

(Please stand if able.)

Hymn of Response and Preparation for Holy Communion

“Spirit of The Living God” MBW Page 96

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the Holy One, wash over me. Spirit of the Holy One, wash over me. Cleanse me, touch me, break me, heal me. Spirit of the Holy One, wash over me.

(Please remain Standing if able)

**Service for Holy Communion In Celebration of the Holy Spirit
MBW Page 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.

(Sitting)

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

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: "Holy Spirit, Light Divine" MBW Page 223

Holy Spirit, light divine, dawn up on this soul of mine; let your word dispel the night, wake my spirit, clear my sight.

Holy Spirit, truth divine, shine upon these eyes of mine; send your radiance from above, let me know my Savior's love.

Holy Spirit, pow'r divine, fortify this will of mine; bend it to your own pure will, all my life with graces fill.

Holy Spirit, peace divine, still this restless heart of mine; speak to calm the tossing sea, stayed in your tranquility.

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, empow'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 pulses 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.**

(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: "Ponder Now" MBW Page 227

**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 laid, 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" MBW Page 227

**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.**

(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'nly 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 Christians 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 makes his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you;

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

In the name of Jesus, A-men.

(Please remain standing if able.)

Sending Hymn: "My Faith Looks Trustingly" MBW Page 705

**My faith looks trustingly to Christ of Calvary, my Savior true!
Lord, hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away, strengthen in
ev'ry way my love for you!**

**May your rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my
zeal inspire; as you have died for me, my love, adoringly, pure,
warm and changeless be, a living fire.**

**While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread, O,
be my guide; make darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears
away, nor let me ever stray from you aside.**

**When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen
stream rolls over me, blessed Savior, then, in love, fear and
distrust remove; O bear me safe above, redeemed and free!**

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

Postlude

We want to wish God's Blessing as Brother Todd Hallett becomes the Director of Faith Formation for the Metropolitan area. Congratulations on your new role! We pray that you will be 'steadfast and immovable' as you guide all our faith formation. May the Lord's joy be your strength as you resource our teachers and lead our community to deeper knowledge, faith, and love.

Position Description for Area Director of Faith Formation:

- **Resource and train Sunday School teachers / small group leaders**
- **Provide recommended Sunday School curriculum options for all ages**
- **Provide resource suggestions for small group studies**
- **Provide resources for congregational youth leaders**
- **Provide seasonal resource / programs for all ages**
- **Accountable to the Eastern District Executive Board through the Spiritual Formation Ministry Team**

We welcome all our visitors today from the following churches, Castleton Hill, New Dorp, Vanderbilt, Tremont Terrace, Fellowship, John Hus, First Moravian, United, Grace and Battle Hill.

Co - Leaders for March, 2026

March 8th - Pastor Jesus Laguerra/Brother Todd Hallett

March 15th - Bishop Chris Giesler/Brother Jim Jimenez

March 22nd - Pastor Jesus Laguerra/Donna Ziegeler

March 29th - Pastor Jesus Laguerra/Sister Liz Reres

Next Sunday, March 8, 2026, *we will be collecting The Joyful Noise Collection. It will be going to Essential Cafe in Bethlehem, Pa. Please bring your loose change to put into the **cans** to make all the noise as you are dropping the coins into the can.*