

**June 7, 2026 - Second Sunday after Pentecost
Worship Aid for Great Kills Moravian Church**

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Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Watchword for the Week: God desires steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings. Hosea 6:6

Call To Worship: Psalm 50:7-15

L: Listen, people of God, for the Almighty has spoken: “I am God, your God. I do not demand empty rituals or mere outward shows of devotion.”

A: The world and everything in it belongs to the Lord; He needs nothing from our hands.

L: The beasts of the forest, the cattle on a thousand hills, and the birds of the mountains are already His.

A: We cannot give to God what is already His; we cannot earn His favor with mere tradition.

L: What then does the Most High ask of us? “Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and fulfill your promises to the Lord.”

A: We come to offer our gratitude, our true praise, and our lives.

L: “Call upon me in the day of trouble,” says the Lord, “I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”

A: Let us worship the God who rescues us, and let us honor His holy name together!

(Please continue to stand if able.)

Gathering Hymn: “O Jesus, I Have Promised” MBW Page 603

O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; be now and ever near me, my master and my friend. I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side, nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.

O let me feel you near me; the world is ever near: I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear. My foes are ever near me, around me and within; but, Jesus, draw still nearer and shield my soul from sin!

O let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still, above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will. O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control, and speak to make me listen, O guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you that where you are in glory your servants shall be too. And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end: O give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.

(Please continue to stand if you are comfortable.)

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)

The Youth Singers: "I See a Hero"

Offering Our Gifts To God:

Offertory:

(Standing)

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: Please join me in the Prayer of Blessing.

Gracious God, we recognize today that the world and everything in it already belongs to you. You do not demand empty rituals, but desire steadfast love and hearts full of the knowledge of you. Just as Jesus called Matthew from the tax booth and reminded us that you desire mercy and welcome all people, we bring these offerings in a spirit of humble gratitude. Bless these gifts, Lord, and multiply them so that your Church may continue to share your unconditional love, ensuring there are truly "no outsiders here". May our lives and resources be instruments of your healing grace. To use them to extend your grace, build up the needy and your kingdom. May our giving reflect a living faith and a genuine devotion to you. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

(Sitting)

God's Words for us Today:

The Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 Pew Bible Page 943

The Calling of Matthew

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and "sinners" came and ate with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

A Dead Girl and a Sick Woman

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that moment. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread through all of that district.

The Message: "No Outsiders Here." Pastor Chris Giesler

Hymn for Preparation for Communion: "Feed Us, Jesus" MBW Page 418

Feed us Jesus, we in hunger stand. Feed us, Jesus, from your timeless hand: the broken bread of life, the love that we all need, O, feed us, Jesus, feed us.

**Lead us, Jesus, gently day by day. Lead us, Jesus, show us each
the way to walk your dif-f'rent walk, from fears and hungers
freed, O, lead us, Jesus, lead us.**

Liturgy 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: "I Come with Joy" MBW Page 222

**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” 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 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” 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'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;

Musical Response: In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Postlude

We want to thank The Youth Singers for singing their special song for our Fathers. They are Elise Ceccese, Teddy and Lilac Hallett, Kaden Liyange, Zoe McGloin, Diana and Charles Montanti, Aiden and Kira Zheng and Peter and Cayleigh Ziegeler.

Pastors and Co - Leaders for June, 2026

Sunday, June 14th - Pastor Jesus Laguerra/Sister Normalee
Mallawaarachchi

Sunday, June 21st - Pastor Chris Giesler/Charlott Bramwell

Sunday, June 28th - Pastor Jesus Laguerra/Sister Muriel Timari

Next Sunday, June 14, 2026, Pastor Jesus Laguerra will be with us. The Joyful Noise Collection will be taken for Camp Hope. Please bring your coins to make a lot of noise dropping into those cans. We look forward to seeing all of you here.

Please **SAVE THE DATE** for the **Annual SI Moravian Picnic** to be held on **Saturday, September 12, 2026**. We will be gathering on the lawn of the Parish House at New Dorp Moravian Church. This is being sponsored by the Central Board of Elders. More information will be forthcoming.