

August 9, 2026 - Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Worship Aid for Great Kills Moravian Church
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Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Watchword: Jesus spoke to the disciples and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” Matthew 14:27

(Please Stand if you are able.)

Call To Worship: Psalm 85:8-13

L: Let us hear what God the Lord will speak, for he promises peace to his people, to his faithful, and to those who turn to him in their hearts.

A: Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

L: Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

A: Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from the sky.

L: The Lord will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest.

A: Righteousness will go before him, and prepare a pathway for his steps. Let us worship the Lord!

(Please continue to stand if you are comfortable to do so.)

Gathering Hymn: “Immortal, Invisible” MBW Page 457

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from
our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, O Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.**

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, you rule day and night; your justice like mountains high soaring above, your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of Light, your angels adore you, all veiling their sight; all praise we would render, O lead us to see the light of your splendor, your love's majesty.

(Please remain standing if you are comfortable to do so.)

Liturgy: Liturgy of Trust Red Hymnal of The Moravian Church Page 13

The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth.

As for me, in the multitude of Thy loving-kindness will I come into Thy house: in Thy fear will I worship.

Hymn:

Wareham

Lord God of hosts! O may our praise Thy courts with grateful in-sence fill; Still may we stand before Thy face, Still hear and do Thy sovereign will.

Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever; a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Thy kingdom. Lord, who shall sojourn in Thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in Thy holy hill?

He who walks uprightly, and works righteousness, and speaks truth in his heart.

Hymn:

L SOUTHAMPTON

Alas, with shame I own that oft I've turned away from Thee; O let Thy work, renewed today, Remain eternally.

Against Thee have we sinned;

O Lord, rebuke us not in Thine anger.

We have transgressed and rebelled;

O Lord, chasten us not in Thy hot displeasure.

Remember not the sins of our youth, nor our transgressions.

But have mercy upon us, O God, according to Thy loving-kindness.

It is of Thy mercies that we are not consumed,

Because Thy compassions fail not.

(Sitting)

Restore unto us the joy of Thy salvation,

And renew a steadfast spirit within us.

Lead us, O Lord, in Thy righteousness, and guide us in Thy truth,

For Thou art the God of our salvation.

Thus saith the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: I am the Lord your God Who teaches you to profit, Who leads you in the way you should go. O that you had harkened to My commandments! Then your peace would have been like a river, and your righteousness like the waves of the sea.

The ways of the Lord are right, and the just shall walk in them: but transgressors shall fall therein.

From the sin of unbelief, from all defilement of the flesh and spirit, from all self-righteousness, from every neglect of our duty, from all ingratitude and selfishness, from lukewarmness in our love to Thee and our neighbor, from indifference to Thy meritorious life and death,

Deliver us, gracious Lord and God.

And you, beloved, build yourselves up on your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; keep yourselves in the love of God; wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon those who fear Him, and His righteousness unto children's children, to those who keep His covenant, and remember His commandments to do them.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as you know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, you shall receive an unfading crown of glory.

Hymn:

JUDGMENT

Then to all who have confessed, Loved and served the Lord below, He will say, "Come near, ye blessed; See the kingdom I bestow: You forever, you forever, Shall My Love and glory know."

(Please Stand if able.)

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honorable, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Hymn:

REGENT SQUARE

Thanks we gave an adoration For the Gospel's joyful sound; May the fruits of Thy salvation in our hearts and lives abound; May Thy presence, May Thy presence, With us ever more be found.

Now unto Him Who is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God, our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever.

Amen.

(Sitting)

Offering Our Gifts to God:

Offertory

(Please Stand if able)

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 and Faithful God, We bring these gifts to You, acknowledging that everything we have is already Yours. Thank You for Your constant care, Your provision, and the grace that sustains us day by day. Bless these tithes and offerings, and bless the hearts that give them. Multiply these resources to share Your love, bring comfort to those in need, and build up Your kingdom here on earth. Strengthen our faith, deepen our trust in You, and use our lives to bring glory to Your name, now and always. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

(Sitting)

God’s Word for us Today:

1st Scripture: 1 Kings 19:9-18

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There he went into a cave and spent the night.

The LORD Appears to Elijah

And the word of the LORD came to him: “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He replied, “I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.”

The LORD said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.”

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his

face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

Then a voice said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

He replied, “I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, broken down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.”

The LORD said to him, “Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu. Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him.

The Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

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Jesus Walks on the Water

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear.

But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.”

“Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.”

“Come,” he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”

Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?”

And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

The Sermon: Why Are You Hiding? Pastor Jesus Laguerra

**Hymn Resp for Message: "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" MBW Page 739
vs. 1, 2, 3 & 5**

**Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind; in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper rev-'rence, praise.**

**In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea, the
gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word rise
up and follow thee.**

**O Sab-bath rest by Gal-i-lee! O calm of hills above, where Jesus
knelt to share with thee the si-lence of e-ter-ni-ty, in-ter-pret-ed
by love!**

**Breathe through the pulses of desire thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, its heats expire; speak through the earth-
quake, wind and fire, O still, small voice of calm!**

Prayers of The People

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.**

(Please stand if you are able.)

Sending Hymn: "Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer" MBW page 790

**Guide me, O my great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren
land. I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your pow'r-ful
hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and
evermore, feed me now and evermore.**

**Open now the crystal fountain where the healing waters flow; let
the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong
de-liv-'rer, strong de-liv-'rer, ever be my strength and shield;**

ever be my strength and shield.

**When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's
side. Songs and praises, songs and praises, I will sing for-ev-er-
more; I will sing for-ev-er-more.**

Benediction

Musical Response: In the name of Jesus. Amen

Postlude

We want to thank Pastor Jesus Laguerra for being with us today.

Pastor and Co - Leaders August, 2026

August 16th - Pastor Chris Giesler/Sister Charlott Bramwell

August 23rd - Pastor Jesus Laguerra/Normalee Mallawaarachchi

August 30th - Sister Muriel Timari (Hymn Sing)

Submit Your Favorite Hymns for Our August 30th Hymn Sing!

On Sunday, August 30, 2026, we will be hosting a special Hymn Sing! We want to hear your favorites. Please share your preferred hymns from either the Moravian Book of Worship or the Brown Book found in the pews. To submit your requests, simply fill out a slip and place it in the basket located in the Narthex. Please submit your requests today.

Tickets are on sale now for the Second Annual Staten Island

Moravian Picnic!! It is being held on Saturday, September 12, 2026 from noon to 4:00 pm on the grounds of New Dorp Moravian Church. Please see Muriel to purchase the tickets. They are \$10.00 a ticket. The young ones from eleven and under go free. There will be delicious food, desserts, the famous food Bingo, games, and fellowship with each other. If you can, we are asking you to bring a blanket or a chair to sit on. The food will be served inside the Parish House at New Dorp.

2027 Daily Text Orders are due on Monday, Aug 10.

On the table out in the Narthex are the slips to order the Daily Text. You can call the office and leave a message for your order. Thank you.