November 8, 2026 - Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Moravian Women's Sunday
Worship Aid for Great Kills Moravian Church
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Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Watchword for the Week: Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour. Matthew 25:13

(Standing)

Call to Worship:

L: Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the creator of the ends of the earth.

A: He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding, no one can fathom.

L: He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

A: Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall: but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.

L: They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint.

All: Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord. Let's worship our Lord together with Praise and Adoration!

(Please continue to do so if you're able.)

Gathering Hymn of Adoration and Praise:
"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" MBW Page 530

Praise to the Lord, the almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation! Let all who hear now to his temple draw near, joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning, sheltering you under his wings, O, so gently sustaining. Have you

not seen all you have needed has been met by his gracious ordaining.

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.

Praise to the Lord! O,let all that is in me adore him! All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again. Gladly forever adore him!

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

Liturgy: Adoration MBW Page 18

This is the day which the Lord has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

From the rising to the setting of the sun,

The name of the Lord be praised.

Glory be to you, Lord God, our Father.

You are the merciful Father, the God from whom all help comes.

You chose us in Jesus Christ our Lord before the creation of the world.

You rescued us from the power of darkness and brought us safe into the kingdom of your dear Son.

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

You have made us worthy to share in that which you have reserved for your people in the kingdom of light.

Your love is so great that we may be called the children of God.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we join in proclaiming the glory of your name.

Hymn: MONKLAND

We now with a joyful mind praise you, Lord, for you are kind;for your mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

(Sitting)

Praise honor, and glory be to you, Christ Jesus, Son of the living God.

To you be glory at all times, in the church which waits on earth for you, and in that which is with you in heaven, now and forever.

Jesus, you are the external Word who became a human being and lived among us.

Those who were yours saw your glory, the glory which you received as the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

In you, the full content of the divine nature dwells in a human body. You are the true God and eternal life.

Through you the whole universe is reconciled to God.

You made peace through your death on the cross.

Therefore God raised you to the highest place above, and gave you the name which is greater than any other name.

Hymn: HOLY LORD

Jesus' name, Jesus' name, source of life and happiness in this name true consolation, mourning sinners may possess; here is found complete salvation; blessed Jesus, we your name will praise all our days, all our days.

Glory be to you, Holy Spirit, our Teacher, Guide, and Comforter.

We proclaim your righteousness and praise.

You pour out the love of God into the hearts of all believers, and make their bodies your holy temples.

By our own reason and strength we cannot believe in Jesus Christ our Lord, or come to him; but you call us through the gospel and enlighten us with gifts of grace.

You dedicate us to God in the true faith, and you enable us to remain in union with Jesus Christ.

We praise you, together with the Father and the Son, now and forever.

Hymn: DOMINICA

Come, Holy Spirit, come let your bright beams arise; dispel the darkness from our minds, and open now our eyes.

(Sitting)

Altogether please.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

The Lord says: I, even I, am the God who blots out your transgressions for my own sake and will not remember your sins. Go and sin no more.

(Standing)

Lord, make us truly one in spirit with all your faithful people as we profess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn: MUNICH

O Word of God Incarnate, O Wisdom from on high, O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky; we praise you for the radiance that from the scripture's page, a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

The church from you, dear Master, received this gift divine, and still that light is lifted o'er all the earth to shine. It is the chart and compass that all life's voyage through, 'mid mists and rocks and quick sands, still guides, O Christ, to you.

(Sitting)

Youth Disciple Time: Courage Like Deborah

Offering Our Gifts To God: Regular Offering first and then the Joyful Noise Collection for Moravian Open Door.

Offertory Hymn: "As the Deer Pants" MBW Page 28
(The congregation is invited to sing.)

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you. You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.

You alone are my strength, my shield, to you alone may my spirit yield, you alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

(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 God, As we bring our offerings before You today, we

pause to celebrate the faithful witness of Moravian women throughout history from the courageous leadership of Deborah to the countless hands that have sustained Your church with strength, faith, and love. Lord, as You called Deborah to step forward in faith to guide Your people, stir within us that same courageous spirit. Bless these offerings so they may be used to feed Your flock, and share the light of Your gospel. May our gifts, our time, and our hearts be fully dedicated to building up Your kingdom, helping us to accept with joy the challenge of tomorrow's day. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

(Sitting)

God's Words for us Today:

1st Scripture Reading: Genesis 18:1-14 Pew Bible Page 16

The Three Visitors

The LORD appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground. He said, "If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant."

"Very well," they answered, "do as you say."

So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. "Quick," he said, "get three seahs of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread."

Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree.

"Where is your wife Sarah?" they asked him.

"There, in the tent," he said.

Then the Lord said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year,

and Sarah your wife will have a son."

Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and well advanced in years, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, "After I am worn out and my master is old, will I now have this pleasure?"

Then the LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Will I really have a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son."

2nd Scripture Reading: Hebrews 10:19-22 Pew Bible 1261

A Call to Persevere

Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

The Gospel: Matthew 10:27-33 Pew Bible Page 1018

What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

"Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.

The Message: Deborah: Leading with Courage and Faith Sister Muriel Timari

Hymn of Response: "God Has Spoken by His Prophets" MBW Page 507

God has spoken by his prophets,spoken the unchanging word;
each from age to age proclaiming God, the one, the righteous

Lord. In the world's despair and turmoil, one firm anchor holds us fast: God is king, his throne eternal;God the first, and God the last.

God has spoken by Christ Jesus, Christ, the everlasting Son, brightness of the Father's glory, with the Father ever one; spoken by the Word incarnate,God of God, before time was; Light of light, to earth descending, he reveals our God to us.

God is speaking by his Spirit, speaking to our hearts of all, in the ageless word expounding
God's own message for us all. Through the rise and fall of nations one sure faith yet standing fast: God abides, his word unchanging; God the first, and God the last.

Prayers of The People: Intercession Prayer MBW Page 24

Almighty God, for the opportunity to be used by you in the life of your church, For our use of your splendid gifts, For the joy of obedient service,

We dedicate ourselves to you.

For our creation and preservation, and for all the blessings of this life, For you immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, For the fellowship and ministry of your body, the church, For the opportunity of service in Christ's name through the power of the Holy Spirit, For your personal presence among us to guide and bless,

We offer our thanks, dear Lord.

For our congregation, that we may know and do your will, For our bishops, ministers, teachers and leaders, that they may guide your people in the truth, For the peace of the world, and for renewal of your whole church by the power of the Holy Spirit, For all who, in your name, work for justice, reconciliation, and peace,

Lord, hear our prayer.

For our community, for the whole land, and all who live in it, For the fruitfulness of the earth, and for the careful stewardship of our natural resources, For those who traveled, For the poor, the homeless, and the imprisoned, For the afflicted, the persecuted, the abused, and those who face temptation, anger, or violence, For the sick and dying, and for the salvation for all,

Lord, hear our prayers.

Be gracious to us, for to you alone are due all glory, honor and praise.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer: Altogether please.

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 comfortable to do so.)

Sending Hymn: "God Sent His Son" MBW Page 706

God sent his Son, they called him Jesus, he came to love, heal, and forgive; he lived and died to buy my pardon, an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.
Because he lives_ I can face tomorrow, because he lives_ all fear is gone;_____ because I know_____ he holds the future, and life is worth the liv-ing just because he lives.

How sweet to hold a newborn baby, and feel the pride and joy he gives; but greater still the calm assurance, this child can face uncertain days because he lives.

Because he lives_ I can face tomorrow, because he lives_ all fear is gone;_____ because I know_____ he holds the future, and life is worth the liv-ing just because he lives.

And then one day I'll cross the river, I'll fight life's final war with pain; and then as death gives way to vict'ry, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he reigns.

Because he lives_ I can face tomorrow, because he lives_ all fear is gone;_____ because I know_____ he holds the future, and life is worth the liv-ing just because he lives.

Benediction

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

Postlude

Next Sunday, November 16, 2026, we will be celebrating the Chief Elder Festival with Pastor Patricia Honszer. We will be celebrating by having the Lord's Supper. There will be a Fellowship Hour following the service. We look forward to welcoming you all here and having you participate within communion and then having fellowship with one another.



We welcome your donations to provide beautiful Christmas flowers to decorate our Sanctuary for the Christmas Season.

Name: _____

Number of 6 in Poinsettia Plant:____ x $15 each = _____

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A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who participated in today's service. I deeply appreciate your willingness to serve.