

# Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

October 27, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP - 10:00 A.M.

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: *The Lord has done great things for us.* -Psalm 126:3

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS .....The Rev. Ginny Hege Tobiassen

PRELUDE - *Shall We Gather at the River*.....T. Hanson Place Richard Elliott (2011)

CALL TO WORSHIP

## BAPTISM

### *For the Baptism of Children and Adults*

(Standing)

(A hymn of baptism or faith may be sung.)

In grace God called and chose the people of Israel and established with them a covenant: I will be your God and you will be my people. In that relationship they were to be freed from sin and become a blessing to all. Then God came to us in Jesus Christ and fulfilled that covenant for all people. Through Christ's life, death, and resurrection, God made for us a new covenant of grace.

**We come before you with joy, O God, to claim the promises of your covenant.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ instituted baptism as the visible means of entry into the new covenant. Baptism is a gift of God. In this sacrament, through grace and the power of the Holy Spirit, we are united with Christ, are cleansed by his saving work, enter into the fellowship of the church, and are called to a life of faith and willing obedience.

Those of you baptized into Christ Jesus, how were you baptized?

**Into his death. We were buried with him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glorious power of God Almighty, we too might be raised to live a new life.**

(When only adults are baptized, the following sentence is omitted.)

In baptism children also share in the benefits of our Lord's redeeming work through God's grace and the faith of parents, and of the church,

**For God's promise is to us and to our children.**

(The minister addresses the candidates, parents, and sponsors.)

As you present *yourselves* before God and this congregation, we call upon you to profess your faith.

Do you believe in God as your Creator and loving heavenly Father, in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord, and in the Holy Spirit as your Comforter and Sustainer, according to the Holy Scriptures?

**I do.**

(Candidates, parents, and sponsors may profess their faith by means of the Apostles' Creed, the baptismal profession of the early church. The congregation may be invited to join in the Creed as an affirmation of their own baptism.)

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Lord, make us one with all your children as we profess our faith, saying:

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian\* church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*Ancient text reads "catholic," which means "universal."

[The minister addresses the candidates, parents, and sponsors.]

Do you in this faith turn away from sin, evil, and selfishness in your thoughts, words, and actions; and do you intend to participate actively in Christ's church, serving God all the days of your life?

**I do.**

[When only adults are baptized, the following question for parents and sponsors is omitted.]

Relying on the power of the Holy Spirit, do you promise to lead your *children* by prayer, instruction, and example toward that time when *they* can by grace confirm *their* faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and commit *themselves* to the life and work of the church?

**I do.**

[The minister addresses the congregation.]

Do you receive and affirm *these children* of God as *members* of this congregation, and accept your obligation to love and nurture *them* in Christ?

**We do.**

[Sitting. One of the following hymns is sung.]

## BAPTISM

EISENACH (90 A)

An in - fant we pre - sent to thee as thy re - deem - ed prop - er - ty,  
 and thee most fer - vent - ly en - treat thy - self this child to con - se - crate  
 by bap - tism, and its soul to bless, out of the full - ness of thy grace.

The musical score consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

— OR —

CHRISTE SANCTORUM

Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come in vis - i - ta - tion; you are the  
 truth, our hope, and our sal - va - tion. Bap - tize with joy and pow'r,  
 give, O Dove de - scend - ing, life nev - er end - ing.

The musical score consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is two sharps (F#, C#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

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TUNE: Harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), alt. From the *English Hymnal* (1906), by permission of Oxford University Press.

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(Water may be poured into the font or bowl.)

We thank you, gracious God, for the gift of water, which you have created and given to us as a sign of life. We recall with gratitude how you led your people from slavery to freedom through the waters of the sea. We rejoice in the gift of the Holy Spirit at the baptism of your Son in the waters of the Jordan, and we praise you for opening to us the way of eternal life through his death and resurrection. Now send your Spirit upon \_\_\_\_\_ who *receive(s)* the water of baptism today, so that *they* may become *(a)* living, growing and active *member(s)* of your church, rise to new life, be led and nourished by your word and sacraments, and share in your eternal blessings.

**Amen.**

(When only adults are baptized, the following is omitted.)

Give to *these parents and sponsors* your wisdom and strength, that with love and understanding *they* may guide to Christian maturity the young *lives* entrusted to *their* care.

**Amen.**

(The minister baptizes each candidate with a threefold application of water, saying:)

\_\_\_\_\_, into the death of Jesus I baptize you, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

(Each newly baptized person receives the laying on of hands, symbolizing the pouring out of the Holy Spirit. Parents and sponsors of young children join with the minister in the laying on of hands.)

Now through God's grace and the pouring out of the Holy Spirit, you have been brought into the covenant; therefore live, yet not you alone, but Christ live in you; and the life which you live now, live by faith in the Son of God, who loved you and gave his life for you.

(The minister pronounces a text of Scripture for the newly baptized adult.)

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;

(539 B)

In the name of Je - sus. A - men.

The musical score consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence.

(If there are no Affirmations of Baptism through Confirmation, Reaffirmation of Faith, or Transfer of Membership, the following hymn is sung here.)

HUS (22 F)

Here in the name of Christ our Lord, the  
We wel - come you a - mong us here, with  
The God of peace you sanc - ti - fy and

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church's Head by all a - dored, with Chris - tian love and  
joy that God has brought you near. With heart and hand we  
bless you rich - ly from on high, that spir - it, soul, and

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pur - pose true, this church in faith em - braces you.  
pledge our love, and pray Christ's bless - ing from a - bove.  
bod - y may re - flect God's pres - ence ev - 'ry day.

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SCRIPTURES:

Jeremiah 31:7-9  
Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,

**we were like those who dream.**

Then our mouth was filled with laughter and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations,

**“The Lord has done great things for them.”**

The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

**Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.** May those who sow in tears

**reap with shouts of joy.**

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,

**shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.**

Hebrews 7:23-28

*During the singing of the next hymn, children age 3 and up are welcome to follow Godly Play leaders to continue their worship in CE-106.*

FATHER AND CREATOR

# 463 God Is Love, Let Heav'n Adore Him

1 God is love, let heav'n a - dore him; God is love, let  
 2 God is love; and love en - folds us, all the world in  
 3 God is love; and though with blind - ness sin af - flicts all

earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him and ex -  
 one em - brace; with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us, ev - 'ry  
 hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness guides us

alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun -  
 child of ev - 'ry race. And when hu - man hearts are  
 through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall

da - tion, God who spread the heav'ns a - bove, God who breathes through  
 break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that  
 nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain: God is love, so

TEXT: Timothy Rees (1874-1939), alt.  
 TUNE: Cyril Vincent Taylor (b. 1907). ©1942. Renewal 1970 by Hope Publishing Company  
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all cre - a - tion: God is love, e - ter - nal love.  
self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.  
love for - ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'FATHER AND CREATOR'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The treble staff contains a vocal melody with lyrics underneath. The bass staff contains a bass line with chords. The lyrics are: 'all cre - a - tion: God is love, e - ter - nal love. self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God. love for - ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.'

GOSPEL: Mark 10:46-52.....The Rev. Dr. Craig Atwood

SERMON: *Son of Timaeus*

TRUST AND GUIDANCE

**Be Thou My Vision**

**719**

*Unison*

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not nor man's emp - ty praise,  
 4 High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

Nought be all else to me save that thou art -  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance now and al - ways,  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!

thou my best thought, — by day or by night, —  
 thou my great Fa - ther, I thy true son, —  
 thou and thou on - ly first in my heart, —  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall, —

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.  
 high King of heav - en, my treas - ure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O rul - er of all.

TEXT: Early Irish. Tr. Mary Byrne (1927). Versified Eleanor H. Hull (1927)

TUNE: Trad. Irish melody. Harm. David Evans (1874-1948). From the *Revised Church Hymnary* (1927)  
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PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*The offertory provides an opportunity to reflect on the many ways that we can express our gratitude in response to God: with time, treasure, talents, and testimony. For financial giving online: Use the Moravian Ministries Foundation giving portal at <https://mmfa.info/giving-portal/>. Click the DONATE tab on any page of the Home Church website. For more information, go to [homemoravian.org/donate](http://homemoravian.org/donate). You can make one-time or recurring gifts. Text HOME to 73256 on your phone.*

OFFERTORY INVITATION

ANTHEM: *Zion's Walls*.....Aaron Copland (1900-1990)

Men's Choir

*Come fathers and mothers, come sisters and brothers, come join us in singing the praises of Zion. O fathers don't you feel determined to meet within the walls of Zion. We'll shout and go round the walls of Zion.*

DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD .....Rev. Tobiassen

TRUST AND GUIDANCE

724 **Jesus, Lover of My Soul**

1 Je - sus, Lov - er of my soul, let me to thy bos - om fly,  
 2 Oth - er ref - uge have I none; hangs my help - less soul on thee;  
 3 Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find;  
 4 Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to cov - er all my sin;

while the rag - ing bil - lows roll, while the tem - pest still is high;  
 leave, ah, leave me not a - lone, still sup - port and com - fort me.  
 raise the fall - en, cheer the faint, heal the sick and lead the blind.  
 let the heal - ing streams a - bound; make and keep me pure with - in.

hide me, O my Sav - ior, hide till the storm of life is past;  
 All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;  
 Just and ho - ly is thy name, I am all un - right - eous - ness,  
 Thou of life the foun - tain art, free - ly let me take of thee;

safe in - to the ha - ven guide; O re - ceive my soul at last!  
 cov - er my de - fense - less head with the shad - ow of thy wing.  
 false and full of sin I am, thou art full of truth and grace.  
 spring thou up with - in my heart, rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

POSTLUDE - *In Thee Is Gladness (BWV 615)*.....T. *In dir ist Freude*  
J.S. Bach  
(1685-1750)

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - Hymn 832, *The Grace of Our Lord*

*While singing, we extend the right hand of fellowship.*

SERVICE MUSIC

## 832 The Grace of Our Lord

The musical score for 'The Grace of Our Lord' is presented in three systems. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'The grace of our Lord Je - sus Christ, and the love of God, and the com - mu - nion of the Ho - ly Spir - it, be with us all, be with us all. A - men.' The score ends with a double bar line.

TEXT: 2 Corinthians 13:13  
TUNE: Christian Gregor (1763)

Irregular  
(540 E)

**We extend a cordial welcome** to all visitors this morning and invite you to join us again whenever possible. Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Register, pass it both ways in your pew, and greet those near you. After the service, pick up a beverage in the Lovefeast Serving Room off the Sanctuary, and enjoy fellowship in the Sanctuary or outside.

**The flowers** are placed in the Sanctuary today in loving memory of *Evelyn Thom Spach, William Mathias Spach, Helena Bleecker Smith, and James Saxon Smith* by Mr. and Mrs. Frederick P. Spach and family.

**We welcome by the sacrament of baptism:** Nathaniel Carter, son of Rick and Jordan Carter.

## SUNDAY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

**GODLY PLAY, CE 106 (ages 3 and up), *The 10 Best Ways to Live* ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (in person and via Zoom): There will be no Sunday School due to Church Council after worship.**

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH: No Power Hour due to Church Council (Childcare is available).**

### CALENDAR

- Sunday - 9:30 a.m. - Nursery, CE-105  
10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship  
11:00 a.m. - Church Council and Lunch (childcare available)  
11:00 a.m. - Children's Choir, CE-106  
5:30 p.m. - Youth Ghost Tour (grades 6-12), meet in front of church  
Monday - 5:00 p.m. - Christian Formation Committee, CE-101  
Tuesday - 2:00 p.m. - Living Faith, Club Room  
3:00 p.m. - Finance Committee Meeting, RB-225  
4:00 p.m. - Wednesday Night Fellowship Planning Team, Saal  
6:30 p.m. - Beginner Band Class, RB-5  
7:30 p.m. - Salem Chorale Band, RB-5  
Wednesday - 7:00 a.m. - Breakfast, Cagney's Restaurant  
5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Fellowship Supper, Fellowship Hall  
6:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Fellowship Program, Fellowship Hall  
Thursday - 5:30 p.m. - Gregor BellChor Practice  
6:30 p.m. - Choir Practice  
Next Sunday - 9:30 a.m. - Nursery, CE-105  
10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship  
10:20 a.m. - *Godly Play*, CE-106  
11:00 a.m. - Children's Choir, CE-104  
11:15 a.m. - Bible Discussion Club Room and Zoom  
Intro to Moravian Theology, Saal  
Feasting on the Word, CE-101 and Zoom  
Youth Power Hour  
11:30 a.m. - Children's Power Hour  
3:00 p.m. - Mission Society Lovefeast, Trinity Moravian  
4:00 p.m. - Lovefeast in Prayerful Unity for the American Election, Salem Square (sponsor: Worship Everywhere)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Stewardship Committee** would like to thank everyone who has made a financial pledge for 2025. We have received 153 pledges totaling \$479,395.00 to help us build our community of faith. We encourage everyone who has not yet pledged to do so as we set our budget for next year. We are deeply grateful for every gift received by our generous community.

**The Bereavement Team** needs members to help with funeral visitations. For more information, contact Kate Hix at 336-765-3606 or [kvhix@yahoo.com](mailto:kvhix@yahoo.com).

**The Mission Society** will host its annual Mission Lovefeast on Sunday, November 3, at 3:00 p.m. at Trinity Moravian Church. The service will celebrate local and global mission efforts including the debt-cancellation project conducted by Trinity. There will also be updates from the missionaries and mission teams supported by the Mission Society. If you have any questions please contact Jennifer Boles at 336-773-1732.

**Worship Everywhere**, a ministry of the Southern Province, will host a Lovefeast in Prayerful Unity for the American Election in Salem Square on Sunday, November 3, at 4:00 p.m.

**The Lovefeast Candle Trimming Committee** will meet Wednesday, November 6, at 10 a.m. in the Club Room to finish trimming. We will finish before lunch. Anyone who can help is encouraged to join us. Hope to see you then!"

Virginia Hege Tobiassen, *Pastor* Craig Atwood, *Associate Pastor*  
Glenn Siebert, *Director of Music* Jonathan Williams, *Organist*  
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