# Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost November 10, 2024

THE FESTIVAL OF THE CHIEF ELDERSHIP OF CHRIST HOLY COMMUNION – 10:00 A.M.

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: <i>The Lord lifts loves the righteous.</i> -Psalm 146:8	up those who are bowed down; the Lord
BAND CHORALES	Paul Knouse, leader
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	The Rev. Dr. Craig Atwood
PRELUDE - Oh, Worship the King	T. Lyons Paul Laubengayer (2005)
CALL TO WORSHIP	

# Liturgy in Praise of the Chief Elder

(Standing)

O, come, let us worship and bow down!

Let us kneel before the Lord, our maker!

For God is our God,

And we are the people of God's pasture, the sheep of God's hand.

T. Confession

The Lord is my shepherd, no want shall I know. I feed in green pastures, safe-folded I rest; His leading shall bring me where still waters flow, Restore me when wand'ring, redeem when oppressed.

(Sitting)

Almighty God, tender shepherd, we confess our failure to follow you faithfully, and we come before you asking your compassion.

Gracious God, we acknowledge our sins. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned to our own ways. We have sinned and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly. The good that we knew to do we have not done; and in all our works we have been unprofitable servants, and have come short of your glory. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; and deliver us, and purge away our sins, for your name's sake.

Hear the word of the Lord: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. You are my sheep, the sheep of my pasture, and I am your God, says the Lord God. Go, and sin no more.

T. Herrnhut

Pardoned through redeeming grace, In your blessed son revealed, Worshiping before your face, Lord, to you ourselves we yield.

By your hallowed outward sign By the cleansing grace within, Seal, and bless with light divine; Wash, and keep us pure from sin.

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for leading us as shepherd and chief elder. Through your gracious leading we pray to live faithfully as the church you created and commissioned: the church called to love God, live in community, and serve our neighbors.

Through the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, may we carry out your work and make your love known throughout the earth.

And now, unto the lamb that was slain

And has redeemed us out of all nations of the earth,

Unto the Lord who purchased our souls for himself,

Unto the Friend who loved us, and loosed us from our sins by his own blood,

Who died for us once,

That we might die unto sin,

Who rose for us,

That we also might rise,

Who ascended for us into heaven,

To prepare a place for us,

And to whom are subjected the angels, and powers, and dominions;

To him be glory at all times,

In the church that waits for him, and that which is around him,

From everlasting to everlasting. Amen.

(Standing)

Little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.

T. Agnus Christi

How great the bliss to be a sheep of Jesus,
And to be guided by his shepherd staff!
Earth's greatest honors, howso'er they please us,
Compared to this are vain and empty chaff.
Yea, what this world can never give,
May, through the shepherd's grace, each needy sheep receive.

Here is a pasture, rich and never failing,
Here living waters in abundance flow;
None can conceive the grace with them prevailing,
Who Jesus' shepherd voice obey and know.
He banishes all fear and strife,
And leads us gently on to everlasting life.

This liturgy includes the Festal Doxology, reprinted from the 1995 Moravian Book of Worship with the permission of the Interprovincial Board of Communication, Moravian Church in North America.

#### SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

#### Psalm 8

O Lord, our Sovereign,

## how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouths of babes and infants

you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,

to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

# what are humans that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor.

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,

all sheep and oxen,

and also the beasts of the field.

the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,

whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Sovereign,

# how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Hebrews 4:14-16 John 10:1-10

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND NURTURE

# 662 Jesus Makes My Heart Rejoice



#### 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 <a href="https://mmfa.info/giving-portal/">https://mmfa.info/giving-portal/</a>. Click the DONATE tab on any page of the Home Church website. For more information, go to homemoravian.org/donate. You can make one-time or recurring gifts. Text HOME to 73256 on your phone.

OFFERTORY INVITATION AND PRAYER

**HMC Choir** 

Sing to the Lord in joyful strain, let earth his praise resound, ye who amidst the ocean dwell, and fill the isles around. Thou city of the Lord begin the universal song. Let all combined with one accord, the cheerful notes prolong.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Ezekiel 34: 11-16 ......The Rev. Ginny Hege Tobiassen Communion Meditation

HOLY COMMUNION

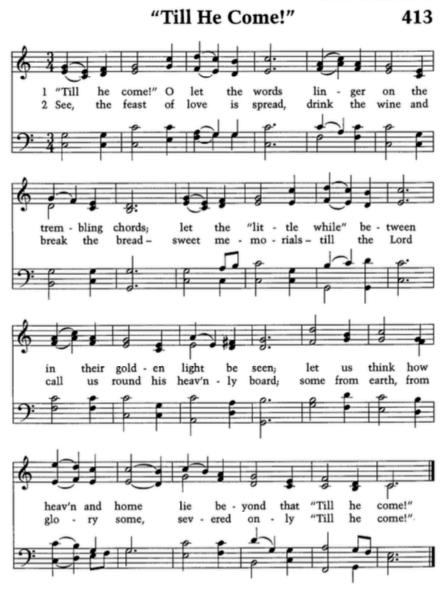
# 412 Come, Come, Come, Christ Jesus Bids



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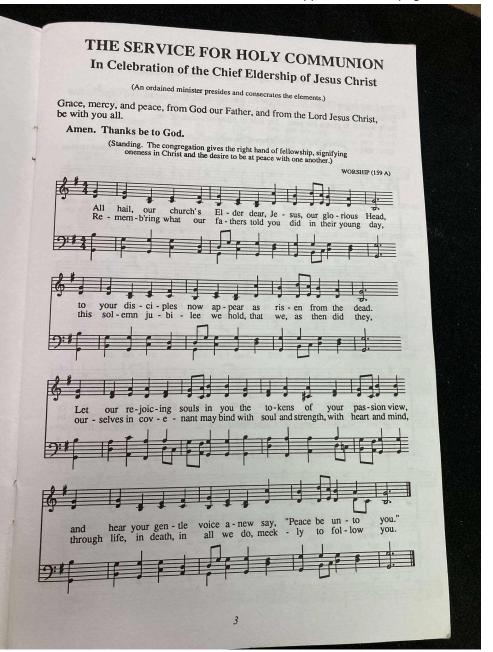
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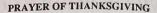
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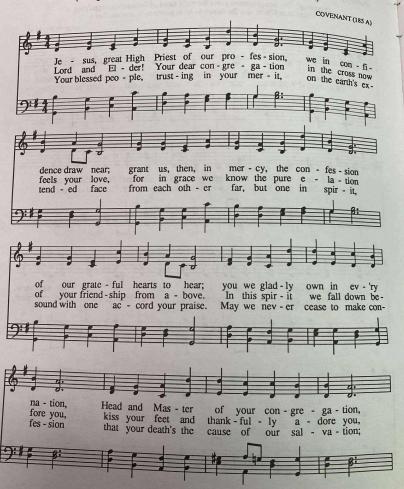


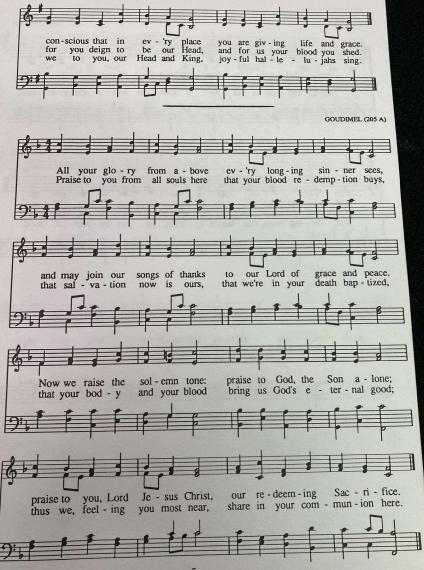
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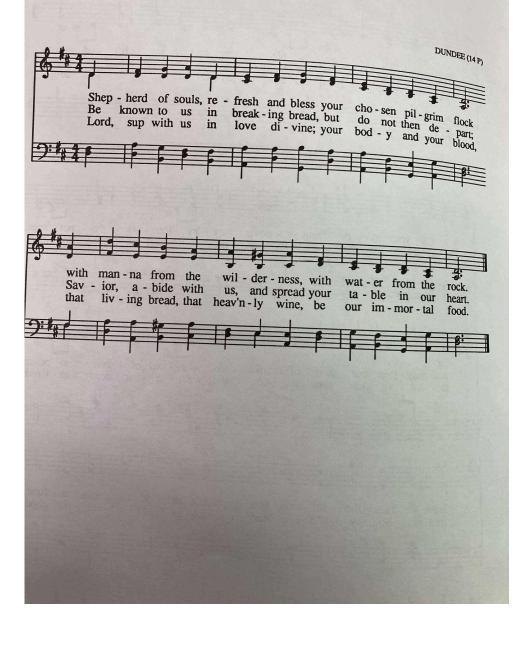
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

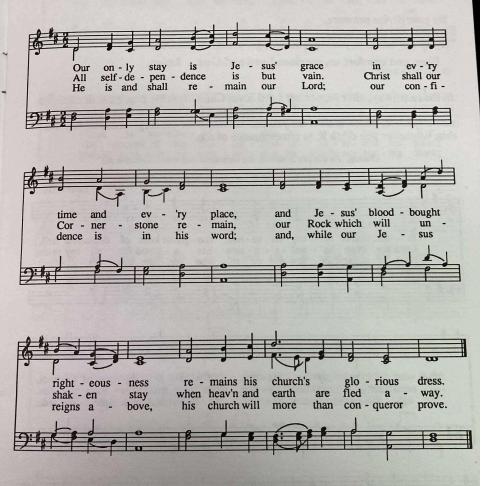
(Sitting. As the bread is served, the communicants stand to receive it.)

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(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.)

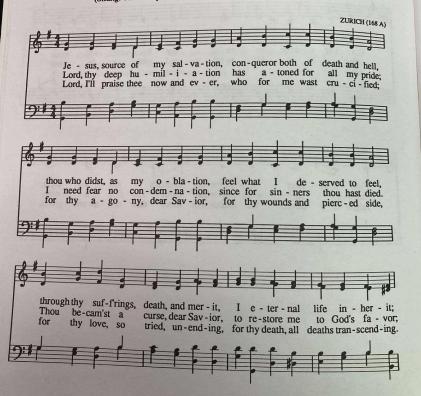
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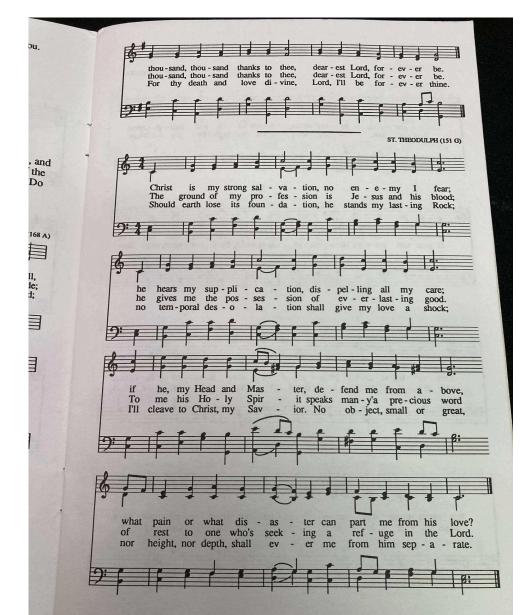
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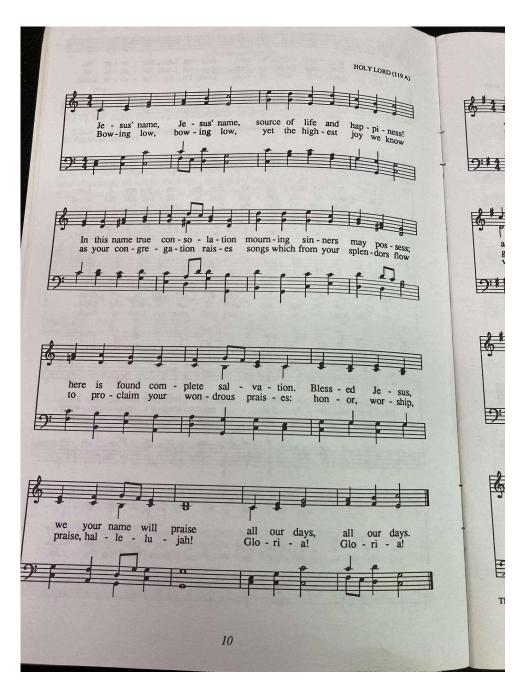
By your divine presence,
By the holy sacraments,
By all the merits of your life, sufferings, death, and resurrection,
Bless and comfort us, gracious Lord and God. Amen.

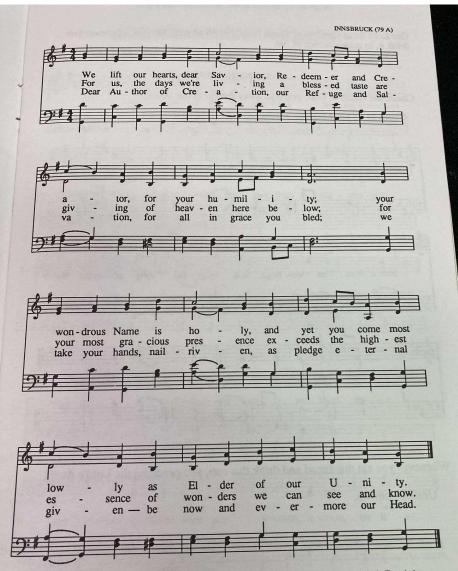
In the same way, after supper our Lord Jesus Christ took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sin. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

(Sitting. As the cup is served, the communicants stand to receive it.)









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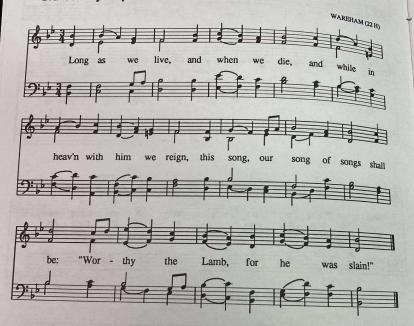
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(All partake together.)

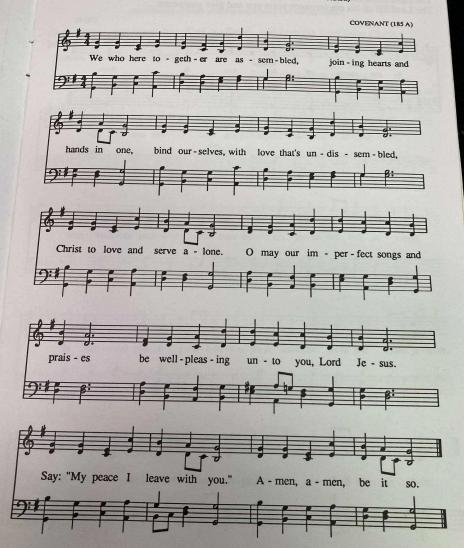
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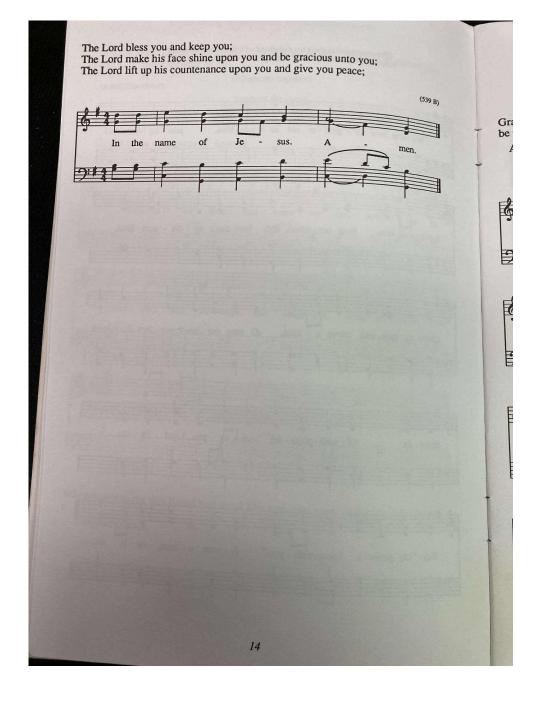
Christ, the Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

Grant to us your peace. Amen.



Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death, Until he comes.





Postlude: In Peace and Joy I Now Depart ..... T. Mit Fried un Freud ich fahr dahin

## Johann Christoph Bach (1642-1703) Text for Reflection:

He is the heathens' saving light, And he will gently lead

Those who now know thee not aright,

And in his pastures feed;

While his people's joy he is,

Their Sun, their glory, and their bliss. (Tr. Catherine Winkworth)

#### 1741 - November 2024

Today we commemorate the 283rd anniversary of the recognition of Christ alone as the Chief Elder and Head of the Moravian Church. The following digest from our history will highlight the announcement that was made to all congregations of the Unity on November 13, 1741.

Brother Leonard Dober, who had held the position of Chief Elder since 1735, came to feel that he could no longer carry the responsibilities of his office in a widely scattered and growing church. A synodical conference was held in London with ten people present (five men and five women). Most of the participants in the conference were under the age of 42, and one was age 16. Several names were submitted to the lot for approval, but no one was accepted. Finally, this question was asked: "Would not the Lord our Saviour be so gracious as to accept this office for Himself?" When the answer was yes they sang a hymn. This happened on September 16, 1741 in London. A decision was made to make the announcement of this decision on November 13, 1741 in all congregations. This gave time for the preparation of hymns and a special liturgy to be used as the announcement was made in the local churches.

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.

**The flowers** are placed in the Sanctuary today in loving memory of *TK and Iris Amos* by their children, Pam Amos Meyerhoeffer and Rick Amos.

#### **PERSONALS**

## We embrace in sympathy

...the family and friends of Robert Bouldin, who died on Sunday, November 3 ...the family and friends of Anni Davis, who died Thursday, November 5.

#### SUNDAY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

GODLY PLAY, CE 106 (ages 3 and up), Making Christ our Leader ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (in person and via Zoom), 11:15

a.m. Bible Discussion, Club Room and Zoom

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Intro to Moravian Theology, Saal

Feasting on the Word will not meet today.

YOUTH POWER HOUR, 11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

CHILDREN'S POWER HOUR, 11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

#### **CALENDAR**

Sunday - 9:30 a.m. - Nursery, CE-105

10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship/Holy Communion

10:20 a.m. - Godly Play, CE-106

11:00 a.m. - Children's Choir, CE-104

11:15 a.m. - New Member Reception, Parlor

Bible Discussion, Club Room and Zoom

Intro to Moravian Theology, Saal

Youth Power Hour

11:30 a.m. - Children's Power Hour

Monday - 5:30 p.m. - Circle 5, Parlor

7:00 p.m. - Trustees, Club Room

Tuesday - 10:00 a.m. - Women's Fellowship Leadership Team,

RB-225 12:00 p.m. - Circle 8, Parlor

2:00 p.m. - Living Faith, Club Room

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

10:00 a.m. - Circle 9, Parlor

5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Fellowship Supper, Fellowship

Hall 6:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Fellowship Program,

CE-101

Thursday - 1:00 p.m. - Provincial Women's Board, Parlor

5:30 p.m. - Gregor BellChor Practice

6:30 p.m. - Choir Practice

Next Sunday - 8:00 a.m. - Candle Tea Committee, Fellowship

Hall 9:30 a.m. - Nursery, CE-105

10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship/Anniversary Lovefeast

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 and Parents: Meet and Greet Philip Montgomery,

Bishop's House

11:30 a.m. - Children's Power Hour

12:00 p.m. - Candle Tea Trimming and Lunch, Fellowship Hall Soup Sale

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Stewardship Committee would like to thank everyone who has made a financial pledge for 2025. We have received 188 pledges totaling \$605,165.00 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.

**Candle Tea Candle Trimming and Luncheon**, sponsored by Women's Fellowship, is Sunday, November 17, at 11:15 a.m. (or at noon if attending Power Hour). Lunch is served at 12:15 p.m. and no reservation is required.

Virginia Hege Tobiassen, *Pastor* Craig Atwood, *Associate Pastor* Glenn Siebert, *Director of Music* Jonathan Williams, *Organist* Becky Hodges, *Director of Christian Formation* Philip Montgomery, *Youth Ministry Coordinator* 529 S. Church Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101, 336-722-6171 home1771@homemoravian.org www.homemoravian.org (10 a.m. Morning Worship is broadcast on WSJS-AM 600)