

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost
253rd Anniversary Celebration
November 17, 2024

LOVEFEAST – 10:00 A.M.

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: *Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.* Deuteronomy 6:4-5

BAND CHORALES.....Art Sorensen, leader

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.....The Rev. Dr. Craig Atwood

PRELUDE - *Lord God, We All Praise You* (p.183)T. Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir
Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

CALL TO WORSHIP

ANNIVERSARY LITURGY

(Standing)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all God's benefits,

Who forgives your iniquity, who heals your diseases,

Who satisfies you with good as long as you live, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

As we bless the Lord,

Let us also pray to receive the Lord's blessing.

T. Salem Home

Bless us richly, God, our God,
'til our earthly days shall cease,
through Christ's suffering, death, and blood,
through Christ's word of peace.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us in penitence and humility confess our sins before the throne of grace, praying together.

(Sitting)

God of mercy,

As we mark this moment, we confess our weaknesses, failures, and transgressions: our broken vows, our slackness and misuse of time and opportunity, our selfishness and our love of ease, our unkindness and indifference, our self-indulgence and our pleasure taken at the expense of others, our moments when we have not been true to ourselves, our lack of faith in your providence. For these sins of commission and omission, have mercy upon us.

Lord Jesus Christ, we remember in your presence our losses and griefs, our hopes and treasures which the departing year has carried away, the disappointments we have known, the friends who are no longer with us and whose steps we shall hear no more. We pray for grace to cherish the spirit which brings good out of evil, and which prevents adversities and sorrows from embittering our hearts. Give us comfort and a deep sense of your goodness in every circumstance of life; and when, despite our good intentions, we fail, be our strength and stay. **Amen.**

God will supply every need of ours according to God's riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

(Serving)

T. Eisenach (p. 438)

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| <p>1. With hearts in tune, with one accord
we gather here to praise the Lord.
A simple meal, a quiet time
to celebrate a love divine;
and, as the ancient Christians fed,
we, too, now share this lovefeast bread.</p> | <p>2. As we partake, we praise the name;
the host of heaven does proclaim
that Christ is king, the risen Lord,
the church's head by all adored.
And so as brothers, sisters all
we gladly heed our Savior's call.</p> |
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T. Innsbruck (p. 204)

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| <p>1. Jesus, yourself to us reveal.
Grant that we may not only feel
some drawings of your grace,
but in communion with you live,
and daily from your death derive
the needful strength to run our race.</p> | <p>2. O let us know you always near.
As is the light that shines so clear,
or as the air we breathe;
in all our thought, our words and ways,
thus may our lives show forth your praise,
our hearts be freed from things beneath.</p> |
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T. Hyfrydol

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| <p>1. God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.</p> | <p>2. Lord of all, of church and Kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's celebration,
all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!</p> |
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BLESSING: *Come, Lord Jesus, our guest to be; and bless these gifts bestowed by thee. Amen.*

(Partaking)

ANTHEM: *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me*.....(Paul Gerhart, 1653
tr. Charles Wesley, 1739; music, Craig Courtney, 1996)

Home Church Choir

Jesus, thy boundless love to me no thought can reach, no tongue declare; unite my thankful heart to thee, and reign without a rival there! Thine wholly, thine alone, I am, be thou alone my constant flame. Oh, grant that nothing in my soul may dwell, but thy pure love alone; oh, may thy love possess me whole, my joy, my treasure, and my crown! All coldness from my heart remove: Every act, word, thought, be love. This love unwearied I pursue and dauntlessly to thee aspire. Oh, may thy love my hope renew, burn in my soul like heavenly fire! And day and night, be all my care, guard this sacred treasure there. In suffering be thy love my peace: In weakness be thy love my power; and when the storms of life shall cease, O Jesus, in that final hour, be thou my rod and staff and guide, and draw me safely to thy side.

ANTHEM: *Follow Jesus—Three Spirituals*.....(trad., arr. John Purifoy, 1995)

Talk about a child who follows Jesus, here's one. Ever since I heard the gospel story, I've been walking up the path to glory. Talk about a child who follows Jesus, here's one. Talk about a child who's been converted, here's one. Ever since I heard the gospel story, I've been walking up the path to glory. Talk about a child who's been converted, here's one.

I want Jesus to walk with me. All along my pilgrim journey, O Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus. You can have all the world, give me Jesus.

(Collecting)

T. Truro

We do not know tomorrow's way,
if dark or bright its hours may be;
but we know Christ, and come what may,
we know his presence we will see.

1. Jesus makes my heart rejoice.
I'm his sheep and know his voice.
He's a shepherd kind and gracious,
and his pastures are delicious.
Constant love to me he shows.
Yea, my very name he knows.
2. Trusting his mild staff always,
I go in and out in peace.
He will feed me with the treasure
of his grace in richest measure.
When athirst, to him I cry;
living water he'll supply.
3. Should not I for gladness leap,
led by Jesus as his sheep?
For when these blest days are over,
to the arms of my dear savior
I shall be conveyed to rest.
Amen, yea, my lot is blest.

(Standing)

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

Bless, O Lord, this congregation,
gather us within your fold;
may we walk in love before you
as your saints in days of old.
Grant your peace to rest upon us;
let our prayers to you be heard;
speak salvation to our spirits
as you promised in your word.

(Sitting)

SCRIPTURE LESSON: 1 Kings 8:27-30.....The Rev. Ginny Hege Tobiassen

SERMON - *My Name Shall Be There*

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. You can make one-time or recurring gifts. Text HOME to 73256 on your phone.

OFFERTORY INVITATION AND PRAYER

ANTHEM: *Teach Me, O Lord*.....Philip Stopford (2013)

Home Church Choir

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end. Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart. Make me to go in the path of thy commandments: for therein is my desire. Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness. O turn away mine eyes lest they behold vanity; and quicken me in thy way. Establish thy word, thy word in thy servant, that I may fear thee. Amen.

ANNIVERSARY LITURGY.....Rev. Dr. Atwood

Let us give thanks for all God's mercies.

For your grace given to us in days that are gone; for the blessings of life, seen and unseen; for the joy and peace of communion with you,

We give you thanks, gracious God.

For the disciplines which have enriched our living; for your wisdom and gracious providence which we have recognized when you have denied our foolish requests; for the faith which has guided us in days of trial,

We give you thanks, gracious God.

For the sacraments of love and service which have made us conscious of your presence in our common life; for the deeds we have been able to accomplish in the strength which you supply; for the kindness of associates, the love of friends, and the fellowship of kindred souls,

We give you thanks, loving God.

Lord Jesus, you are the same yesterday, today, and forever; your throne is established in righteousness, your compassion fails not, and your love endures from generation to generation. Lift the light of your countenance upon us, for we are exiles as our ancestors were. We thank you for all the ways by which you have led us in the past.

Give us courage to set our faces toward the future. Call us into engagement with the work of your church. Show us how to bring healing to the community around us. Sustain our hope to be a part of this world’s transformation.

(Standing)

God will supply every need of ours according to God’s riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

T. Salem Home

See the saving works of Christ,
in his truth, we then shall rise;
all we, who are weak with sin,
now whole, sing his praise!

T. Springs of Salvation

Keep us in the faith of your church everlasting,
keep us in communion with those who are here.
Lord, make us attentive to all you are asking;
Lord, give to this body a listening ear.
Keep us deeply rooted in your great love,
and help us move forward with new resolve
to bring to this world your new kingdom of heaven
and preach the great message of love freely given.

BENEDICTION

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

While singing, we offer the Right Hand of Fellowship.

**POSTLUDE - *Springs of Salvation*.....T. Freylinghausen
Margaret Vardell Sandresky (1994)**

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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 *Mr. and Mrs. Leland B. DeViney* and *Mr. and Mrs. James W. DeViney* by the family.

We thank Erik Salzwedel for conducting the choir this Sunday.

SUNDAY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

GODLY PLAY, CE 106 (ages 3 and up), *Circle of the Church Year – How the Church Tells Time*

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (in person and via Zoom), 11:15 a.m.

Bible Discussion, Club Room and Zoom <https://bit.ly/42JohxN>

Intro to Moravian Theology, Saal

Feasting on the Word, CE-101 and Zoom <https://bit.ly/3qMoZwZ>

YOUTH POWER HOUR, 11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.: meet and greet at Bishop's House

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

CALENDAR

- 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
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
- Tuesday - 8:30 a.m. - Men of the Church Prayer Group, 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
9:00 a.m. - Old Salem Garden Club, Club Room
5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Fellowship Supper, Fellowship Hall
6:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Fellowship Program, CE-101
- Thursday - 11:30 a.m. - Men of the Church, Club Room
5:30 p.m. - Gregor BellChor Practice
6:30 p.m. - Choir Practice
7:30 p.m. - Men's Chorus
- Next Sunday - 9:30 a.m. - Nursery, CE-105
10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship; bring can food for Sunnyside Ministries
10:20 a.m. - *Godly Play*, CE-106
11:00 a.m. - Children's Choir, CE-104
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Feasting on the Word, CE-101 and Zoom
Youth Power Hour
11:30 a.m. - Children's Power Hour
7:00 p.m. - Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Temple Emanuel

PERSONALS

Recovering at Bermuda Village: Corty Freeman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Stewardship Committee would like to thank everyone who has made a financial pledge for 2025. We have received 195 pledges totaling \$618,965.00 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, today, 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.