

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 19, 2025

MORNING WORSHIP – 10:00 A.M.

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: *Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord.* -1 Corinthians 12:4-5

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSThe Rev. Ginny Hege Tobiassen

A CHURCH ENGAGED IN MISSION: Report on AlbaniaBetty Cole

PRELUDE - *Praise and Thanksgiving*T. Bunessan, Dale Wood (1986)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgy for Abundance

(Standing)

Hear the words of the prophet Isaiah: "Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.

Why spend money on what is not bread, and labor on what does not satisfy?

Eat what is good, and delight in the richest of fare."

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into his presence with singing.

It is God that made us, and we are sheep of God's pasture. Give thanks to God, bless his name.

For the Lord is good; his love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.

HYMN 588 - Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

T. Schmucke Dich

Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,
leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
come into the daylight's splendor,
there with joy your praises render.

Bless the one whose grace unbounded
this amazing banquet founded;
he, though heav'nly, high, and holy,
designs to dwell with you most lowly.

(Be seated)

Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget none of God's benefits.

The Lord forgives our sins and heals our souls; he redeems our lives and crowns us with love and compassion.

Beloved, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings.

Gracious God, we open our hearts to you in confession for the wrongs that we have done and for the good we failed to do. We confess that we often live carelessly and take for granted your creation. Forgive us for those times when we have let prejudice, pride, fear, and anger rule in our hearts and selfishness govern our actions.

Hear the good news: "If anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One, who is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world."

Hymn 500 - There is a Balm in Gilead

T. Balm in Gilead

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole,
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.
Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain
but then the Holy Spirit revises my soul again.
There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole,
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

The Lord works vindication and justice for those who are oppressed.

Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an overflowing stream.

Lord Jesus Christ, we remember with joy the great works you did in your time on earth.

We remember how you healed the sick, gave sight to the blind, and touched the untouchable.

We remember how you turned water into wine at the wedding feast and fed the multitude in the wilderness.

We remember how you rebuked the storm and confronted the self-righteous.

(Standing)

Let us affirm our faith in God, Creator, Redeemer, and Holy Spirit

We believe in God, the giver of all good gifts and the source of life, who called the universe into being, and made humans in the divine image, whose nature is love.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Beloved, who was God in human flesh. We believe that he showed us the way to live, taught us to forgive, and opened his arms to welcome all people. Through his life, death, and resurrection, we are reconciled to God, and through his grace we experience eternal life.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who comforts us as a mother comforts her children, who teaches us wisdom, and who gives us courage to live as God's children.

In this faith, we will seek to live in harmony with God, humanity, and all creation.

Hymn 496 - Holy Spirit, Still Creating

T. Liberty

Holy Spirit, still creating
Christ's one church in tongues of flame,
move within us and inspire us
more to serve God's holy name.

Gifts may differ, as may service,
yet we follow one true Lord,
manifested in your presence,
for the common good outpoured.

Love, and joy, and peace, and patience,
kindness, caring, self-control;
these the fruits for which we hunger
as your gifts for all unfold.

(Be seated)

SCRIPTURE LESSONS.....Philip Montgomery

Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalms 36:5-10

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains; your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

O continue your steadfast love to those who know you and your salvation to the upright of heart!

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

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.

HYMN 573 - *In the Morning When I Rise*.....T. Give Me Jesus

MORNING AND EVENING

In the Morning When I Rise 573

1 In the morn - ing when I rise, in the morn - ing when I
 2 Dark mid - night was my cry, dark mid - night was my
 3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of
 4 O when I come to die, O when I come to

rise, in the morn - ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.
 cry, dark mid - night was my cry, give me Je - sus.
 day, just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.
 die, O when I come to die, give me Je - sus.

Refrain

Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus,

you may have all this world, give me Je - sus.

SPECIAL OCCASIONS

449 For the Fruit of All Creation

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vest of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For his gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vest we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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

OFFERTORY INVITATIONRev. Tobiassen

ANTHEM: *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* ...Traditional Hymn Tune
"Warrenton" Arr. Lloyd Pfautsch

Home Church Choir

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. I am bound for the kingdom, will you go to glory with me? Hallelujah, praise the Lord. Oh! to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let that grace, Lord, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee. I am bound for the kingdom, will you go to glory with me? Hallelujah, praise the Lord. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it from thy courts above. I am bound for the kingdom, will you go to glory with me? Hallelujah, praise the Lord.

DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD.....Rev. Dr. Atwood

HOPE

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Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing

1 Lift ev-'ry voice and sing, till earth and heav - en ring,
 2 Ston-y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,

ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.
 felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
 thou who hast brought us thus far on the way,

Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,
 yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet light,
 thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,

let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 come to the place for which our peo - ple sighed?
 keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

TEXT: James Weldon Johnson (1871-1938)

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Irregular
ANTHEM

HOPE

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us.
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered.
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee,

Sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought
We have come, tread - ing our path thro' the blood of the slaugh -
lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get

us. Fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -
tered, out from the gloom - y past till now we stand at
thee, shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er

gun, let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
last where the bright gleam of our bright star is cast.
stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

BENEDICTION

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

While singing, we extend the right hand of fellowship. Those who wish may exit as the postlude begins.

SERVICE MUSIC

832 **The Grace of Our Lord**

The musical score consists of three systems of music, each with 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)

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POSTLUDE: *Postlude in D* (HWC 175).....Healey Willan (1880-1968)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 serving room off the Sanctuary, and enjoy fellowship.

The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary today in cherished memory of *John and Frances Hutchinson* and with heartfelt gratitude to Home Moravian for providing our family a sanctuary to call "Home". - Mark and Fred Hutchinson

SUNDAY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

GODLY PLAY, CE-106 (ages 3 and up), *Jesus, the Boy in the Temple* ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (in person and via Zoom), 11:15 a.m. Epiphany Missions/Feasting on the Word Class, CE-101

Bible Discussion, Club Room

CHILDREN & YOUTH POWER HOUR, 11:15 a.m., CE Building (children) and Lot 63 (youth)

INQUIRERS' CLASS for Prospective Members, 11:15 a.m., Saal

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Interested in becoming a member of Home Moravian Church? Inquirers' classes will continue through the month. The class will meet in the Saal today after worship. Subsequent classes will follow on January 22 and 26. Sunday classes will meet at 11:15 a.m., after worship; Wednesday classes will meet at 6:45 p.m., after Wednesday night supper. Talk to a pastor if you have questions about becoming a member or attending the classes. There is still time to come on board today!

Coming Soon...World Mission Team Entrée Sale will be held on February 2. Be on the lookout for additional information.

CALENDAR

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. - Coffee Fellowship, Lovefeast Serving Room

11:15 a.m. - Adult Sunday School Classes (see Sunday Educational Programming) "Power Hour", Children and Youth, CE Building and Lot 63

Inquirers' Class, Saal

Tuesday - 6:30 p.m. - Beginning Band, Rehearsal Room

7:30 p.m. - Chorale Band, Rehearsal Room

Wednesday - 7:00 a.m. - Breakfast, Cagney's Restaurant

5:00 p.m. - Salem Congregation Elders and Trustees, Saal

5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner, Fellowship Hall

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

6:45 p.m. - Inquirers' Class, CE-101

Thursday - 6:30 p.m. - Choir Practice, RB-5

Next Sunday - 8:00 a.m. - Men of the Church Breakfast, Fellowship Hall

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. - Coffee Fellowship, Lovefeast Serving Room

11:15 a.m. - Intergenerational Missions Class (ages 7 and up), Fellowship Hall

Bible Discussion, Club Room

Nursery and Children (up to age 7) Power Hour, CE Building

Inquirers' Class, Saal

HMC Wednesday Night Fellowship Winter Series

"A Church Engaged, A Community Healed, A World Transformed"

January 22, CET Members present

"A Church Engaged: Community Engagement Team Update"

Community meal at 5:45 p.m. / Program begins at 6:45 p.m.

Menu: Brined Chicken, Roasted Sweet Potato Rounds, Kale Salad, Herbed

Bread, Dessert ----- Tear off and place in offering plate

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner Reservation

Reservations for supper are encouraged by 5:00 p.m. on Monday. Contact the church office for more information at (336) 722-6171 or tear off the reservation form below and place in the offering plate.

Adults & Children 13 and older - \$5.00 Children ages 4 to 12 years old -

\$3.00 Children ages 3 and under - Free

Name(s) _____

Standing Reservations (#) _____ Adult. (#) _____ Child

Attending this week only (#) _____ Adult. (#) _____ Child

Special Dietary Needs: Gluten Free (#) _____ Special Dietary Needs: Vegetarian (#)

_____ **Attending the program / activity following the meal** ____ **Yes** ____ **No**

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