Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany February 9, 2025

MORNING WORSHIP - 10:00 A.M.

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: <i>The Lord will love, O Lord, endures forever.</i> -Psalm 1	I fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast 38:8
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	The Rev. Ginny Hege Tobiasser
Prelude: Reverie	William Grant Still (1962)
CALL TO WORSHIP	

GENERAL LITURGY 3 Adoration

(Standing)

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.



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 eternal 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.

GENERAL 3: ADORATION

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.



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.



(Kneeling or sitting)

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.

^{*}Ancient text reads "catholic," which means "universal."



(All may join in the following intercessions, or the service may proceed as the liturgist directs.)

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Psalm 138 (responsively)

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,

for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

On the day I called, you answered me; you increased my strength of soul.

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

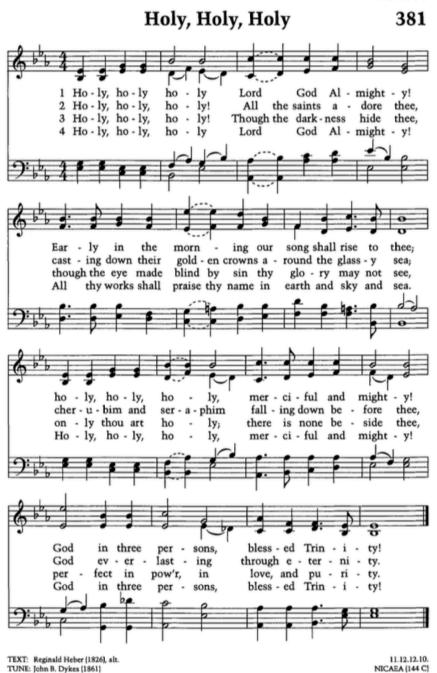
For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he perceives from far away.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Luke 5:1-11

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.

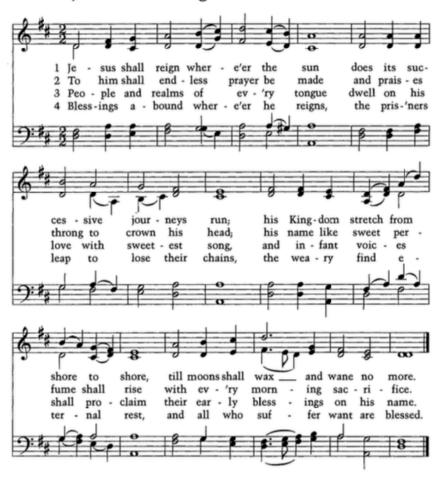


OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 6:1-13The Rev. Dr. Craig Atwood

SERMON: Astonishment

REIGN OF CHRIST

404 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun



5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring the highest honors to our King; angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen.

TEXT: Isaac Watts (1719), alt. TUNE: John Hatton (c. 1790) L.M. DUKE STREET (22 Q)

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

ANTHEM: Holy, Holy, Holy.....Franz Schubert (1797-1828),

Arr. Walter Ehret

Men's Chorus

Holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord. Holy, holy, holy, he's to be adored. He without beginning, we do ever love. Holy, holy, praise to him above. Holy, holy, holy, unto thee we sing. Holy, holy, holy, praise to thee our king. Merciful and mighty, everywhere adored. Holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord.

Doxology Offertory Prayer

LITURGY: Adoration, page 24Rev. Dr. Atwood

(Sitting)

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 your 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 the 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 travel,

For the poor, the homeless, and the imprisoned,

For the afflicted, the persecuted, the abused, and those who face temptation, anger, or violence,

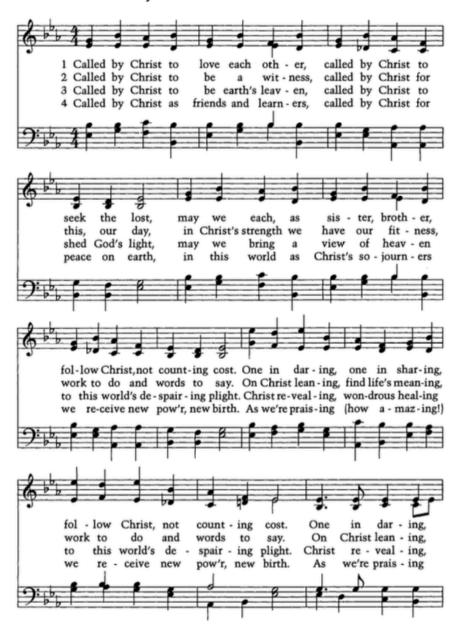
For the sick and dying, and for the salvation of all,

Lord, hear our prayer.

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

Amen.

Called by Christ to Love Each Other



TEXT: Jane Parker Huber (1980). ©1980 by Jane Parker Huber, from A Singing Faith Used by permission of Westminster John Knox Press. TUNE: Attr. to Dmitri S. Bortnianski (1751-1825). Arr. John A. Stevenson (1818)

VESPER HYMN

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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.



POSTLUDE: Festival Piece on "Holy, Holy, Holy"T. Nicaea

Jerry Westenkuehler
(2003)

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 loving memory of *Richard E. and Eleanor Sue Shore, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus A. Shore, Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Cox,* and *Miss Mary Louise Shore* by the family.

Nurture your body and spirit in the **Winter Journey at Laurel Ridge, February 14-16!** In addition to rest and fellowship, you can participate in learning opportunities: "Stitching Stars: A Crochet Workshop for all Levels," led by Meredith Dowdy; "Hymns and Liturgies for Lent and Easter," led by Nola Knouse; or "Who's Afraid of the Moravians?" led by Craig Atwood. Details and registration at laurelridge.org.

SUNDAY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

GODLY PLAY, CE-106, 10:20 a.m., (ages 3 and up), *Jesus in the Wilderness* **FEASTING ON THE WORD, 11:15 a.m.,** CE-101 and Zoom

BIBLE DISCUSSION, 11:15 a.m., Club Room and Zoom **CHILDREN'S POWER HOUR**, 11:15 a.m., CE Building **YOUTH POWER HOUR**, 11:15 a.m., Lot 63

PERSONALS

We extend our sympathy to the family of Mona Cofer, who died January 28.

Recovering at home: Elizabeth Sides, Joe Madaras

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. - Feasting on the Word, CE-101 and Zoom

Bible Discussion, Club Room and Zoom

Children's Power Hour, CE Building

Youth Power Hour, Lot 63

Monday - 5:00 p.m. - Youth Ministry Committee, CE-101

5:00 p.m. - Circle 5, Parlor

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

Tuesday - 12:00 p.m. - Circle 8, Parlor

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

9:00 a.m. - Stewardship Committee, Club Room

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

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

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

Thursday - 2:00 p.m. - Flute Choir, RB-5

5:30 p.m. - Gregor BellChor, Bell Room

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

Friday - 9:30 a.m. - Circle 6, Parlor

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HMC Wednesday Night Fellowship Winter Series "A Church Engaged, A Community Healed, A World Transformed"

February 12 - Community Healed: The Restoration of the Shotgun Houses in Happy Hill Community meal at 5:45 p.m. / Program begins at 6:45 p.m. Menu: Spaghetti, Tossed Salad, Bread with Herbed Butter, Chocolate Cake Tear off and place in offering plate 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
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)