

Third Sunday in Lent

MORNING WORSHIP – 10:00 A.M.

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: *Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near: -Isaiah 55:6*

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

PRELUDE: *Dissolve My Heart in Gratitude*.....Erik Salzwedel (2021)
Erik Salzwedel, trombone

Today's prelude, instead of using a familiar chorale tune, is written on PONDER, an original tune by Erik Salzwedel. The piece is inspired by Isaac Watts' text, *Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed?* (1969 Moravian Hymnal). For Lent, you are invited to meditate on this text from the same hymn: *Dissolve my heart in thankfulness and melt my eyes in tears.*

CALL TO WORSHIP.....The Rev. Ginny Hege Tobiassen

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.]

BAPTISM

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 for 'EISENACH (90 A)' is written in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. 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 for 'CHRISTE SANCTORUM' is written in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of two sharps (F-sharp, C-sharp). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. 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.

BAPTISM

(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.

(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

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

pur - pose true, this church in faith em - brac - es 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.

Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalm 63:1-8

O God, you are my God; I seek you; my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

So I will bless you as long as I live;

I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,

and my mouth praises you with joyful lips

when I think of you on my bed

and meditate on you in the watches of the night,

for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

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: *Psalm 63**.....T. Winchester, *Old*

1. O God, my God, with eagerness
3. My soul has feasted at your board, I long to see your face; your glories fill my sight; lost in a dry and barren land, I spend my waking hours in praise, I thirst to taste your grace. and pray my thoughts at night.

2. Your endless mercies, Lord, are mine
4. Throughout my life you are my help, as your appointed heir; my soul is bold to sing; your steadfast love throughout my life and after death, I'll rest beneath is joy beyond compare. the shadow of your wing.

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 13:1-9.....Rev. Tobiassen

SERMON: *Bearing Fruit*

NATURE OF THE CHURCH

Highly Favored Congregation 515

1 High - ly fa - vored con - gre - ga - tion, loved by
 2 Ground - ed on your Sav - ior's mer - it, blessed in
 3 Wit - ness here to all a - round you of your
 4 Ev - i - dence by word and ac - tion that your

Je - sus and es - teemed, ne'er for - get your des - ti -
 his com - mun - ion sweet, des - tined heav - en to in -
 Sav - ior's dy - ing love; tell them how he sought and
 faith is not in vain, that your high - est sat - is -

na - tion, why from this vain world re - deemed.
 her - it, and the church a - bove to meet.
 found you, gave you grace from heav'n a - bove.
 fac - tion cen - ters in the Lamb once slain.

5 By love's closest bonds united,
 as the Lord's own family,
 be to serve his name excited,
 be to him a fruitful tree.

TEXT: Samuel T. Benade (1789), alt. 8.7.8.7. Trochaic
 TUNE: Herrnhut (c. 1735); John Thommen (1745); C. Gregor Choralbuch (1784) BATTY (16 A)

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 INVITATION

ANTHEM: *Seek Ye the Lord*J.V. Roberts (2002)
Men's Chorus - Jake Bryant, Tenor Solo

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy, and abundantly pardon.

DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLDRev. Tobiassen

DEATH AND LIFE TO COME

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Lord of the Living

1 Lord of the liv - ing, in your name as - sem - bled we join to
 2 Help us to treas - ure all that will re - mind us of the en -
 3 May we, when - ev - er tempt - ed to de - jec - tion strong - ly re -
 4 Lord, you can lift us from the grave of sor - row in - to the

thank you for the life re - mem - bered, O God, have mer - cy,
 rich - ment in the days be - hind us. Your love has set us
 cap - ture thoughts of res - ur - rec - tion. You gave us Je - sus
 pres - ence of your own to - mor - row; give to your peo - ple

to your chil - dren giv - ing hope in be - liev - ing.
 in the gen - er - a - tions, God of cre - a - tion.
 to de - feat our sad - ness with Eas - ter glad - ness.
 for the day's af - flic - tion your ben - e - dic - tion.

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TUNE: Paris Antiphoner (1681). Harm. David Evans (1874-1948). From the Revised Church Hymnary (1927). Used by permission of Oxford University Press

CHRISTE SANCTORUM

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 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 concludes with a double bar line.

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

Irregular
(540 E)

POSTLUDE: *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*.....T. Ebenezer Paul Manz (1979)

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SUNDAY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

GODLY PLAY, CE-106, 10:20 a.m. (ages 3 and up), *Jesus' Last
Passover*

FEASTING ON THE WORD, 11:15 a.m., CE-101 and Zoom

BIBLE DISCUSSION, 11:15 a.m., Club Room and Zoom

MORAVIAN THEOLOGY, 11:15 a.m., Saal

CHILDREN'S POWER HOUR, 11:15 a.m., CE Building

YOUTH POWER HOUR, 11:15 a.m., Lot 63

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 *Bishop Samuel and Mrs. Edith Tesch, Reverend Alan and Mrs. Elizabeth (Betty) Barnes, and Ray and Mickey Hine* by the family.

We welcome today by the sacrament of baptism Grayson and Ellie Kate Rhodes, children of Taylor and Kristie Rhodes.

Viola Grillo, the mother of Dena Grillo Fortuzi, entered the more immediate presence of Christ on March 17 after a long illness. Viola helped establish the first Moravian congregation in Albania. Dena is the first Albanian to be ordained as a Moravian pastor and is supported in her ministry by the Albania Task Force at Home Church. Dena's email address is denagrillo@gmail.com if you would like to send words of support.

During Lent, we will celebrate Holy Communion each Wednesday night in the Saal at 6:45. Our theme this year will be the Six Essentials of the Moravian Church. **From the Moravian Ministries Foundation (MMFA):** "We are overflowing with gratitude for the incredible generosity shown during this year's Moravian Day of Giving! Together, Moravians from across the country united to give joyfully and generously raising more than \$209,000 to support our churches, agencies, and ministries. What an incredible testament to the power of community!"

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. - Children's Choir Practice, CE-104
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
Moravian Theology, Saal
Children's Power Hour, CE Building
Youth Power Hour, Lot 63
3:00 p.m. - Great Sabbath Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall
- Monday - 8:00 a.m. - Set up for Fashion Fair, Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday - 8:00 a.m. - Women's Fellowship Fashion Fair, Fellowship Hall
5:00 p.m. - Building & Grounds Committee, Club Room
6:30 p.m. - Beginning Band, Rehearsal Room
7:00 p.m. - Sunrise Service Usher Meeting, CE-101
7:30 p.m. - Chorale Band, Rehearsal Room
- Wednesday - 7:00 a.m. - Breakfast, Cagney's Restaurant
5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner, Fellowship Hall
6:45 p.m. - Lenten Communion, Saal
- Thursday - 2:00 p.m. - Flute Choir, RB-5
6:30 p.m. - Choir, RB-5
- Saturday - 8:00 a.m. - Youth depart for retreat at Laurel Ridge
- 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. - Coffee Fellowship, Lovefeast Serving Room
11:15 a.m. - Feasting on the Word, CE-101 and Zoom
Bible Discussion, Club Room and Zoom
Moravian Theology, Saal
Children's Power Hour, CE Building
Youth Power Hour, Lot 63
1:30 p.m. - Easter Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary
2:00 p.m. - Youth return from Laurel Ridge
3:00 p.m. - Great Sabbath Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall

HMC Wednesday Night Fellowship - March 26
Community meal at 5:45pm / Program begins at 6:45pm
Menu: Soup by the Soup Group, salad, bread and 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 Gluten Free (#) ___

Vegetarian (#) ___ Attending this week only (#) ___ Adult (#) ___ Child

Attending the program / activity following the meal ___ Yes ___ No