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## Edgeboro's Mission

is to love God, grow in Christ, and share the Holy Spirit through worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry, and evangelism.

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# 10:30AM WORSHIP April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 || 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

#### **Welcome & Announcements**

Arriving for Worship (A moment to center ourselves and listen to the Spirit.)

Watchword for the Week

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." (John 10:11)

## **Prelude & Reflection**

Response

#444 v. 2 MBW

Chosen flock, your faithful Shepherd follow, who laid down his life for you; All your days unto his service hallow, each to be disciples true; Evermore rejoice to do his pleasure, be the fullness of his grace your treasure; Should success your labor crown, give the praise to him alone.

## \*The Good Shepherd Liturgy

pg. 5 SttL

## A Worshipful Question

## **Scripture Readings**

1 John 3:16-24 (pg. 240; Lg. 345) John 10:10-18 (pg. 103; Lg. 147)

**Hymn** In Heav'nly Love Abiding #732 MBW (Alt. Tune St. Edith)

Message Offering

Choir Anthem

Offertory

\*Doxology & \*Prayer of Dedication

#817 MBW

**Congregational Prayers** 

\*Hymn

Christ Is Alive!

#362 MBW

## \*Benediction & Postlude

\*Those that are able and comfortable, please stand.

MBW: Moravian Book of Worship | | SttL: Sing to the Lord A New Song

Visiting? If you are looking here for a church home in which to nurture your faith, please speak with the Pastor following the service.

Young children? There's a nursery downstairs.

Need Large Print? Please speak with an usher.

Pastor	Rev. Dan Miller
Organist & Choir Director	Gayle Justice
Elder of the Day	Tammy Baer
Sacristans	John & Paula Horn
Ushers	Rodney Sergent
Ministers	YOU!

Your Notes - Insights, reminders, names, or contact information.

April's **Joyful Noise Offering** will support the annual Moravian Unity Offering. This year this offering will go toward Moravian efforts in Germany and the Czech Republic to support Ukrainian refugees. Please place your offerings in the joyful noise can or give online to Edgeboro, marking your gift for "Joyful Noise.

Make a Gift to Edgeboro Online! Scan the QR code to make a gift to Edgeboro online using a credit card or bank account.

# Jesus Knew His Why

About six or seven years ago Simon Sinek, David Meade, and Peter Docker authored a book entitled *Find Your Why.* This book encourages its readers to explore why you do what you do. It summons the readers to look at their calling, their conviction, their mission statement, or their vision of their life's work.

People have talked about this work by the three authors. I would like to suggest that this sentiment has been around for a very long time. In the tenth chapter of the Gospel of John, specifically in verses 11–18, the Gospel writer records Jesus as claiming who he is and what he has been called or appointed or gifted to be able to do.

Jesus says, "I am the good shepherd." He knows who he is. Jesus goes on to say, "The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10:11). Jesus knows what is to come for him. He knows that he must go to the cross. But he willingly accepts that because he knows what his why is, for this world and for eternal life. So we have an example in Scripture of someone who understands and lives out their why. Perhaps we ought to do the same.

Have you done enough contemplating to know what your why is? Are you living out your why to the glory of God and to enhance God's kingdom? If not yet, I would encourage you to do so. There is no time like the present.

Bruce Nelson, president of the Western District Executive Board, Lake Mills, Wisconsin

## The Moravian Church

Fourth Sunday of Easter April 21, 2024



#### THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd, foretold by prophets, priests and kings. He was destined to be a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel. (Matt. 2:3-6)

As our Good Shepherd, he gave his life for the sake of his sheep and made a way for us to enter his pastures in peace.



As the Good Shepherd, Jesus lays down his life for the sheep. A hireling, who does not know the sheep, will run away if a wolf comes close. The hired hand does not care for the sheep.

The Good Shepherd knows his sheep, as only a shepherd can. He calls his sheep by name and welcomes them into his pasture.

The Good Shepherd has made us whole by the blood of an eternal covenant. He has made us complete in everything good so that we may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight.

May the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, keep us close to him. (Heb. 13:20-21)

Lord Jesus Christ, we pray now for all who confess you as Lord and Savior. There are many sheep but only one Shepherd. For all who call upon the name of the Lord will be saved. We pray as well for all those who are still far away from God's saving power:

for those who have strayed from the flock;

for those who are confused and distracted by falsehoods;

for all who are close to us in faith and heritage;

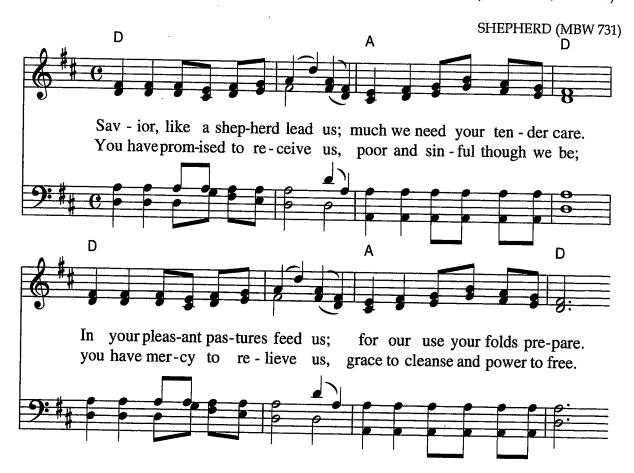
and for all who have never heard the name of Jesus, our Good Shepherd.

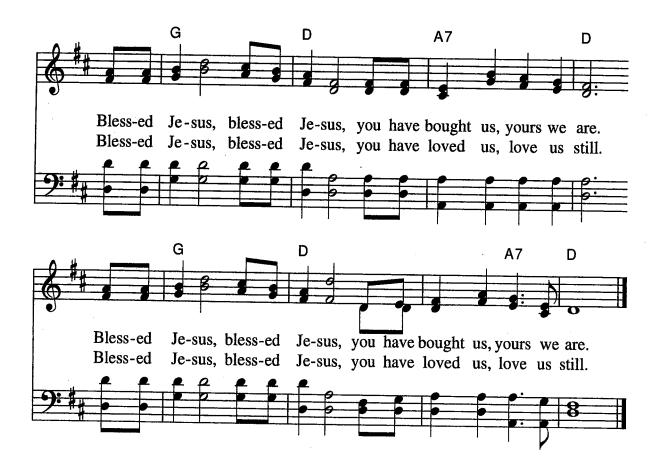
We pray for their salvation that comes from profession and confidence in the strong saving name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd.

He will gather the lambs in his arms and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

(Matthew 25, Isaiah 40)





And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away.

Grace, mercy and peace will follow us all the days of our lives.

## 1 John 3:16-24 NRSVUE

<sup>16</sup> We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers and sisters. <sup>17</sup> How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

<sup>18</sup> Little children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. <sup>19</sup> And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup> whenever our hearts condemn us, for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup> Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God, <sup>22</sup> and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup> And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup> All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

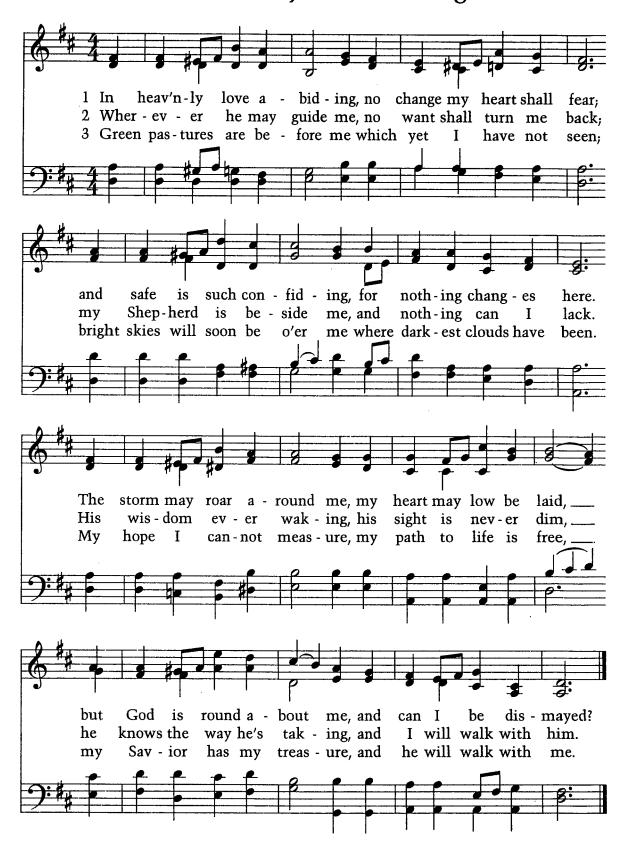
## John 10:10-18 NRSVUE

<sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

<sup>11</sup> "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup> The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, <sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup> For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup> No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

# In Heav'nly Love Abiding

**732** 



5 Lord, by your wounds on Calvary from death's dread sting your servants free, that we may live eternally. Alleluia!



## **Announcements**

Edgeboro's 2024 Watchword: "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord." (Joshua 24:16)

This week's flowers were given by Rita Gambler in loving memory of parents and husband.

## Weekly Calendar

Sunday, April 21 9:15

9:15am Adult Sunday School

9:30am Pre-School & Youth Sunday School

10:30am Worship

1:30pm Palette Club Group

Tuesday, April 23

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 24 6:00pm Girl Scouts

6:30pm Girl Scouts

Thursday, April 25

6:00pm Girl Scouts

Sunday, April 28

9:15am Adult Sunday School

9:30am Youth Sunday School

10:30am Worship (Moravian Music Sunday)

Elder: Myra Jones

Ushers: Heath & Val Hoff Sacristans: Mike & Myra Jones

## In Search of Lawn Mowing Volunteers

We are looking for more individuals willing to be on the church's lawn-mowing team. Each person will be assigned turns (about 2-3 times during the season) to mow the lawn based on their availability and the church's need. Please contact the church office if willing and able.

### Moravian Ministries Foundation in America

Celebrate 25 years with MMFA. Enjoy food, fellowship, special music, and highlights from MMFA's 25 years of service. The celebration will be held at East Hills Moravian Church, 1830 Butztown Road, Bethlehem on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00pm. Please RSVP by April 26<sup>th</sup> at mmfa.fcsuite.com or by contacting the MMFA office, phone: 336.725-2589 or e-mail: LDavis@MMFA.com

Unitas Chorale Spring Concert Sunday, April 28, 4:00pm at Nazareth Moravian Church, 4 South Main Street, Nazareth PA. Concert theme: In All Things Love Director: Gwyneth Michel Accompanist: Luke DiGiacinto No tickets are required for this concert, instead a free-will offering will be received.

Essentials Café is always in need of additional volunteers! Be a greeter, server, cook, caretaker, booster, forager, gardener (Next gardening time: April 28, 2:30-4:30pm), and more! Learn more and sign up to volunteer at essentialscafe.org/take-action.

Monday evenings are prep nights for the cafe. If you are interested in helping, please notify the West Side Moravian Church office at westsidemoravian@gmail.com or call: 610.865-0256

Spring Fundraiser Dinner Saturday May 18th \$50/person dine-in There will be 2 seatings: 4:30 and 7:00pm. Limited space available.

- Appetizers: fig & pear puff pastry or shrimp cocktail
- Green Salad with edible flowers and Essentials vinaigrette
- Entrée Choices: Prime Rib au jus and potato strudel, or Chicken Piccata with herbed rice pilaf, or Vegan ravioli. All served with green beans almondine.
- Coffee, tea & complimentary glass of red or white wine
- Dessert station with a selection of freshly made treats
  Take-out available for pick-up at seating times: \$45.00/person

Tell Me About Synod The 2024 Synod Planning Team is hoping to make a positive impact on our community and world by planting trees to reduce their paper use footprint. For every dollar donated, a tree will be planted through the One Tree Planted organization. The Easter District Synod will match up to the first 250 trees. The goal of the Synod planning team is to donate 1500 trees before the end of Synod, June 29<sup>th</sup>. Donations may be made through the synod web page: <a href="https://www.moravian.org/norther/edsynod2024">www.moravian.org/norther/edsynod2024</a>.

**Yergnügte Ruh – Songs of Rest and Renewal**, music of Bach Mahler, Schumann, Dvořák, Duruflé, and more will be presented by Kelly Schmidt, mezzo-soprano & Luke DiGiacinto, piano and organ Sunday, May 5th, 4:00pm at Advent Moravian Church, 3730 Jacksonville Road

### **Prayer Requests**

Use this prayer list creatively in whatever way that will help you remember these names in prayer. Take it home. Place this list in a certain place. Pray while doing certain things. Pray for a different group of people each day. Download an app on your phone that will help keep your prayers organized. Do what works for you to remain connected in prayer. Here are those we are praying for now:

### Healing

Helene Boyle
Jan Dillalogue (Holly Haines)
Deb Geiger (Holly Haines)
Kiera Pheiffer (Tom Pheiffer)
Nancy Remaly
Ted Terry (Jon & Lynn Terry)
Rosie (Nancy Remaly)
Tucker (Kathie Klein)

Billy Christman (Sherri Hoff)
Glenn Gehret (Karen Gehret)
Jim Grebs (Rick Grebs)
Janice Pugliese
Pastor Ray Short (Mike & Terri Long)
Nancy Zulli (Pat Zulli)
Jacob (Carol Saeger)

#### **Homebound**

Ann Amidon (Jessie Bucchin) Ron & Dorothy Hersh Joyce LeWando

#### **Guidance**

Janice Bourdage Jeffrey Boyle (Helene Boyle) Gareth Messman (Messmans) Julie (Marcia)

## **S**afekeeping

Officer Mark Kuntzman (Bethlehem Mounted Police) deployed to Iraq for the next 10 months

This list will be refreshed regularly. If you would like a name added or removed from the list, please fill out a blue prayer request card found in the pews or contact the church office.