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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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10:30 AM WORSHIP April 27, 2025 || 2nd Sunday of Easter

Welcome & Announcements

Watchword for the Week

Jesus said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (John 20:21)

Gathering Songs

See Insert

All Are Welcome Spirit of the Living God

Prelude & Reflection (A moment to center ourselves and listen to the Spirit.)

*Liturgy of Grace

pages 31-36 MBW

Children's Chat

Scripture Reading - John 20:19-31 (pg. 115 Lg. 164)

*Hymn

O Sons and Daughters (vss. 1, 6-9)

#369 MBW

Message

So, Now What?

Offering

Offertory

Choir Anthem

*Doxology & *Prayer of Dedication

#817 MBW

*Hymn

Sing Hallelujah, Praise the Lord (with Chorus)

#543 MBW

Arr. by Tamara Lenig

(Chorus: Sing Hallelujah, Sing Hallelujah, Praise the Lord 2X)

*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.

Interim Pastor	Rt. Rev. Chris Giesler		
Organist & Choir Director	Gayle Justice		
Elder of the Day	Sue Testa		
Sacristans	Mike & Myra Jones		
Ushers	John & Rosie Bauman		
Nursery	Lynn Terry		
Ministers	YOU!		

Notes:		
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April's **Joyful Noise Offering** will support Moravian Unity Offering. Please place your offerings in the joyful noise can or give online (QR code). Label 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.

A Joyful Easter Day to You!

Umm, Ian (I hear you asking), did you forget to check your calendar again? Easter was *last* week.

Reflections about the historical development of the church calendar aside, it's "the season of Easter." The joy can't be contained to one Sunday, no matter how moving . . . or chilly . . . your Easter dawn service was, or how powerful and hope-filled your regularly scheduled worship was. Sing hallelujah praise the Lord, let's keep this going. Some congregations embrace this with a Holy Humor Sunday the week after Easter. Some say that was a big crescendo last week, so it's okay to take our foot off the accelerator this week.

I wonder, what was the faithful gathering of disciples and followers feeling in those days immediately following the resurrection? Fearing the authority of powerful social systems, not knowing what the people outside their doors were thinking about what just happened, puzzling through this new reality and understanding . . . wait, the world just changed! Now what? Doubt, this just can't be, I don't believe it . . . we just went through all that last week. I was starting to think about getting back to the real world. Joy, "the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord". . . I don't know what is happening here, but Jesus is in our lives. Let's keep the joy going.

Let's keep the joy going . . . doubting, challenging, mystery-embracing, happy, struggling, overcoming . . . resurrection to new life joy. And so, yup, a joyful Easter Day to you, and a joyful Easter season too, Monday morning when you're really back at it, a random Wednesday that feels a bit empty, a Saturday when you're trying to fit everything in . . . Happy Easter!

lan Edwards, pastor, Schoeneck Moravian Church, Nazareth, PA

The Moravian Church

Second Sunday of Easter April 27, 2025



All Are Welcome

Chorus: All are welcome, friend and stranger, at the banquet of the Savior. All are welcome, all are welcome here.

- 1. From the woman who comes crying, leaving tears at Jesus' feet; to the man who knows the right way, but cannot see.
- 2. From the ones who feel forgotten, those who sense their place is gone; to the ones who live in hunger, here you belong
- 3. Go into the streets and cities, to the farms and families; tell about the splendid table, God's mercy.

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Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Soul of heaven, heart of God, wash over me. Soul of heaven, heart of God, wash over me. Cleanse me, teach me, hold me reach me. Soul of heaven, heart of God, wash over me.

Holy presence, love divine, cast out my fear. Holy presence, love divine, cast out my fear. Shield me, free me, call me lead me. Holy presence, love divine, cast out my fear. Spirit Of The Living God Daniel Iverson | Lowell Alexander @ 1994 Birdwing Music (a div. of EMI Christian Music Publishing)

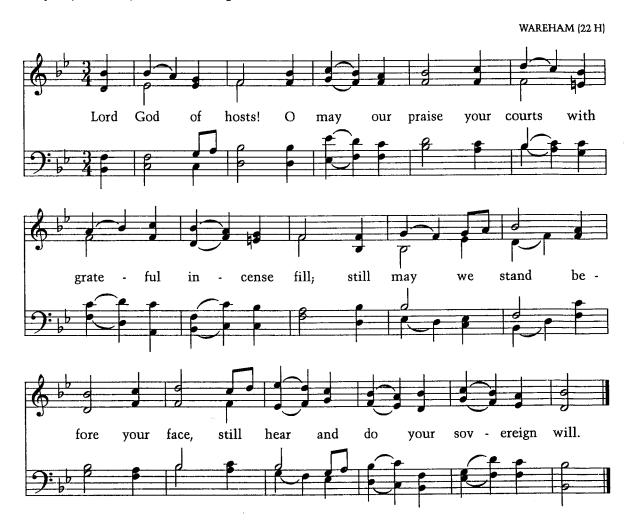
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GENERAL LITURGY 5 Grace

(Standing)

We worship you, Lord God, the high and lofty one, who inhabits eternity, whose name is holy. You dwell in the high and holy place, and also with those who are contrite and humble in spirit.

Give us grace to bring you the sacrifice of a broken and contrite heart, which you, O God, will not despise.



The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

God spoke these words, saying:

You shall have no other gods besides me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

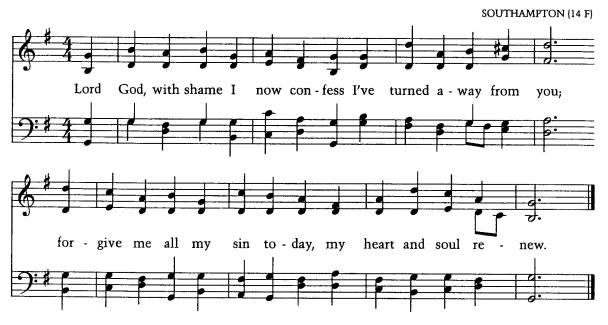
You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. If you love me, you will keep my commandments.



(Kneeling or sitting)

Lord God, merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity, and transgression, and sin, yet by no means clearing the unrepentant: incline your ear and hear, for we do not present our supplications before you on the ground of our righteousness, but on the ground of your great mercies.

SILENT CONFESSION

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Do not cast us away from your presence and do not take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and sustain in us a willing spirit. Have mercy upon us according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.

Thus says the Lord: I will forgive your iniquity and remember your sin no more. Peace be with you.

(Standing)



In the peace of God, let us join in professing our faith:

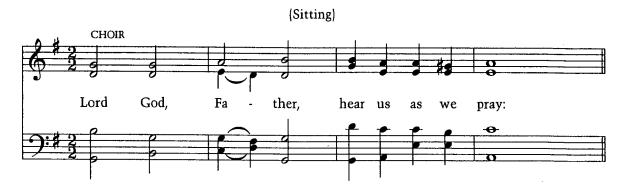
With the whole of Christendom, we share faith in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We believe and confess that God has revealed himself once for all in Jesus Christ; that our Lord has redeemed us with the whole of humanity by his death and resurrection; and that there is no salvation apart from him.

We believe that Christ is present with us in the word and the sacrament; that he directs us through the Spirit and thus forms us into a church. We hear him summoning us to follow him, and ask him to use us in his service. Christ joins us together mutually, so that knowing ourselves to be members of his body, we become willing to serve each other.

In this spirit we await the appearing of Jesus Christ, go forward to meet our Lord with joy, and pray to be found ready when he comes. Amen.



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

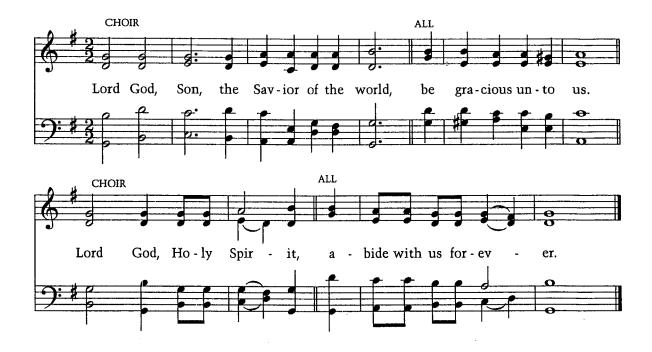


Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses _____ OR ____
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.



(Prayers of thanksgiving and intercessions for church, nation, and world, the afflicted, and the coming of God's kingdom may be offered. These prayers may close with the following:)

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time to make our common intercession to you, and you have promised through your beloved Son that where two or three are gathered together in his name you will be in the midst of them. Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

Amen.

(The prayers may close with the following stanza:)



John 20:19-31 NRSVUE

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Jesus and Thomas

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

The Purpose of This Book

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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O Sons and Daughters



TEXT: Jean Tisserand (d. 1494). Tr. John Mason Neale [1851], alt.
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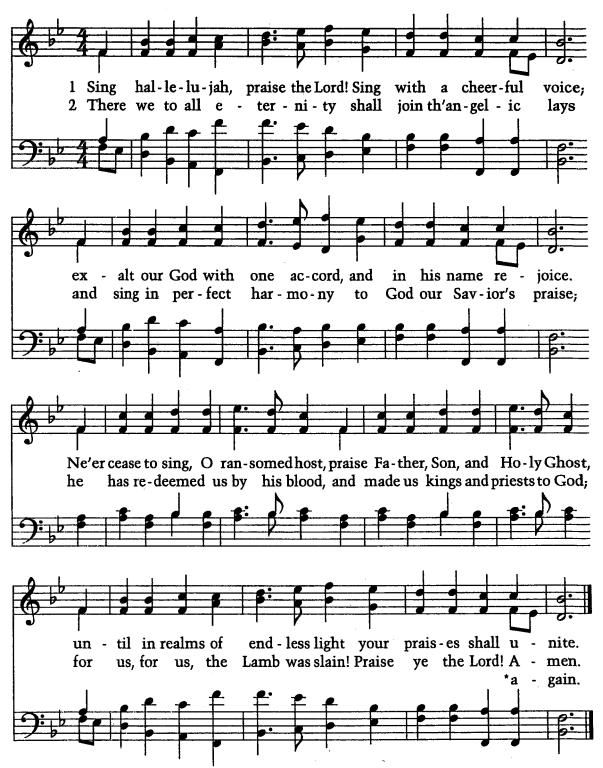
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- 5 On this most holy day of days, be laud and jubilee and praise: to God your hearts and voices raise. Alleluia!
- 6 When Thomas first the tidings heard that some had seen the risen Lord, he doubted the disciples' word.
 Alleluia!
- 7 "My piérced side, O Thomas, see, and look upon my hands, my feet; not faithless but believing be." Alleluia!
- 8 No longer Thomas then denied; he saw the feet, the hands, the side. "You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia!
- 9 How blessed are they who have not seen and yet whose faith has constant been, for they eternal life shall win! Alleluia!

Stanzas 1-5 for Easter Sunday; stanzas 1, 6-9 for Second Sunday of Easter.

543 Sing Hallelujah, Praise the Lord



3 But not for us alone this news was brought by Christ our Lord.
"Twas meant for all the world to hear and thus with one accord

with all God's children everywhere his name and sign with pride we bear. To us, to us, this task is giv'n: to spread God's word. Amen.

TEXT: St. 1,2 John Swertner (1789), st. 3 Edwin W. Kortz (1986) TUNE: John Christian Bechler (1784-1857)

^{*} St. 1: Tempo constant throughout. St. 2: next to last phrase broadened to a hold on the word "slain" and continuing to a climax on "Amen." When using st. 3 for mission emphasis, do not slow down during st. 2, and sing "again" as last word of st. 2.

Announcements

Edgeboro's 2025 Watchword: "The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made." (Psalm 145:9)

This week's flowers are given by John & Rosie Bauman in loving memory of both their parents.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, April 27

9:15am Adult Sunday School

9:30am Youth Sunday School

10:30am Worship

Monday, April 28

6:00pm Girl Scouts

7:00pm Joint Board

Wednesday, April 29

6:30pm Girl Scouts

Sunday, May 4

9:15am Adult Sunday School

9:30am Youth Sunday School 9:30am Benevolence Breakfast

10:30am Worship (Fellowship Hall)

Elder: Season Pagano

Sacristans: Mike & Terri Long

Ushers: Mike & Terri Long

Nursery: Val Hoff

Lawn 4.27-5.3: Blake Messman

Thank you to Rt. Rev. Chris Giesler for leading us in worship this morning.

Benevolence Breakfast The next congregational breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, May 4, 2025 with worship following in the Fellowship Hall!

Seniors and Friends will be held May 1st, 11:30am West Side Moravian Church 402 3rd Ave BRING a Friend & a Sandwich Beverage and Dessert will be Provided! Presentation by Sharon Jones Zondat, the Northampton Community College Resident Beekeeper.

The Unitas Chorale 27th Season concert, With One Accord, will be on Sunday, May 4, 2025, 4:00 pm; Advent Moravian Church, 3730 Jacksonville Rd, Bethlehem. Gwyneth Michel, Director.

2026 Synod A call letter 2026 Northern Province 45th Synod, June 25-26 in Minneapolis MN can be read at: tinyurl.com/tkcpwmgk.

Anyone that is interested in going to Synod as a delegate for Edgeboro, please reach out to an elder to put your name on the nomination list.

Parsonage Work Crew Needed We are looking for people with skills and a willingness to help us spruce up the parsonage! Now is the time to tackle the multiple tasks to prepare the parsonage for its next inhabitants. Some jobs require relatively few skills, such as painting. Other tasks require more specialized skills. The hardwood floors need repairs and refinishing. The bathroom tub and shower should be replaced. These are just a few of the things that need to be done. If you are ready, willing, and able, please contact Carole Schachter at cdtschachter@gmail.com or call/text at 610-657-7079. Many hands make light work!

Summer Programs at Camp Hope Registrations are now being accepted for Camp Hope. Visit camphope.org/camp to learn more and sign up. 2025 Camp Hope Summer Camp Schedule:

June 29-July 5: Musical Theater - for those who just completed 5th-9th grade

July 6-12: Primary -for those who just completed 3rd or 4th grade

July 13-19: Middler - for those who just completed 5th or 6th grade

July 20-26: Junior High - for those who just completed 7th or 8th grade

July 27- August 2: Senior High - for those who just completed9-12th grade

August 3-9: Swim -for those who just completed 3rd-6th grade

Read the Camp Hope Newsletter at: tinyurl.com/bdhpt35r

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 you keep your prayers organized. Do what works for you to remain connected in prayer. Here are those we are praying for now:

Healing

Sharon Bond Scott Sine Kyle Borowski Joan Swingle

Billy Christman (Sherri Hoff) Ted Terry (Jon & Lynn Terry)

Rita Gambler Deb Weikert Kay Gariepy Megan Weikert

Tim Gilman (Robyn Balsai) Nancy Zulli (Pat Zulli)
Jim Grebs (Rick Grebs) Allison (Kathie Klein)

Rick Grebs Amanda (Steve & Donna Henning)

Peg Heimbrook Danielle (Sally Abruzzese)

Dorene Helton (Smith Family friend)

David Nagle Maria Adela (Carole Schachter)

Kiera Pheiffer (Tom Pheiffer) Paul (Sally Abruzzese)
Pete Raskovic (Anne Hosterman) Rosie (Nancy Remaly)

Rev. Dick Seigfried (Helene Boyle)

Homebound

Ann Amidon (Jessie Bucchin) Joyce LeWando

Comfort

Baer Family Family of Stephanie Smith

Guidance

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

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.

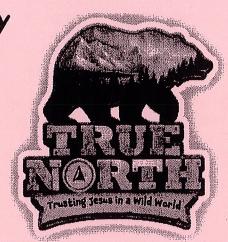
SAVE THE DATES! June 23-27th

VBS ... Children's Summer Day Program at East Hills Moravian Church (1830 Butztown Rd. next to Governor Wolf Elementary School)

"True North ...Finding our Way in a World Gone Wild!"

9 a.m. until Noon Ages 3 to Grade 5 (completed)

A fun, faith-based program for kids with music, science, story, art and games.



*Morning sessions are free of charge.

NEW this Year ... ALL DAY OPTION!

Afternoon program TDB.
Bring a bagged lunch!

In the coming weeks, we will have more information. Contact office@easthillsmc.org for more information.

This is a partnership with Advent, Central and East Hills Moravian Churches and sponsored, in part, by Bethlehem Area Moravians.