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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

March 22, 2026 || Fifth Sunday of Lent

#### Welcome & Announcements

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

#### Watchword for the Week

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope. (*Psalm 130:5*)

#### Prelude & Reflection

#### Call To Worship

**\*Reconciliation Liturgy**

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**Joys, Concerns, Thanksgivings and Prayers**

**Children's Chat**

**Offering**

**Offertory**

Choir

Anthem

**\*Doxology & \*Prayer of Dedication**

#817 MBW

**Scripture Reading – Psalm 130**

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John 11:1-45 (pg. 104; Lg. 148)

**Hymn**

*Lord, Who Throughout these Forty Days*

#341 MBW

**Sermon**

**\*Hymn**

*Breathe on Me Breath of God*

#494 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.

<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Jodie Harney
<b>Organist &amp; Choir Director</b>	Gayle Justice
<b>Elder of the Day</b>	Tim Jones
<b>Sacristans</b>	Bob & Elley Silfies
<b>Ushers</b>	Carol Saeger & Nancy Bartleman
<b>Nursery</b>	Lynn Terry
<b>Minsters</b>	YOU!

**Notes:**

March's **Joyful Noise Offering** will support Moravian Unity Offering. Please place your offerings in the joyful noise can or give online (QR code) to the right. 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.

# Unbind Him and Let Him Go

“Unbind him and let him go.” These are the words that welcomed Lazarus back from the tomb to his family and to the community. The saga begins with the news that Lazarus, the brother of Mary and Martha, has become very ill, and word is sent to Jesus to come and heal him. The disciples, concerned that there are those who want to harm Jesus, ask him not to go. Jesus assures them that his friend has fallen asleep, and he will go and wake him.

Mary and Martha are very upset with Jesus, because they trusted that Jesus could come and heal Lazarus, and now he has died. Martha accuses, “If you had been here, our brother would not have died!” Her question is a reasonable one. The crowd has seen Jesus heal a blind man (last week’s text). If he could heal that man, why couldn’t he come and heal his friend?

The returning to life is an opportunity for people to see who Jesus is and to understand that he has been given power to restore life. Lazarus has been dead for four days, and Martha is concerned that the odor will not be pleasant. His body is in a cave, and a large stone is pushed against the opening. They take away the stone as Jesus reminds them that if they believe, they will see the glory of God. When the stone has been rolled away, Jesus says, “Lazarus, come out.” And Jesus orders those who are with him to unbind Lazarus and let him go.

In just a few days, our journey through Lent will end with the rolling away of another stone and the words, “He is risen! He is risen indeed!”

*Kay Ward, bishop, retired pastor, Watertown, Wisconsin*

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## The Moravian Church

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2026



# GENERAL LITURGY 2

## Reconciliation

(Standing)

LANCASHIRE (151 M)

With joy - ful - ness and long - ing we look to you, O Lord;  
The years have all been crowd - ed with to - kens of your love;

re - ceive us in your mer - cy, and cheer us with your word.  
and man - y who have sought you now wor - ship you a - bove.

Crown us with love en - dur - ing and prom - is - es of grace,  
But we, O Lord, still need you, our pil - grim feet to stay,

and let your ho - ly bless - ing re - main with - in this place.  
for e - vil of - ten tri - umphs as faith to fear gives way.

Almighty God, enthroned above all, you alone are God over the nations of the earth. Even the planets, the stars, and the galaxies are placed by your hand.

**Where could we go from your Spirit? Where could we flee from your presence? If we go up to the heavens, you are there; if we go down into the caves of the earth or the depths of the sea, you are there.**

God of all creation, we sing praises to your name; we stand jubilant before your glory, power, and beauty.

**God of certainty, God of truth, our confidence is in you and in you alone.**

Yet we live in a fallen world and we are an imperfect people.

**Our world is filled with pain and alienation.**

We know of illness when body or mind is failing, and the loneliness of spirit it brings.

**We know of separation from parent or child, from friend or neighbor, and the emptiness of life it brings.**

We know of strangeness in new communities and in changing communities, and the longing it brings.

**We know of alienation caused by unemployment or poverty or discrimination, and the pain it brings.**

We have become strangers to our relatives, and foreigners to our own families.

**How can we sing the Lord's song in a strange land? Let our cry for help come to you.**

I am a God nearby, says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? I am the Lord your God. I have called you out from the peoples and you shall be holy to me.

**We declare your praise, the One who called us out of darkness into your wonderful light. We are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to you.**

GENERAL 2: RECONCILIATION

MIT FREUDEN ZART

Sing praise to God, who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -  
 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but through all grief dis -

a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the  
 tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay, our

God of our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my soul he fills, and  
 peace, and joy, and bless - ing, as with a moth - er's ten - der hand, he

ev - 'ry faith - less mur - mur stills. To God all praise and glo - ry!  
 leads his own, his cho - sen band. To God all praise and glo - ry!

(Kneeling or sitting)

**Gracious God, we humbly confess that we walk in the way of the indifferent, who depend on their strength alone. We sit among the scornful, who deny the need for your guidance and power. Our hearts are not satisfied with riches vulnerable to moth and rust and thief, yet we zealously store up those very treasures. Set our minds on things unseen and eternal, that our emptiness within may be filled.**

**We humbly confess that we fail to welcome the stranger among us. We pass by the neighbor who is hungry and thirsty, naked, sick, and in prison. We sing of your healing power and your unconditional love, but we fail to make our sanctuaries true havens for the suffering and the exiled. Give us the will to be ambassadors for our Savior and faithful stewards of the ministry of reconciliation entrusted to us.**

Lord, have mercy on us.

**Amen.**

Without Christ we were strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus we who were once far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. He is our peace.

**We are no longer strangers and aliens, but citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, with Christ himself as the cornerstone.**

Therefore, let us affirm our faith in the Triune God.

(Standing)

**We believe in the one God who has created the land and sea and heavens and all that is in them; who established a world that was good; who gives to us the task of watchful and responsible care over it; who is certainty and truth.**

**We believe in the one God who in Jesus Christ assumed our humanity and knew our life as child, youth, and adult; who dined with sinners and lived with the homeless; who confronted popular opinion and power; who remained obedient in temptation and suffering; whose triumph was a servant's death and resurrection.**

**We believe in the one God who comes to us as comforter and advocate; who does not leave us as orphans; who brings peace and calms the troubled heart; who bestows gifts for serving, healing, showing compassion, and doing miracles; who alone is the power and the wisdom of our proclamation.**

Let us in faith keep our eyes fixed on the promises of God, though we see them and greet them from a distance.

**We confess that we are strangers and foreigners on the earth, a people who are seeking our true home.**

We desire a better place, that is, a heavenly one. Indeed, God has prepared a city for us.

**Let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.**

EASTHAM

O then what rap-tured greet - ings on Ca - naan's hap - py shore;  
Bring near your great sal - va - tion, O Lamb for sin - ners slain;

what knit - ting sev - ered friend - ships up, where part - ings are no more!  
fill up the roll of your e - lect, then take your power, and reign!

Then eyes with joy shall spar - kle that brimmed with tears of late, no  
Ap - pear, De - sire of na - tions, your ex - iles long for home; show

or - phans left with - out a home, nor mourn - ers des - o - late.  
in the heav'n your prom - ised sign; great Prince and Sav - ior, come. A - men.

## **Psalm 130**

### **Waiting for Divine Redemption**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.  
Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my supplications!

**If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?  
But there is forgiveness with you,  
so that you may be revered.**

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,  
and in his word I hope;  
my soul waits for the Lord  
more than those who watch for the morning,  
more than those who watch for the morning.

**O Israel, hope in the LORD!  
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,  
and with him is great power to redeem.  
It is he who will redeem Israel  
from all its iniquities.**

# John 11:1-45 NRSVUE

## The Death of Lazarus

**11** Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup>Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup>So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." <sup>4</sup>But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." <sup>5</sup>Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup>after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

<sup>7</sup>Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." <sup>8</sup>The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" <sup>9</sup>Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. <sup>10</sup>But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." <sup>11</sup>After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." <sup>12</sup>The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." <sup>13</sup>Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. <sup>14</sup>Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup>For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." <sup>16</sup>Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

## Jesus the Resurrection and the Life

<sup>17</sup>When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup>Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup>When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup>Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will

live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup> She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

### **Jesus Weeps**

<sup>28</sup> When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." <sup>29</sup> And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup> The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup> When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup> He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup> Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

### **Jesus Raises Lazarus to Life**

<sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup> When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

### **The Plot to Kill Jesus**

<sup>45</sup> Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

# Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days 341



1 Lord, who through-out these for-ty days for us did fast and pray,  
 2 As you with Sa-tan did con-tend, and did the vic-t'ry win,  
 3 As you did hun-ger and did thirst, so teach us, gra-cious Lord,  
 4 And through these days of pen-i-tence, and through your Pas-sion-tide,



teach us with you to mourn our sins, and close by you to stay.  
 O give us strength in you to fight, in you to con-quer sin.  
 to die to self, and so to live by your most ho-ly word.  
 for ev-er-more, in life and death, O Lord! with us a-bide.



5 Abide with us, that through this life  
 of doubts and hope and pain,  
 an Easter of unending joy  
 we may at last attain!

TEXT: Claudia F. Hernaman (1873), alt.  
 TUNE: Abridged from John Daye's *Psalter* (1562)

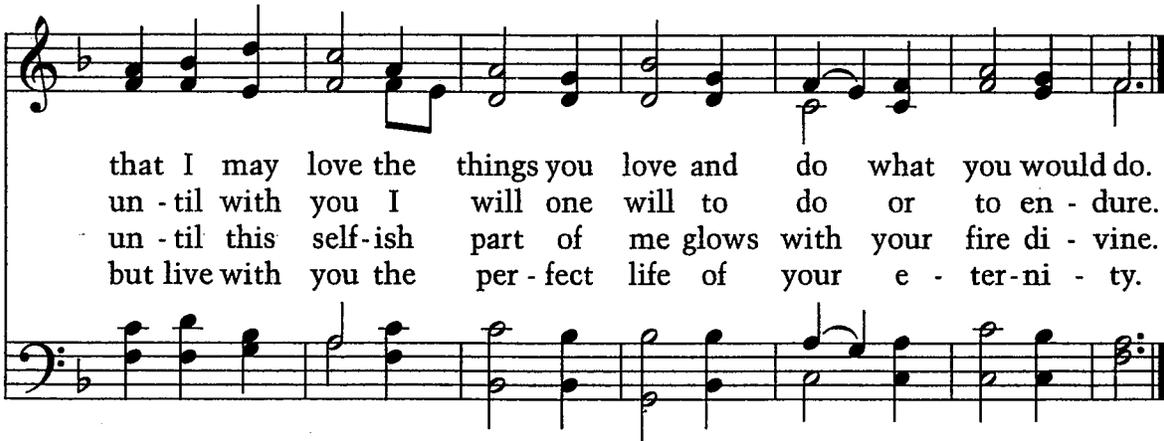
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# Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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1 Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life a - new,  
2 Breathe on me, breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,  
3 Breathe on me, breath of God, my will to yours in - cline,  
4 Breathe on me, breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,



that I may love the things you love and do what you would do.  
un - til with you I will one will to do or to en - dure.  
un - til this self-ish part of me glows with your fire di - vine.  
but live with you the per - fect life of your e - ter - ni - ty.

TEXT: Edwin Hatch (1886), alt.  
TUNE: Robert Jackson (1894)

S.M.  
TRENTHAM

# Announcements

**Edgeboro's 2026 Watchword:** For whoever would approach God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.  
(Hebrews 11:6)

**This week's flowers** are given by George & Linda Moller in loving memory of Michael Fahrenbach.

## Weekly Calendar

Sunday, March 22      9:15am Adult Sunday School  
                                 9:30am Youth Sunday School  
                                 10:30am Worship  
                                 11:30am New Member Information Class

Wednesday, March 25    6:00pm Lenten Dinner - *sponsored by Sacristans*  
                                 7:00pm Lenten Study

Saturday, March 28      9:30am Confirmation practice (2nd yr only)

Sunday, March 29      9:15am Adult Sunday School  
                                 9:30am Confirmation class  
                                 9:30am Youth Sunday School  
                                 10:30am Worship - *Palm Sunday, Confirmation*  
                                 *Elder: Val Hoff*  
                                 *Sacristans: Mike & Myra Jones*  
                                 *Ushers: Brent & Kyle Sergent*  
                                 *Nursery: Madison Hoff*  
                                 11:30am Confirmation Reception

**Lenten Collection for NECC** of socks and underwear for children.  
All sizes are needed.

**Easter Eggs** Empty plastic eggs are available in the narthex for you to take home and fill with candy. Please return them to the church in the collection room by **March 29th**. They will be used for the Easter egg hunt program in Sunday School. Please avoid candy with nuts. Contact Amanda Borowski with any questions you may have.

**Edgeboro Ensemble Rehearsal** — Have at least 1 year of lessons playing an instrument. Please come to play with the Edgeboro Ensemble at Easter service, April 5th. **The last rehearsal is today at 11:45-12:45 in the choir room.** All instrumentation is welcome!

**New Member Class** Pastor Jodie will be holding a class today at 11:30am (immediately after worship) for anyone who is interested in joining Edgeboro Moravian. In this class you will learn about our congregation and the ministries that we do.

**Edgeboro Sugar Cakes Fundraiser** Our beloved recipe being baked on Friday March 27th. Available for pick-up on Friday March 27th: 4-6 pm, Saturday 28th: 10am- 12pm or Sunday: after church only. Text Becky Miller at 610-442-8204 to order prior to Monday March 23rd \$12/cake due at or before pick-up. Limited supply! 62 of the 84 being made are sold already! Bring on the Yum!

**Lawn Maintenance** — If you are able to become part of the rotation of Edgeboro's lawn care, please call the church office, 610.866-8793 or contact Art Sergent. Many hands make light work.

**Camp Hope Young Adult Retreat 2026 March 27th-29th** For young adults aged 18-30. Join us for a weekend retreat at Camp Hope as we worship, connect, explore, together. Led by Moravian Pastor, Jennika Eckhaus, Director of Moravian Church Relations at the Moravian School of Theology, this retreat will be full of love, joy, and fellowship as we gather together in the beautiful New Jersey forest on Little Silver Lake. Program cost is \$145.00 for the weekend, but we do not want cost to be a barrier for participation. Scholarships are available, please contact Jennika for financial assistance via email at: eckhausj@moravian.edu Register at: [tinyurl.com/yc2ecduv](https://tinyurl.com/yc2ecduv)

## 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:

Sharon Bond	Peggy Leith
Kyle Borowski	Pat Mills (Sharon Hollowell)
Helene Boyle	David Nagle
Billy Christman (Sherri Hoff)	Irene Nora (Sally Abruzzese)
Kay Gariepy	Kiera Pheiffer (Tom Pheiffer)
Anna Gehret	Pete Raskovic (Anne Hosterman)
Tim Gilman (Robyn Balsai)	Ed Reed (Nancy Remaly)
Jim Grebs (Rick Grebs)	Rev. Dick Seigfried (Helene Boyle)
Steve Henning	Brent Sergent, II
Nelson Hoff	Pat Strohl
Eric Hollowell	Ted Terry (Jon & Lynn Terry)
Sharon Hollowell	Megan Weikert
Peg Heimbrook	Allison (Kathie Klein)
Leah Hosterman	JoAnn (Carol Saeger)
Hriniak family (Myra Jones)	Maria Adela (Carole Schachter)
Larue Jones	Mike (Sergent family friend)
Lenny Kuhns (Marcia Horning)	Nora (Sally Abruzzese)
Shannon Kuhns (Marcia Horning)	Rosie (Nancy Remaly)
	Tracy (Carol Saeger)

### **Homebound**

Ann Amidon (Jessie Bucchin)  
Joyce LeWando

### **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.



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## **Updates on Partners in Ukraine**

Since the 2022 invasion of Ukraine, the BWM has partnered with a Ukrainian Christian school that resettled in the Czech Republic at the invitation of a Moravian congregation. Now that the school is back in Kyiv, the BWM annually sponsors several teachers' salaries. We are in regular contact with those teachers, who offer the following brief updates and prayer requests.

**A Growing School in a Time of War:** The school currently serves 130 students from kindergarten through high school and will celebrate its first graduating class this year. Even amid war, the school continues to add programs, retreats, and opportunities for students to learn and lead. After nine years in their current space, the school hopes to expand to 220 students and is exploring the purchase of a larger property to continue growing in ministry.

**Daily Life in Crisis:** War shapes every part of life. Scheduled blackouts leave classrooms without heat or electricity, with temperatures dropping to 50°F. Air raids can last hours, forcing classes into bomb shelters. Many families are directly affected, with loved ones serving on the front lines. Despite this, teachers continue their work with remarkable resilience and faith.

**A Place of Faith and Belonging:** Students describe the school as a second home. They pray together during air raids, create cards for soldiers, and grow in faith even in uncertainty. Teachers mentor students as they discern how they might serve Ukraine's future.

### **Prayer Requests:**

- For a just end to the war and comfort for those suffering
- For hope in Christ to grow across Ukraine
- For wisdom and guidance for the first graduating class
- For unity and perseverance among teachers and staff
- For God's provision as the school explores expansion