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August 30, 2026 || 14th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Jesus said, “ If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. (Matthew 16:24)

Call To Worship

***Hymn** *Stand Up, and Bless the Lord* #531 MBW

Special Music Ella Beller

Offering

***Doxology & *Prayer of Dedication** #817 MBW

Insert

Romans 12:9-21 (pg. 162; Lg. 231)

Matthew 16:21-28 (pg. 18; Lg. 25)

O Jesus I Have Promised

#603 MBW

Sermon

***Liturgy of Servanthood**

Final Hymn - Sing Hallelujah, Praise the Lord

p. 1 STTL
#543 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. Jodie Harney
Guest Pianist	Jane Martin
Elder of the Day	Tim Jones
Sacristans	John & Rosie Bauman
Ushers	Art Sergeant
Ministers	YOU!

We would like to thank Ella Beller for sharing her gifts and providing special music for us today.

August's **Joyful Noise Offering** will support Valley Youth House.
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.



A Blessed Life

Who admits to putting God in a box, at least occasionally? Like Peter we come to understand that Jesus is the Messiah, but we have different ideas of what the anointed one is supposed to do. For Israelites in Jesus' day, he was the warrior king who would take down their oppressors and set them free. Killed by your own religious institution seemed impossible for the Messiah.

How often do we build a belief around a verse or two, ignoring everything else? We tell others they're wrong, and they just have to understand it the way we do. Peter (and the others) may have been doing this to Jesus too. They've seen him heal, love, and care for others—Israelite or not. His harshest words have been for the religious elites, and yet their God box hasn't been broken and redefined by Jesus' life.

I wonder if the disciples are looking for glory, like many of us. A blessed life seems to be a life of comfort and few problems. Jesus challenges that view. Deny your all (needs, self, ambitions?), give your all for others (even if it means death?), and follow (live like I have lived, love like I have loved, be willing to die for anyone?).

We often get too comfortable with our beliefs and our lives as they are. We forget that Jesus' life was radical and dangerous. What would life be like if we gave up our comforts (as God did) to live and love with those who most need to know there is a God who created and loves them, who wants to walk with them?

Are we willing to dismantle any boxes we have created, to love and live life as Jesus did, no matter the cost?

*Trina Holmberg, missionary for God,
working with the Moravians in Nepal*

The Moravian Church

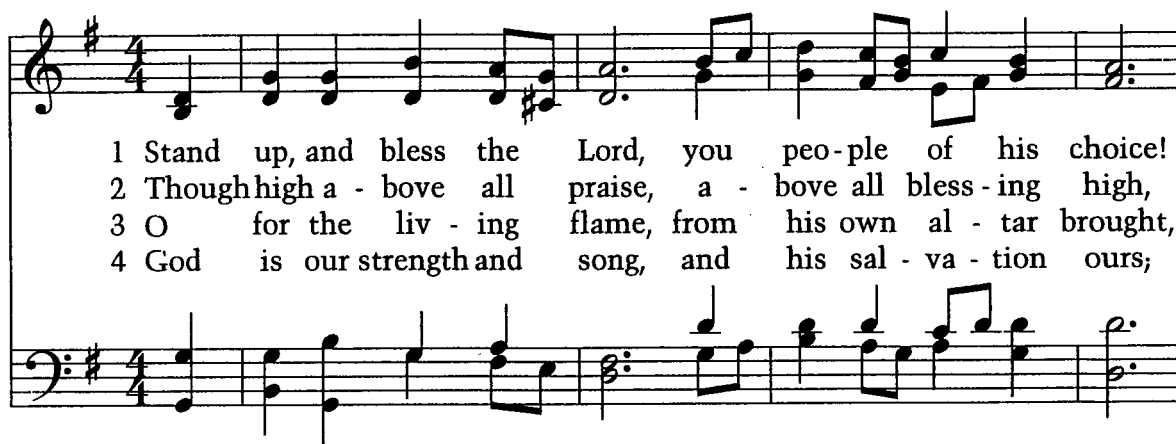
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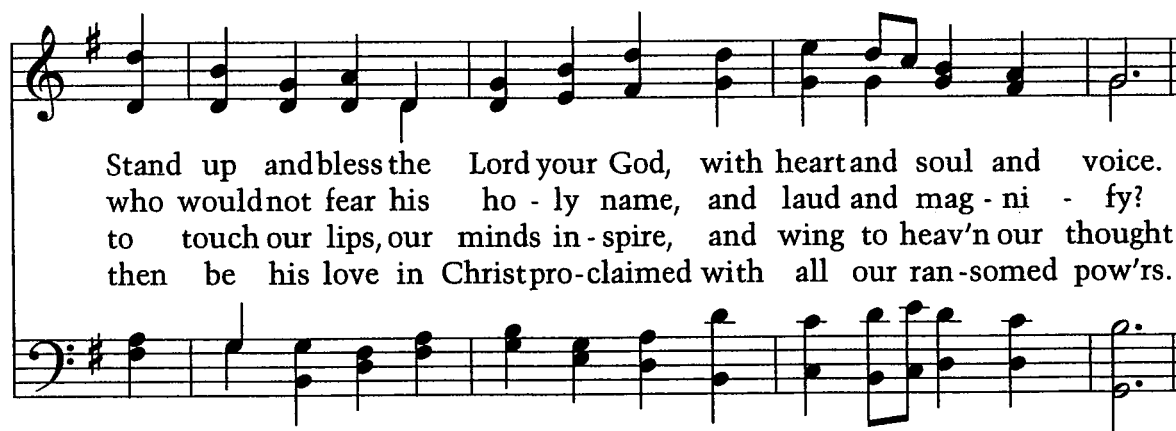


Stand Up, and Bless the Lord

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1 Stand up, and bless the Lord, you peo-ple of his choice!
 2 Though high a - bove all praise, a - bove all bless - ing high,
 3 O for the liv - ing flame, from his own al - tar brought,
 4 God is our strength and song, and his sal - va - tion ours;



Stand up and bless the Lord your God, with heart and soul and voice.
 who would not fear his ho - ly name, and laud and mag - ni - fy?
 to touch our lips, our minds in - spire, and wing to heav'n our thought!
 then be his love in Christ pro-claimed with all our ran-somed pow'rs.

5 Stand up, and bless the Lord!
 The Lord, your God, adore!
 Stand up, and bless his glorious name,
 henceforth, for evermore.

Psalm 26

Plea for Justice and Declaration of Righteousness

- ¹ Vindicate me, O LORD,
for I have walked in my integrity,
and I have trusted in the LORD
without wavering.
- ² Prove me, O LORD, and try me;
test my heart and mind.
- ³ For your steadfast love is before my eyes,
and I walk in faithfulness to you.
- ⁴ I do not sit with the worthless,
nor do I consort with hypocrites;
- ⁵ I hate the company of evildoers,
and will not sit with the wicked.
- ⁶ I wash my hands in innocence,
and go around your altar, O LORD,
- ⁷ singing aloud a song of thanksgiving,
and telling all your wondrous deeds.
- ⁸ O LORD, I love the house in which you dwell,
and the place where your glory abides.

Romans 12:9-21 NSRVUE

Marks of the True Christian

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Matthew 16:21-28 NRSVUE

Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

²¹ From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

The Cross and Self-Denial

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷ “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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O Jesus, I Have Promised



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
 2 O let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near:
 3 O let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



be now and ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vants shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, draw still near - er and shield my soul from sin!
 and speak to make me lis - ten, O guard - ian of my soul.
 O give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

LITURGY OF SERVANTHOOD

Lord, our God, your wisdom and power are beyond our comprehension. Yet our hearts know you intimately.

Our love for you and our awe of you join together in our praise to your holy name.

You are the one we turn to when we hear your invitation to be your disciple; when we feel the call to servanthood.

You, O Lord, provide strength and wisdom for each day and hope for the journey.

It is by faith in you that we respond to your call to serve.

We believe that you are our source of love and provide the resources for loving.

We believe that you redeem not only our lives but also our actions so that our small human offerings have divine results.

We believe that your Spirit empowers us to be all that you created us to be for your purpose.

CASSEL (167 A), hymn 84

Holy God of all creation, give us vision, love and nerve
to respond to our first calling on this earth to care and serve.
Show the world by our example how to live each waking hour,
as we strive to humbly follow, sharing your creative power.

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Yet the call to serve can, at times, be overwhelming. The need before us is more than one person can handle alone.

We thank you, Lord, for calling us to work as one body. Your Body is made manifest in us as we work together to serve your children.

Lord, many people in our community show your love through their actions.

They shelter the homeless. They feed the hungry. They accompany the elderly. They champion the battle with mental illness. They help others become better parents. They donate their blood, their sweat, and their personal belongings.

Lord, many people in our church generously offer their lives to your service.

They teach your word. They visit the sick and home-bound. They provide fellowship for our church family. They serve as leaders and decision makers. They make worship a meaningful experience. They support our ministry in prayer.

Let us identify the organizations in our church and community that make up the tangible Body of Christ.

(Speak aloud the names of church and community groups that provide loving service.)

First system of musical notation. Treble and bass staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. Chords: G, D/F#, Em, Bm/D.

Second system of musical notation. Treble and bass staves. Chords: D, Am7, D7, G, C/G, G.

Third system of musical notation. Treble and bass staves. Chords: G, D/F#, Em, Bm/D, C, G/B, Dsus. Lyrics: Take my life—and let it be yours, make me a ser - vant, Lord...

Fourth system of musical notation. Treble and bass staves. Chords: D, G, D/F#, Em, Bm/D, C, Am, [C]. Lyrics: — Let all I do— be pleas-ing to you; make me a ser - va

Lord, _____ Seek out my heart and o - pen the door; make me a
 ser - vant, Lord; _____ give me the strength to be hum - ble and
 true; make me a ser - vant, Lord; _____ make me a
 ser - vant, Lord; _____ make me a ser - vant, Lord. _____

Chords: G, Bm/, Em/, Am/, Dsus D, G/B, Am, Dsus, D, G, D/F#, Em, Bm/D, C, Am7, D, Em, Em/D, C, Am, D, G

Lord, we thank you for these people whom you have joined together for your purpose.

We thank you for people who live what they believe and believe what they live. We thank you for the Spirit of Christ which dwells in such people in our church and community.

By your grace, Lord, we stand among those who will hear you say, "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me."

And we will say, "Lord, when did we see you hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked or in prison?"

And you will assure us, Lord, with your words, "Just as you have done it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

CHALLENGE, Hymn

Into the world Christ Jesus sends us,
to love like he loved wherever we go:
just down the street, into the cities,
crossing the borders of culture as though
nothing, but nothing, could keep us away -
this is the challenge of our mission.

Into the world Christ Jesus sends us
to make disciples wherever we go:
teaching his truth, seeking commitment,
welcoming strangers and watching them grow.
Warming cold hearts with the flames of God's love -
this is the challenge of our mission.

543 Sing Hallelujah, Praise the Lord



1 Sing hal-le-lu-jah, praise the Lord! Sing with a cheer-ful voice;
2 There we to all e - ter - ni - ty shall join th'an-gel - ic lays



ex - alt our God with one ac-cord, and in his name re - joice.
and sing in per-fect har-mo-ny to God our Sav-ior's praise;



Ne'er cease to sing, O ran-somed host, praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost,
he has re-deemed us by his blood, and made us kings and priests to God;



un - til in realms of end - less light your prais-es shall u - nite.
for us, for us, the Lamb was slain! Praise ye the Lord! A - men.
*a - gain.

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.

* 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.

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

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BECHLER (159 D)

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 John & Rosie Bauman in honor of their 53rd wedding anniversary.

Flowers last week were given by Anita Fazakas in loving memory of her husband David L. Fazakas

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, August 30 9:15am Adult Sunday School
 10:30am Worship
Thursday, September 3 7:00pm Elders Meeting
Sunday, September 6 9:15am Adult Sunday School
 10:30am Worship- *Birthday Sunday*
 Elder: Spencer Smith
 Sacristans: Ron & Carol Freyman
 Usher: Rodney Sargent
 Lawn (8.31-9.06): Patrick O'Brien

Scam Alert Presentation Everyone is invited to stay after worship on **September 27th** for a potluck luncheon followed by a presentation **Be Scam Smart: Practical ways to avoid fraud** No one wants to admit that they've been scammed, but it is happening far more frequently than we think. Whether it's through phone calls, text messages, emails or the mail, everyone, of any age, can be the victim. Come learn about what the most common scams are and how to protect yourself and your assets.

Sunday School Amazon Wishlist The Sunday school teachers need quite a few items for their classrooms, which they have been covering the expense of themselves. They have provided an Amazon wish list in the event members are inclined to purchase some of the items for them. We thank you in advance. Visit tinyurl.com/5okmrp2m to view the list.

As you enjoy your summer, remember that the church's ministries & expenses continue throughout the summer. Please consider mailing or submitting online your tithes and offerings each week, or come to worship!!! Please remember if you have graciously sponsored flowers for Sunday to send a check into the church office with the word flowers in the memo line.

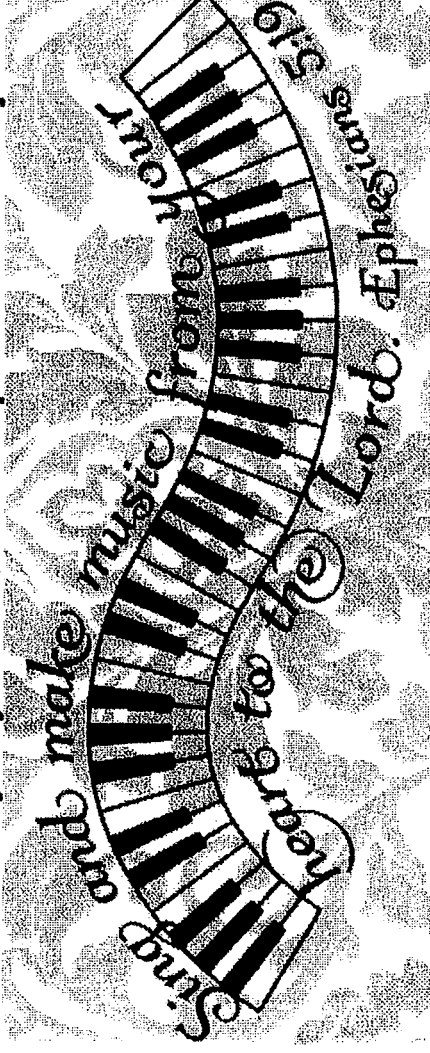
Vacancy for Lay Representative of the Lehigh Valley North region on the Eastern District Executive Board of the Moravian Church. The Lehigh Valley North region includes the congregations of Advent, East Hills, Edgeboro, First Moravian Church of Easton, Nazareth, Newfoundland, Palmer Township, and Schoenock. If you're interested in serving, please speak with Pastor Jodie. A description of the position can be found at: tinyurl.com/yzpn3734
Please note the following important deadlines:

- **Nomination Deadline:** Monday, August 31, 2026
- **Bio Form Deadline:** Monday, September 14, 2026
(completed forms must be received in the Eastern District office by this date)

Advent Moravian Church is in need of a few teenage volunteers to help at their Fall Festival, September 18th from 12:00-3:00pm with Art & Crafts and Yard Games. Three hours towards your high school Community Service Requirement will be awarded! More hours awarded if you come help set up and clean up! Free hot dogs and snow cones for volunteers too!
Feel free to email Wendy (wendywinslow156@yahoo.com), or call the Advent church office: 610.866-1402, if you have any questions.

EDGEBORO CHOIR

(This is for YOU.....yes you, no, not the person next to you.... YOU!)



Singing in choir is cheaper than therapy, healthier than drinking, and more fun than working out!

Would you consider carving out time to celebrate your gift?

Do you know how much your music touches our world?

May you know how much we NEED you!!!

Can you hold a tune? Or at least stand next to someone who can and pretend? We really need you.

Isn't it time for you to say YES?

Rehearsals begin Sept 15 and are the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month

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:

Sally Abruzzese	Kathy Loch (Sharon Hallowell)
Sharon Bond	Pat Mills (Sharon Hollowell)
Kyle Borowski	David Nagle
Helene Boyle	Irene Nora (Sally Abruzzese)
Lori Burns (Johanna Heft)	Kiera Pheiffer (Tom Pheiffer)
Billy Christman (Sherri Hoff)	Pete Raskovic (Anne Hosterman)
Namelia Duro	Ed Reed (Nancy Remaly)
Kay Gariepy	Rev. Dick Seigfried (Helene Boyle)
Anna Gehret	Brent Sergeant, II
Tammy Geiger Vitulano (Karen Gehret)	
Tim & Fatima Gilman (Robyn Balsai)	
Glenn Gemzlinger (Blake Messman)	
Jim Grebs (Rick Grebs)	J'neane Smith (Robyn Balsai)
Eric Hollowell	Pat Strohl
Sharon Hollowell	Megan Weikert
Peg Heimbrook	Allison (Kathie Klein)
Leah Hosterman	JoAnn (Carol Saeger)
Hriniak family (Myra Jones)	Louie & family (Pastor Jodie)
LaRue Jones	Nora (Sally Abruzzese)
Bill Lean (Jodie Harney)	Rosie (Nancy Remaly)
Logan Lipsky (Jenny Minnich)	Tracy (Carol Saeger)

Comfort

The Gutierrez Family
The Testa Family

Homebound

Ann Amidon (Jessie Bucchin)
Joyce LeWando

Guidance

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

Military Service

Allison Hoff
Kole Koch (Parker Hoff)

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.