

Ephraim Moravian Church

PO Box 73 - Ephraim, Wisconsin 54211

Phone: 920-854-2804

First Sunday in Lent - March 6, 2022

Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.

PASTOR:.....The Rev. Dawn E. Volpe
MINISTERS:.....Members of the Congregation
MUSIC DIRECTOR:.....Colin Welford
SECRETARY:.....Diane Kirkland

Serving the Community Since 1853

Ringin' of the Bell

Prelude: "An Wasserflüssen Babylon (By the Waters of Babylon)"
– Chorale Prelude in 5 Voices by J.S. Bach

Welcome & Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Today we begin our Lenten Journey.

We are following Jesus.

Sometimes we travel with joy in our heart,

and sometimes we are not so sure.

We wonder what will lie ahead for us.

Will it be hosannas, or will it be an angry crowd?

Will it be a prayerful garden or a stark cross?

A holy meal or an empty place at the table?

So, today we begin our Lenten Journey,

*and as we do, our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven
and earth;*

Grace, mercy and peace to you in the name of the Father, the Son, and
the Holy Spirit.

Hymn #773 "And Can it Be That I Should Gain" v. 1 - 3

Scripture Lessons: Psalm 91: 1 – 2, 9 – 16; Luke 4: 1 - 13

Solo: "On Eagle's Wings" – by Michael Joncas

Sermon

Prayers of the Church, The Lord's Prayer

Response: (Hymn #741) *Savior, now with contrite hearts we
approach your throne of love, asking pardon for our sins, peace and
comfort from above. You once suffered on the cross to atone for
sinners' guilt; may we never, Lord, forget that for us your blood was
spilled. Amen.*

**Solo: "Oh Liberty, Thou Choicest Treasure" – by Georg Frederic
Handel**

The Lord's Supper

Benediction

Postlude: "Toccata" by Georgi Mushel

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: No one who believes in Christ
will be put to shame. – Romans 10:11

MONDAY: Pastor's Sabbath

WEDNESDAY: 10:00 a.m. Elders Meeting

SUNDAY: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation

10:30 a.m. Worship

WELCOME to Ephraim Moravian Church. Our Nursery is open for
children under the age of 4. We practice an Open Communion, all who
wish are invited to partake.

EPHRAIM MORAVIAN CHURCH is the 'Church of the Open
Door.' We hope you find our church open to you in every way!

MOTTO OF THE MORAVIAN CHURCH: In Essentials, Unity,
In Non-Essentials, Liberty, In All Things, Love.

EPHRAIM MORAVIAN WATCHWORD 2022: The wisdom from
above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of
mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. –
James 3:17

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME back Cyndy Stiehl! We are so grateful that she is
sharing her musical gifts with us this morning.

(OVER)

Our Call to Worship is taken from:

<https://worship.calvin.edu/resources/resource-library/beginning-a-lenten-journey-psalm-1/>

REFLECTION

Putting things to the test to see how they work, especially new appliances and technology, is a good idea. If they don't work, you still have time to return or exchange them. But Jesus reminds us in today's gospel lesson that putting *God* to the test is not a good idea.

After forty days in the wilderness, having not eaten a thing the whole time, Jesus is famished. It's a perfect opportunity for the devil to show up and see how Jesus responds to the temptations he offers to abuse his power, deny God, and test God's word. Hungry as he is, and probably quite weary as well, Jesus is very clear: He will not appease his tempter. The devil leaves... but plans for another day.

Have you ever felt so physically or spiritually famished that you thought you might do anything to have your hunger satisfied? Putting together and enjoying a quick snack can surely fill an empty stomach. But remembering how God cares for us in so many ways, often without our conscious knowledge, takes time, consideration, and persistent study of who God has been and continues to be. This work carries an even deeper satisfaction.

"You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.' Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling-place, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent."

— Rev. Cory Kemp

You Belong" Ministry

We are pleased to welcome **Rev. Greg Behrend** to our church on Sunday, April 24. He will lead us in worship that day.

Greg has initiated a new ministry in the Western District, "You Belong", a ministry of inclusion, especially for families of 'Special Needs' children. We are supporting this effort by collecting the following items which Pastor Greg will use to put together family care packages. Please purchase new:

Baby Wipes
Diapers (size 1-3)
Pull-Ups (size 2T-5T)
Footie PJs (size newborn-5T)
Baby Bottles
Sippy Cups
Small Stuffed Animals



Please bring any of these items to church between now and April 24 so we can support his ministry!
There will be a collection basket in Fellowship Hall.