

# Ephraim Moravian Church

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Second Sunday of Easter - April 24, 2022

Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.

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

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Call to Worship: Ringing of the Bell

**Prelude: “The Easter Promise” - by Wallace**

Welcome & Announcements

**Hymn #520 “Sing to Our God a Song of Cheer” (v. 1, 2 & 5)**

Sermon (John 4: 3 – 42) -The Rev. Greg Behrend  
**Solo: “To the Table”**

**Congregational Response: Liturgy of Celebration, p. 43 – 45 (end after hymn)**

Prayers of the Church, The Lord’s Prayer

**Response (476)**

*His name is Wonderful, his name is Wonderful, his name is Wonderful,  
Jesus, my Lord; he is the mighty King, master of everything, his name  
is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord. He’s the great Shepherd, the Rock of all  
ages, almighty God is he; bow down before him, love and adore him,  
his name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord. Amen.*

**Postlude: “Postlude in C” - by Ashford**

Benediction

**WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK:** Jesus said, ‘Peace be with you.  
As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ – John 20:21

**MONDAY:** Pastor’s Sabbath  
**SUNDAY:** 9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Nursery  
10:30 a.m. Worship

**WELCOME** to Ephraim Moravian Church. Our Nursery is open for children under the age of 4.

**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**

**THANKS** to Rev. Greg Behrend for leading us in worship this Sunday while Pastor Dawn is on vacation. We have been collecting items for his “You Belong” ministry in our Fellowship Hall—thanks to all who contributed.

**THANKS** to Barbara Classen for lending her talents this morning.

**USHERING and COOKIES** – If you would be able to help usher here at the May 13 Florence Price concert (featuring the Griffon String Quartet and Colin Welford), let Kathleen Harris know—920/421-2941. She is also looking for a few people to bake cookies for the intermission.

### **If All Else Fails**

It was English class, the first week of freshman year at Luther College. The assignment? A 500-word theme. No problem! I could write. I was the editor of my high school paper, after all. So with great pride, I handed in my first paper. Expecting nothing but the best, one week later my masterpiece was returned with... a great big red letter “F”. Now I’d have to pack up, go home and confess to friend and family alike that I’d flunked out, that I was a failure. Like the Psalmist, I surely said “Oh Lord, give me relief from my distress!” But as I’d been thrown overboard, I was also thrown a lifeline. By correcting errors, I could raise my grade to an acceptable level.

After the Crucifixion, surely the Disciples must have felt complete failure. After following Jesus during their years together, they had to have wondered if this was the end of it all, not to mention their personal failures. To them, the future must have seemed very bleak indeed. Having the sense of, likewise, being thrown overboard, they too were provided a lifeline. Not only did Jesus appear to them, He was with them. They could see Him, touch Him, eat with Him.

In like manner, we have been thrown an eternal lifeline. This is nothing ethereal. Jesus comes to us in bread and wine, flesh and blood. He is as real to us as when the Disciples encountered the living Lord. This is a lifeline that will never fail.

-Pastor Dan G. Olson