

Ephraim Moravian Church

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Seventh Sunday After Pentecost - July 24, 2022

Morning Worship, 8:00 & 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

Ringling of the Bell

**** “The Lord’s Prayer” – by Albert Hay Malotte**

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn #553 “To Your Temple, Lord, I Come”

Responsive Reading: Psalm 138

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing
your praise;

*I bow down towards your holy temple and give thanks to your name
for your steadfast love and your faithfulness.*

For you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

*On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of
soul.*

The Lord will fulfil his purpose for me;

*Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the
work of your hands.*

Scripture Lessons: Genesis 18: 9 - 15; Luke 11: 1 - 13

Hymn #775 “For God So Loved Us”

Sermon

Prayers of the Church, The Lord’s Prayer

Congregational Sung Response (Hymn #96):

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me (2x)

Melt me, mold me; fill me, use me,

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Amen.

Benediction

**** “Nun Danket Alle Gott (Now Thank We All Our God)” –
Chorale Prelude by Sigfrid Karg-Elert**

****10:30 Service**

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: Lord, teach us to pray.

– Luke 11:1

MONDAY:

SUNDAY:

8 & 10:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

3:30 p.m.

Pastor’s Sabbath

Worship Services

Craft Time for Children

Anne Glabe Memorial Service

WELCOME to Ephraim Moravian Church. Our Nursery is open for
children under the age of 4. Weather permitting, coffee and snacks for
a time of fellowship on our church lawn (under the maple tree).

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

DAILY TEXTS – Note the insert inviting you to purchase your 2023
Daily Text at a discounted price – need to order by August 10!

Reflection by Pastor Dan Olson

“Dear Jesus, thank you for your presence today as we gather. We pray you’ll also join the Ladies Aid on Thursday afternoon at 2 o’clock when everyone will bring a dish to pass. Also, we pray for a speedy recovery for Aunt Hattie after her facelift surgery...”

Why do we pray and for what purpose? Is it to make announcements or to instruct God on the expected results? I’ve had reservations about using the phrase, “The power of prayer.” The power for what? As a battering ram? No, prayer is a conduit that transmits our prayer to the heart of God.

Please understand, I am by no means mocking prayer. To the contrary. Prayer is a precious gift to be used with appreciation, properly – and often.

Have you ever avoided someone who accosts you in a one-way conversation with a litany of complaints? Prayer often becomes like that. Oscar Wilde once said, “When the gods wish to punish us, they simply answer our prayers.” We must “Be still and know that I am God.” Also, despite our prayers, at times it seems God doesn’t answer them at all, meaning that God has said “no.” We may even wonder if we are praying correctly.

Jesus bestowed on us the perfect prayer, The Lord’s Prayer, as it is known, or “the Our Father.” It is truly the most intimate conversation we can have with our Lord. All our needs are included therein. Even though the prayer may become rote, its efficacy does not. Paul says, “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus.” I invite you to do just that.