

Ephraim Moravian Church

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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost - July 31, 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
GUEST MUSICIAN:.....Beth Coleman

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Ringling of the Bell

Prelude “Great is Thy Faithfulness” - arr. by Douglas Wagner

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn #470 “Fairest Lord Jesus”

Responsive Reading: Psalm 145

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall laud your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts.

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

He fulfills the desire of all who reverence him; he also hears their cry and saves them.

The Lord watches over all who love him.

Hymn # 460

“Great is thy Faithfulness”

Scripture Lessons: Colossians 3: 1 – 11; Luke 12: 13 – 21

Sermon

Prayers of the Church, The Lord’s Prayer

Congregational Sung Response: (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

Postlude “Lord of Glory, Who Hast Bought Us” - arr. by Paul Manz

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. Colossians 3:2

TODAY: 3:30 p.m. Anne Glabe Memorial Service

MONDAY: Pastor’s Sabbath

WEDNESDAY 12 Noon Lunch- Sister Bay Moravian

SUNDAY: 8 & 10:30 a.m. Worship Services

9:00 a.m. Craft Time for Children

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

SPECIAL THANKS to guest musician, Beth Coleman for lending her talents to today’s worship services!

COME TO LUNCH! Sister Bay Moravian is holding an open luncheon for all comers! Join them at noon this Wednesday, August 3! No RSVP necessary.

Bulletin Reflection - Pastor Dan Olson



Pictured here is a new American worship center. The numbers of adherents to this new religion are growing exponentially as evidenced by the proliferation of their houses of worship. Places where once lakes and

trees could be seen are now enhanced by the beautiful scenery of rows upon rows of our worship centers' unique architectural design, provided by the local lumberyard. These temples contain the "Holy of Holies," properly named "Stuff." Or the irreligious might call it "junk." These are our possessions, gathered with great care and at great expense. Now we can "eat, drink and be merry!"

But then life intrudes, reality sets in and Our Lord steps into our messy existence. It's as if our Lord asks, "What are you going to do with all this stuff? What have you missed out on in your life? Is this really the legacy you want to leave behind?"

Then it gets a bit uncomfortable when Jesus says, "You and I are going to have a little talk." But what a relief it is when we hear words of restoration. Jesus says, "You were trying to validate yourself, and you failed. From now on let's walk together. I can show you the pearl of great price. Forget all this stuff and I'll show you love, and forgiveness, and strength for living and, finally, a new and eternal life! Come with me! Now!"