

Ephraim Moravian Church

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Reign of Christ - November 20, 2022

Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.

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

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Ringling of the Bell

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: “Chorale Prelude on ‘Gott Sei Dank’” – by Perry

Hymn #405: “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Reign of Christ Liturgy, p. 109 - 111

Scripture Lessons: Jeremiah 23: 1 – 6; Colossians 1: 11 – 20

Hymn #470: “Fairest Lord Jesus”

Sermon: “By What Name” - Pastor Dan Olson

Offertory: “Now Woods and Fields are Sleeping” – by J.S. Bach
***Doxology (#817)**

Prayers of the Church

Congregational Sung Response: The Lord’s Prayer (tune, p. 68)

*Father in Heaven, hear our prayer: All-hallowed be Thy Name;
Thy Kingdom come; Thy Will be done –On earth, in Heav’n the same.*

*Give us this day our daily bread; Forgive our sins, and thus
Teach us all others to forgive Whose sins offended us.*

*From all that tempts to sin, dear Lord, Lead us away in love;
From every evil set us free To lift our hearts Above.*

*The Kingdom and the Power, Lord, And Glory Thine remain
Forever and forevermore, Amen! Amen! Amen!*

Benediction

Postlude: “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” – by Elvey

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: Be still and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth. – Psalm 46:10

MONDAY: Pastor’s Sabbath

SUNDAY: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service/1st Sunday of Advent

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

WE ARE DELIGHTED to Welcome Pastor Dan Olson back to the pulpit! The lyrics to the Lord’s Prayer were written by a friend of Pastor Dan & Jendean, the Rev. James W. Primley.

THANKS to Barbara Classen for playing for us this Sunday!

FUNERAL for Eunice Rutherford will be on Saturday, November 26 at 1 pm. Bars and cookies needed; call or email church office if you can help!

CHRIST THE KING – Kathleen Harris

Jeremiah 21: 1-6, Colossians 1: 11-20

“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep,” writes the prophet Jeremiah. He shares a warning directly from the Almighty. Justice is promised, but exactly how and when God will “attend” to the shepherds who do evil is not revealed.

Instead, Jeremiah prophesizes a “righteous Branch” from the tree of David. This is Christ the King, the one the Apostle Paul describes as “the image of the invisible God.” With Christ come new shepherds who gather, calm, and lead the flocks to a kingdom of heavenly pastures.

Today’s Old Testament passage is paired with a letter written by Paul who was imprisoned in Rome some thirty years after the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. Paul is writing to early Christians in Turkey. Leaders have led them to believe false narratives and adopt practices counter to the teachings of Jesus.

Paul does not list step-by-step instructions for recognizing scallywag shepherds. He doesn’t offer a quick fix to wooly-headed lambs either, the ones grazing in gravelly pastures full of potholes. Instead, Paul counsels his brethren to doggedly take the long view if they want to avoid becoming mutton.

Oh, fellow ruminants! Tomorrow morning if we awaken drowsy with anxiety, let’s remember we can ask for and accept powerful grace from the Holy Spirit, strength to endure anything. Let’s stop chewing on cud long enough to lift our heads and notice the glory of little miracles, too. The burnished gold leaf clinging to the beech tree. The joyful sparkle of life’s possibilities in the eyes of a child. Let’s ruminate on that. Praise be to our Creator! Amen!

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve, December 24

3:00 pm family-friendly candlelight service

5:30 pm candlelight service

Sunday, December 25 – no in-person service

December at Ephraim Moravian Church

Saturday, December 3rd - from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Christmas in the Village ADVENTure

—Sweets for the Holidays

—Wreath-Making

—Candle Wrapping

—Tours of the church

—Refreshments!



Then, at 5:45 p.m.

A Special Holiday Concert

Colin Welford presents

a fun 45-minute

organ & piano program

With refreshments!



\$5 / \$12 per family
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