

Ephraim Moravian Church

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2nd Sunday of Easter - April 16, 2023

Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.

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

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Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: “Brethren, We Have Met to Worship” - by William Moore
Watchword for the Week

Hymn #362 (v. 1 – 4) “Christ is Alive”

Liturgy of Celebration, p 43

Scripture Lessons:

Old Testament: Psalm 16
New Testament: 1 Peter 1: 3 – 9
Gospel: John 20: 19 – 31

Sermon Rev. Mary Lou Plummer

Offertory: “Prelude in E Flat” - by Marcello

Doxology

Prayers of the Church & The Lord’s Prayer

Congregational Sung Response: (*Hymn #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.*

Benediction

Postlude: “Postlude in C” - by E.L. Ashford

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. – 1 Peter 1:3

<u>TODAY:</u>	4:30 p.m.	Chess Club
<u>MONDAY:</u>		Pastor’s Sabbath
<u>TUESDAY:</u>	10:00 a.m.	Trustee Meeting
<u>WEDNESDAY:</u>	9:30 a.m.	Caring Hands
<u>SUNDAY:</u>	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	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 2023: No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.- 1 John 4:12

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU to Mary Lou Plummer for bringing our message this morning. Pastor Mary Lou has served in Glenwood and Wisconsin Rapids before retiring. We’re so grateful for her ministry!

“The Faith to Doubt” – Reflection by Pastor Dan G. Olson

This might surprise you, but the word “doubt” does not appear in the original Greek of today’s Gospel text in John 20. Yet we have the arrogance to place it on the lips of Jesus as if to confine Thomas to perdition. For centuries we have self-righteously condemned Thomas as weak and unworthy. Yet even if we allow that “doubt” is at work here, the fact is that whoever has not doubted or questioned faith has not come to terms with it - or themselves.

We might more properly call Thomas, “Bargaining!” He asks, wonders, even hopes. “If I have historical proof...if I have a sign...if a near-death experience verifies...if God would do...If Jesus will cure...then I will believe in Jesus.” Thomas’ biggest fault and abiding joy was that he was incurably and fallibly human.

We replicate that bargaining every time we determine how Jesus shall operate in this world and in our lives. We cannot ground our faith upon that which we demand of God or upon having all our conditions met. Rather, Life, Resurrection and Faith come when we are captured by God’s Spirit from within. Then we say, with Thomas, “My Lord and My God!”

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