

Ephraim Moravian Church

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4th Sunday of Easter - April 30, 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:.....Beth Coleman

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Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: “For the Beauty of the Earth” arr. Burkhardt

Watchword for the Week

Hymn #720 “The Lord’s My Shepherd”

Liturgy Psalm 23 (Insert)

Scripture Lessons:

New Testament 1 Peter 2: 19 – 25

Gospel: John 10: 1 - 10

Sermon

Offertory: “B Flat Major” by Kindermann

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 “Make Songs of Joy” Setting: Wienhorst

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK Jesus said, ‘I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture.’ John 10:9

TODAY: Time for Fellowship following Worship
4:30 p.m. Chess Club

MONDAY: Pastor’s Sabbath

SUNDAY: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
2:00 p.m. Colin & Friends Concert
5:00 p.m. Colin & Friends Concert

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

FLOWERS in the sanctuary were placed by Rob Davis in memory of his wife, Marguerite.

THANKS to Beth Coleman for sharing her gift of music with us today.

NAME TAGS! Beginning in May, we will ask EVERYONE to fill out a name tag. It’s a great way to instantly connect with visitors and members alike. Nametags will be provided at each entrance (or, if you have a permanent one, you may wear that as well).

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Two fantastic free concerts coming up: Colin & Friends- May 7 at 2 & 5 p.m., featuring Scott Ramsay and Cyndy Stiehl and “Music for Food”, May 14 at 3 p.m. benefitting local food pantries, with performances by Colin & Friends, Midsummer Music and Birch Creek.

Reflection: “Listen Up!” - by Pastor Dan G. Olson

Sheep have never been known as the brightest animals on earth. The phrase “as dumb as a shed full of sheep” comes to mind. When I was a kid on the farm down in Iowa I enjoyed being in the pasture where we had sheep. It was fun feeding little lambs out of a baby bottle. That is, however, until a ewe knocked me over with a bunt to the rump. Yes, it really happened.

One refined skill sheep have is listening. It was common for shepherds to combine their flocks together in the sheepfold. How in the world, one might ask, could they tell the sheep apart? A shepherd had only to call for his sheep, and his sheep and his sheep only would listen to his voice. That was their good shepherd, they would follow no other.

If ever there was a time when we needed a good shepherd, it is now. Jesus describes the advance of wolves intent on snatching the sheep and scattering them while the hired help hightail it. Is there any doubt we are invaded by wolves? The wolves of pandemics? The wolves of brutal gun violence? The wolves of severe racial injustice? The wolves of hunger and rupture in families and individuals?

Oh Dear Lord, help us to hear the voice of the Good Shepherd, Jesus our Lord! May all people, everywhere, hear the voice of the Good Shepherd, who leads us to safety and peace.

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in 2023!**