

Ephraim Moravian Church

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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 6, 2023

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 ORGANIST:.....Hal Halvorsen

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****10:30 a.m. Service**

Welcome & Announcements

****Prelude: Traumerei (Reverie) by Robert Schumann**

Watchword for the Week

Hymn #775 "For God So Loved Us"

Liturgy Psalm 63 (Insert)

Scripture Lessons

Old Testament: Isaiah 55: 1 - 5

Gospel: Matthew 14: 13 – 21

Solo: There is a Balm in Gilead arr. Mark Hayes

Sermon

****Offertory: "Adagio" by F. Verhelst**

*Doxology

Prayers of the Church, The Lord's Prayer

Congregational Sung Response: (Hymn #96)

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;

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Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

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

Benediction

****Postlude: Postludium Anon.**

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.- Psalm 145:9

TODAY: Time of Fellowship following Worship
MONDAY: Pastor's Sabbath
WEDNESDAY: 10:00 a.m. Elders Meeting
SUNDAY: 8:00 a.m. Worship Service (Communion)
10:30 a.m. Worship Service- Joyful Noise & Communion

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 Hal Halvorsen and Cyndy Stiehl for their ministry of music today!

DAILY TEXT PRE-ORDERS Today is the LAST DAY to order your 2024 Moravian Daily Texts to receive a discount. The sign up sheet is at the main entrance stand.

DEBT RELIEF PROJECT The Moravian Ministries Foundation is raising funds for Medical Debt relief from now until August 13. 75% of the funds will be used to relieve debt in the U.S., 25% in the Moravian Medical ministry in Honduras. Checks may be mailed directly to: Moravian Ministries Foundation, 119 Brookstown Ave., Suite 305, Winston-Salem, NC 27101 or by following this link: <https://www.mmfa.com/debt-jubilee-project/>

Reflection by Pastor Dan G. Olson

“Come & Get It!”

When our kids were home and still in school, we never quite knew if we would have a “feeding of the 5,000.” It wasn’t unusual for friends to show up at our dinner table. We were happy our offspring felt free enough to invite their friends. A concern was if we would have enough food for everyone. I’m known to obsess about that. That issue was mitigated by the fact that I have the propensity to prepare as if to serve the proverbial army.

For 56 years as of today, I’ve found joy and fun in cooking and of serving way more than plenty, even when it was just the two of us. Leftovers were, and are, always handy for midnight snacks. So, as far as the friends at the table? I would say, “bring it on!”

Jesus’ Disciples weren’t much impressed by others showing up at the supper table. In fact, they were just plain rude. “Tell these people to go away” they said. But Jesus retorted, “you give them something to eat!”

Our Lord is speaking to us as well. Jesus has blessed us with extraordinary supplies of food. Our task, as followers of Jesus, is to feed the hungry. This command is expanded beyond food. It speaks to the necessity of including others, the strangers among us. It means to comfort the oppressed, the suffering, the lonely, the sick. All of these need our help. It is our task and joy to give and share with the least of these.

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in 2023!**