

Ephraim Moravian Church

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 2023

Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.

PASTOR:.....The Rev. Dawn E. Volpe
MUSIC DIRECTOR.....Colin Welford
SECRETARY.....Erin Bristol
GUEST ORGANIST.....Beth Coleman
LAY READER.....Betty Chomeau

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Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: “A Thanksgiving Medley: Sing to the Lord of Harvest & Now Thank We All Our God”

Watchword for the Week

Hymn #448 “Let All Things Now Living”

Liturgy of Thanksgiving, p. 159

Scripture Lessons:

Old Testament	Deuteronomy 8: 7 – 18
New Testament:	1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
Gospel:	Luke 17: 11 – 19

Hymn #449 “For the Fruit of All Creation”

Sermon An Antidote for Life’s Poisons- Bishop Paul Graf

Offertory: “Adagio in G Major”-by Andre’ and Rinck
Doxology

Prayers of the Church, The Lord’s Prayer

Congregational Sung Response: (433- Red Hymnal)

Lead us, O Father, in the paths of peace;

Without thy guiding hand we go astray

And doubts appall, and sorrows still increase;

Lead us through Christ, the true and living way.

Benediction

Postlude: “Let All Things Now Living”-by Burkardt and Hobby

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: So teach us, O God to count our days that we may gain a wise heart. – Psalm 90:12

TODAY:

Time of Fellowship following Worship

MONDAY:

Pastor’s Sabbath

SUNDAY:

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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

WELCOME BACK! To Bishop Paul Graf, who will be bringing the message this morning and to Beth Coleman, who is sharing her talents at the Organ.

POINTSETTIA ORDERS! We need to receive all orders by November 26 (next Sunday). Each plant costs \$15. and comes in either White, Marble or Red colors. Please fill out the inserted order form and place either in the offering plate or on the Secretary’s desk.

ADVENT-URE: Saturday, Dec. 2nd from 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Open House with Candle Trimming, Wreath Making, Bake Sale & Outreach Sale (sponsored by our Sunday School Children). Following the ADVENT-URE will be identical concerts at 1 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. by COLIN & FRIENDS. Make plans to come and bring your friends.

BAKE SALE FOR ADVENT-URE- We need LOTS of bakers. Please have the items wrapped with the name of the item, whether it contains nuts and a suggested price. All items need to be in the parlor before 2 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 1.

SENIOR CITIZEN HOLIDAY DINNER, Dec. 6, 11 a.m. at Gibraltar Middle School Gym. Reservations required. Please call Mr. Roets at 868-3284, Ext: 346.

CANDY BARS are on sale in the Fellowship Hall on the card table to assist Mylo Sherman’s school trip to Washington DC.

The Art of Thanksgiving- Wilferd Arlan Peterson

The art of thanksgiving is *Thanksgiving*.
It is gratitude in action.

It is applying Albert Schweitzer's philosophy:
"In gratitude for your own good fortune you must render in return
some sacrifice of your life for other life."

It is thanking God for the gift of life by living it triumphantly.
It is thanking God for your talents and abilities by accepting them as
Obligations to be invested for the common good.

It is thanking God for all that men and women
Have done for you by doing things for others.

It is thanking God for opportunities
by accepting them as a challenge to achievement.

It is thanking God for happiness by striving to make others happy.
It is thanking God for beauty
by helping to make the world more beautiful.

It is thanking God for inspiration
by trying to be an inspiration for others.

It is thanking God for health and strength by the care
and reverence you show your body.

It is thanking God for the creative ideas that enrich life
by adding your own creative contributions to human progress.

It is thanking God for each new day by living it to the fullest.
It is thanking God by giving hands, arms, legs,
and voice to your thankful spirit.

It is adding to your prayers of thanksgiving,
Acts of Thanksgiving.