Ephraim Moravian Church

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Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany – February 4, 2024 Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.

PASTOR:	The Rev. Dawn E. Volpe
MINISTERS	
MUSIC DIRECTOR	
SECRETARY	Erin Bristol
LAY READER	Elfi Johnson
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Welcome & Announcements **Prelude** Watchword for the Week

Hymn #573 "In The Morning When I Rise" Liturgy, p. 115 – 116 Hymn #714 "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine"

Installation of Officers

Prayers of the Church & The Lord's Prayer Congregational Sung Response: (Hymn #825) Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord Incline your ear to us and grant us your peace. Amen.

Offertory

Doxology

Scripture Lessons:

Old Testament: Gospel: Isaiah 40: 21 – 31 Mark 1:29 – 39

Meditation The Lord's Supper (Insert)

Postlude: 'Canon in B Minor'- by Robert Schumann

<u>WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK:</u> Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure. – Psalm 147:5

TODAY	Time of Fellowship following Worship	
	4:00 p.m.	Chess Club
MONDAY:	Pastor's Sabbath	
WEDNESDAY:	3:45 p.m.	After-School Program
FRIDAY:	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study
SUNDAY:	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service

<u>WELCOME</u> to Ephraim Moravian Church. Our Nursery is open for children under the age of 4. All are welcome to the Lord's Supper.
<u>EPHRAIM MORAVIAN CHURCH</u> is the 'Church of the Open Door.' We hope you find our church open to you in every way!
<u>MOTTO OF THE MORAVIAN CHURCH</u>: In Essentials, Unity; In Non-Essentials, Liberty; In All Things, Love.
<u>EPHRAIM MORAVIAN WATCHWORD 2024</u>: : 'Without any doubt, the mystery of our religion is great: He was revealed in flesh, vindicated in spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the Gentiles, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory." - 1 Timothy 3:16

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS: We are grateful for those who have agreed to serve: Elders: Karen Ekberg, Rob Moore, Penny Schultz, Liz Opitz, Kathy Zehner, Trustees: Hal Halvorsen, Rob Meyer, Carly Mulliken, Ryan Sherman, BD Thorp; Summer Elder: Barbara Meyer and Synod Delegate: Angela Sherman.

<u>WELCOME BACK</u> Colin Welford! It is a joy to see him after his many travels! We look forward to a spectacular Colin & Friends Concert on February 18th!

<u>**CANDY BARS</u>** are on sale in the Fellowship Hall on the card table to assist Mylo Sherman's school trip to Washington DC.</u>

<u>VISIT THE TABLE</u> All the items on the Fellowship Hall table are available for you to take home with a contribution to Trickle-bee Café.

Reflection - Pastor Dan G. Olson

When the Wright brothers were chasing their dreams, they spent an enormous amount of time observing birds in flight. They studied the yaw, pitch and roll as birds flew which, ultimately, led to their own successful flights.

Those brothers were by no means the first to be entranced by birds. The prophet Isaiah, in chapter 40, spoke of being "lifted up on Eagles" wings". The reference to Eagles was very purposeful because they are among the most majestic of birds with astonishing skills of flying at enormous heights and speed, and with the ability to see a rabbit two miles away.

As unlikely as it may seem, we are invited to soar like eagles. Not in a physical sense, but rather in mind and spirit.

"Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles".

When we trust in the Lord, faith takes root, and we are given the strength to soar. Certainly, we might well know the weight and feel the pain our world thrusts upon us. But of this we can be certain: By the power of the Spirit we are lifted up into the realm of peace and renewed strength.