

Ephraim Moravian Church

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Fourth Sunday of Easter April 21, 2024

Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.

PASTOR:.....**The Rev. Dawn E. Volpe**
MINISTERS:.....**Members of the Congregation**
MUSIC DIRECTOR:.....**Colin Welford**
SECRETARY:.....**Erin Bristol**
LAY READER:.....**Liz Opitz**

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Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: “Horn Theme” from Symphony No. 1 – by. Johannes Brahms

Watchword for the Week

Hymn #714 “Blessed Assurance”
Liturgy, Psalm 23 (Insert)

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!

Scripture Lessons

New Testament: 1 John 3: 16 – 24

Gospel: John 10: 11 – 18

Sermon

Hymn #662 “Jesus Makes My Heart Rejoice”

Offertory: “Lord Jesus Christ, be Present Now” – Chorale
Prelude by Johann Gottfried Walther

Doxology

Benediction

Postlude: ‘Fanfare’ – by William Matthias

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”
John 10:11

TODAY

Time of Fellowship following Worship

1 - 5 p.m. ‘Raise the Roof’ Fundraiser
Mink River Basin

MONDAY:

Pastor’s Sabbath

WEDNESDAY:

3:45 p.m. After-School Program

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 2024: ‘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

FELLOWSHIP HOUR/USHERS- We are blessed with the opportunity to provide hospitality for those who enter these doors. Our time of Fellowship helps us to renew acquaintances and make new friends. Ushers are the ‘face’ of the church, welcoming all to worship. Please use the sign-up in the rear of the church to volunteer for these important ministries.

SPRING CLEANING- We’ll be cleaning the interior of the church on Tuesday, May 7th from 9 – 12. Please sign up if you’re available. Cleaning supplies and LUNCH will be provided.

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

Starting a new living arrangement with someone is a special time in life. Do you remember stepping into your cabin on the first day of camp and meeting your bunkmates? The people who entered your life as college roommates, by random or by choice, are always memorable for one reason or another. Choosing a spouse and setting up a household together is a whole other experience.

In all of these, we begin by sharing space with people we don't fully know, hoping for the best as we dive in headfirst knowing that eventually something could go horribly wrong. Living with other people is not easy and it takes a lot of time, attention and work. Prayer is always a really good idea too.

And yet, God chooses to live with us, live in each of us, and care for us in the way a good shepherd takes care of their flocks.

Shepherding is challenging work, demanding a lot - making sure the sheep are fed, have enough water to drink and are safe from predators. At the time Jesus used this idea to teach about God's love for all of us, being a shepherd was not considered a great job and certainly not something one aspired to as a career opportunity. Yet Jesus chose this particular occupation to exemplify his commitment to us. Good shepherds gave themselves to the flock they tended in a way no one else would.

As our Good Shepherd, Jesus tends to us in a way no one else can. Jesus knows the odd little eccentricities about you and me that drive the people we share space with absolutely crazy. And Jesus loves us anyway. He loves us a lot. Jesus tolerates our impatience, irritation and crabbiness without a worry. Jesus knows us and loves us and watches after us in ways we haven't even figured out yet.