

Ephraim Moravian Church

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Sixth Sunday of Easter May 5, 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:.....Karen Ekberg

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Welcome & Announcements

**Prelude: “The King of Love my Shepherd is” – Chorale Prelude
by Robin Milford**

Watchword for the Week

**Hymn #621 “We’ve A Story to Tell to the Nations”
Liturgy of Evangelism, p. 133 – 137**

Prayers of the Church & The Lord’s Prayer

Congregational Sung Response: (Hymn #743)

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer

O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,

All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer. Amen.

**Offertory: ‘Choral’ from ‘Suite Gothique’ – by Léon Boëllmann
Doxology**

Scripture Lessons:

Old Testament: Psalm 139: 13 – 18

New Testament: Ephesians 1: 1 – 14

Gospel: John 10: 1 – 14

Sermon - Rev. Warren Pfohl

Hymn #618 “O Christians Haste”

Benediction

**Postlude: “Our Father, Thou in Heaven Above” – Chorale Prelude
by Johann Schneider**

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: Make a joyful noise to the Lord,
all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
– Psalm 98:4

TODAY	Time of Fellowship following Worship
MONDAY:	Pastor’s Sabbath
TUESDAY:	9 a.m. – 12 Church Spring Cleaning
WEDNESDAY:	10:00 a.m. Elders Meeting
	12:00 p.m. Joint Board Meeting
	3:45 p.m. After-School Program
THURSDAY:	5:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes- Stella Maris
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

Welcome to Pastor Warren Pfohl, director of the Door County Bridges program, bringing the love of Jesus to the young people who come from all over the world to work in Door County over the summer months. We are blessed to be a part of this vital ministry. Warren will be bringing the message and a word about the Bridges ministry.

Spring Cleaning! Come out Tuesday to clean the interior of the church. Supplies will be provided as well as lunch! A sign-up sheet is on the stand at the rear entrance to the Sanctuary.

Mother’s & Other’s Day- Free Family event at Write On Door County on Saturday from 10 – 3. Please see the poster on the upstairs bulletin board.

“The Voice”

“It's so good to hear your voice!” No doubt you've said that, or heard that said, many times. We recognize someone's voice immediately. Of all the people on earth there are none who have exactly the same voice. Jesus picks up on this theme when he speaks of sheep listening to the voice of their shepherd. Even though sheep are not necessarily known for being the brightest bulbs on the tree, they are nevertheless able to recognize the voice of their shepherd and listen to no one else's. I can attest to that because of an experience I had when I was a boy growing up on the farm in Iowa. My dad usually had a flock of sheep he would shear for their wool. One spring I “adopted” a newly born little lamb, or perhaps, the lamb adopted me. Whenever the lamb saw or heard me, he knew I was good for food and friendship. I bottle fed that lamb from practically birth on. Despite being friends, the lamb wasn't above showing a streak of independence. Once, when I had my back turned, the lamb decided to give me a significant rump bump!

“All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned, each of us, to our own way”. It is human nature to assert our independence in order to explore the many labyrinths of this great big world we live in. We are deluged with a cacophony of voices from every side and every angle. Many voices to whom we listen lead us to places of extraordinary danger.

There is one voice that is so distinct, so powerful, so comforting, so encouraging, so hopeful. That is the voice of Jesus, calling us from the din and cacophony of the noise all about us. God says to us, “This is my beloved Son, listen to him!”