

SCHOENBRUNN COMMUNITY MORAVIAN CHURCH
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*PRAISE HIM ALL CREATURES HERE BELOW;
PRAISE HIM ABOVE, YE HEAVENLY HOSTS;
PRAISE FATHER, SON, AND HOLY GHOST!*

Rally Day
September 26th, 2021

Ministers	All of Us!
Pastor	Rev. Ben Lippert
Director of Music/Organist	Angie Miller
Elder of the Month	Missy Martin
Trustee of the Month	Paula Drumm
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Watchword for the week: "The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes." **Psalm 145:13**

WORDS OF WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH

*PASSING THE RIGHT WAVE OF FELLOWSHIP

*WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK

HYMN "BLESS ALL THOSE WHO NURTURE CHILDREN" MBW #664

*LITURGY "CEC COMMISSIONING" INSERT

SCRIPTURE LESSON
NUMBERS 11:4-18
MARK 9:38-50

PRAYER

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY "PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW" MBW# 817
PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW;

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GRACIOUS GOD,
WE ASK THAT YOU NURTURE US AND OUR GROWTH AS DISCIPLES OF CHRIST. HELP TO GIVE IN WAYS THAT BUILD UP THE KINGDOM OF GOD. AMEN.

CHILDREN'S LESSON

MESSAGE "Prayer: Should it be a Complaint Department or a Praise Department?"

HYMN "JESUS MAKES MY HEART REJOICE" MBW#662

BENEDICTION

*CHIME

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand, as able.*

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Prayers of the People

Church and World: For all families and churches of Tuscarawas County; for the ministries of our Eastern District and Northern Province; for the shared work of the worldwide Moravian Unity; for all who risk their lives for the gospel; for refugees and victims of natural disasters and violence around the world and for those who work to provide shelter, healing, and peace.

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A LITURGY FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMISSIONING

(Standing)

Leader: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge God, and God will direct your paths." "We are called into a Christian fellowship by the Lord Jesus Christ, according to the eternal purpose of God the Father (Ephesians 3:11) by the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:18-21), and as members of Christ's Body, the Church, to serve all people by proclaiming the Gospel and witnessing to our faith by word and deed." (Moravian Covenant for Christian Living "MCCL" & Ground of the Unity par. 7 "GOU")

All: **With God's help, we offer ourselves to proclaiming the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Savior, and witnessing to our faith by word and deed. We acknowledge our need for lifelong learning that equips us to be good stewards of the gospel entrusted to our care.**

(Sitting)

Leader: "The Triune God as revealed in the Holy Scripture of the Old and New Testaments is the only source of our life and salvation; and this Scripture is the sole standard of the doctrine and faith of the Unitas Fratrum [Moravian Church] and therefore shapes our life." (par4 "GOU" & "MCCL")

"We realize that our Christian faith must continually be nourished if it is to remain living and vital. Therefore, we desire to grow in our Christian lives through family devotions, personal prayer and study, and the opportunities for spiritual development offered by the Church." ("MCCL")

All: **With God's help, we offer ourselves to grow in our Christian lives through the study of the Holy Scriptures, regular attendance at worship, daily devotions, and participation in Sunday School classes, Bible studies, small groups, Christian fellowship and service.**

Leader: As parents, remembering that our children [belong to] the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 20:28, 1 Peter 1:19) we will bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4) and take all possible care to preserve them from every evil influence. For this reason we will seek to prove ourselves as followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, setting an example for our children, both in the home and in the church. (MMCL)

All: **God of truth, bless all your children as they seek to grow in faith. Inspire and encourage them; give them faithful teachers, mentors and leaders; and grant them the guidance and wisdom of your Holy Spirit. Through your word, direct their way and lead them safely to a mature Christian faith.**

Leader: We pray for all expressions and forms of Christian Education, for all who teach and all who learn, that through the faithful use of their gifts all may grow in love and gratitude to God and in relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. We pray for, and give thanks for, those in our congregation who have been called to teach and serve, and we call upon them now to offer themselves to their special calling.

(Parents, please stand)

Leader: Parents and those assisting with the raising of children, will you offer yourselves to fulfill your special calling?

Parents: We offer ourselves to the special calling we have received. With God's help, we promise to set an example for our children, and to encourage them in their Christian development. We promise to provide for their attendance at worship and Sunday School, and to their participation in other opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship.

(Teachers and Small Group Leaders, please stand)

Leader: Teachers and Small Group Leaders, will you offer yourselves to fulfill your special calling?

We offer ourselves to the special calling we have received. With God's help, we promise to participate regularly in worship and study, to prepare for our classes and meetings, and to encourage and show Christian love to each participant, recognizing them as a unique child of God, and a sister or brother in Christ Jesus.

(Elders, Trustees, and Christian Education Committee Members, please stand)

Leader: Elders, Trustees, and Christian Education Committee Members, will you offer yourselves to fulfill your special calling?

We offer ourselves to the special calling we have received. With God's help, we promise to participate regularly in worship, prayer and study, to prepare for and attend meetings faithfully, and to provide the best possible resources for Christian Education in our church. We promise to support and encourage all those called to Christian Education leadership in our congregation, and to provide and participate in opportunities for lifelong learning.

(Standing)

Members and friends of the congregation, will you offer yourselves to fulfill your special calling?

We present and offer ourselves to the special calling we have received to proclaim the Gospel and witness to our faith by word and deed. We acknowledge and accept our responsibility for our own spiritual nurture and the spiritual nurture of others in our congregation, especially the young. With God's help, we promise to be faithful in worship, prayer and study, to encourage, nurture, and set an example for others, and to support those called to Christian Education leadership in our congregation through prayer, participation, and the sharing of gifts.

Leader: We have offered ourselves to God. Help us now, O God, to fulfill our calling and grow in wisdom and knowledge and grace, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Confess your sins and pray for one another.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Mark 9:38-50	Avoiding sin
Monday	Numbers 11:4-29	Moses and the seventy elders
Tuesday	James 5:13-20	The power of prayer
Wednesday	Psalm 4	An evening prayer
Thursday	1 Thessalonians 5:12-28	Final instructions
Friday	Romans 8:18-27	Future glory for God's people
Saturday	Psalm 19:7-14	The wonders of God
Sunday	Mark 10:2-16	Jesus blesses the children

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. James 5:16 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of heaven and earth, guide us in our words and actions that we may sing your praises and love all those in our care. In Christ we pray, amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, as you fill us with this meal, fill our hearts with a desire for your message of divine love and faithfulness. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the truth and beauty of God's word revive your soul and make you wise. (Psalm 19:7-11)



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Send Me, Lord



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What have you heard lately that filled you with joy?
- What have you heard recently that made you sad?
- In what ways can you communicate a message of healing, joy, and peace this week?

DEVOTIONS

Read: James 5:13-20.

James is concerned about speech. Speech that is not of God leads to division, chaos, hatred, and death. Speech that is of God brings peace, purity, and gentleness (James 3:16-18). It has been argued that talk and dialogue on social media has not helped humanity. There are times it has caused division, chaos, and hate rather than peace, purity, and gentleness. In James 5, prayer, confession, and songs of praise are listed as worthy ways to speak. James is concerned about the misuse of the human tongue and of human speech. James is also concerned that Christians live up to their calling and communicate God's healing, forgiveness, and peace to others. Let's join James in the Christian movement that seeks the good, the true, and the beautiful for all through faith in Christ. How can you use speech, written or oral, for the good of all and to give praise to God?

Pray: **God of healing and peace, use our words so that truth, hope, and healing may reign through Christ Jesus. Amen.**

SERVICE

Access to social media can make everyone feel important. Seeing our own words can make us feel powerful and influential. The Letter of James knows that words are powerful but not always helpful. How can you use a social media platform or other means to offer words of prayer, praise, a song, or a Bible verse to bless others this week?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

In Mark 9:38-40, Jesus' disciples complain that someone was casting out demons in Jesus' name but was not following Jesus' disciples. Sadly, it has been the case throughout our history that people who follow Jesus in a way different "from us" are condemned. This week, take time to list Christian traditions that are different from yours. Pray a prayer of thanksgiving for their faith and witness in the world in the name of Jesus Christ.



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