

SCHOENBRUNN COMMUNITY MORAVIAN CHURCH

We are Christ called, Christ centered, Christ sent...loving all.

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Ascension Sunday

May 16th, 2021

Ministers	All of Us!
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Watchword for the week: *“Jesus said, Sanctify them in truth; your word is truth.”- John 17:17*

WORDS OF WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH

*PASSING THE RIGHT WAVE OF FELLOWSHIP

*WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK

PRELUDE “I AM JESUS’ LITTLE LAMB” MBW#723
(HYMN SUNG BY CANTORS)

*LITURGY “EASTER” MBW#92-94

SCRIPTURE LESSON

PSALM 23

JOHN 17:6-19

PRAYER

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY “PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW” MBW# 817
*PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW;
PRAISE HIM ALL CREATURES HERE BELOW;
PRAISE HIM ABOVE, YE HEAVENLY HOST;*

PRAISE FATHER, SON, AND HOLY GHOST! AMEN

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GRACIOUS SHEPHERD,

WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR YOUR GUIDANCE IN OUR LIVES. HELP US TO LISTEN TO YOUR MERCIFUL VOICE AND FOLLOW IN YOUR COMPASSIONATE WAYS. AMEN.

CHILDREN’S LESSON

MESSAGE “The 23rd Psalm: More Than a Funeral Text”

HYMN “SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US MBW#731

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “SPECIAL MUSIC”

DISMISSAL

(PLEASE WAIT FOR THE PASTOR OR THE ELDER OF THE MONTH TO DISMISS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY)

**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.

Military and Families: Adam Porter, Bret Penik, Kyle Springer, Nathan Zinser, Anna Sandoval.

Healing, Comfort and Peace: Rita Keller, Peyton Neff, Jaclyn Neff, Dominic Gangale, Karen Bush, Sharon, Shanon and Colton Elkins, Staci and Family, Ian Swindrman, Pat Adamson, Ken Lewis, Joyce Swaldo, Missy Martin, Victims of Gun Violence, Richard Wassam, Randy Robart, Ron Robart, Pastor Jeff Bartell, The Behrend Family, Ben Miller, Troy Hammel, Paige Martin,

Kirby Miller, Jeff Edwards Kelly, Melissa Derrick, Cheryl Kadri, Jim Menapace, Gwen Beamer, Bill May, Ben Baker, Marcie McKenna, Hallie McGlumphy, Keri Ackerman, John Meek, Roseann Dean, Wendy Coco, Tami Reynolds, Aimee Pasquinelli, Robin Lehigh and staff at School, COVID-19 Victims.

Families Bereaved: Warren Toyberg Sr., Ma'Khia Bryant, Willie Gardner, Broc C. Siegenthaler, Retha Baker.

Homebound Members and Friends: Lynne Capretta (Northwood Inn).

To add prayers please contact Prayer Chain: 330-339-1940 or pastor@scmchurch.org.

MAY 16, 2021
SEVENTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER



Eavesdropping can nurture the Christian faith.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 17:6-19	Christ's prayer for his disciples
Monday	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	Mathias replaces Judas
Tuesday	1 John 5:9-13	Knowing about eternal life
Wednesday	Acts 16:16-34	Paul and Silas in prison
Thursday	1 Chronicles 16:8-18	David's psalm of praise
Friday	Colossians 4:2-6	Never give up praying
Saturday	Psalms 1	The way of happiness
Sunday	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15	Work of the Holy Spirit

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one." John 17:11 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Protecting God, you know the challenges in our daily lives; give us courage to love others and to trust you through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, may we use this food to strengthen our bodies to serve others through our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God watch over you and keep you safe through Christ our Lord.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Guide My Feet



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:

- Tell or think about a moment when you overheard a conversation not intended for you.
- Have you ever overheard someone pray? If so, what was that like for you?
- Jesus' disciples overheard him praying. How do you think that influenced their faith?

DEVOTIONS



Read: John 17:6-19.

Jesus is praying for believers, present and future. The context of this prayer is helpful: the disciples overhear everything Jesus says. It is fascinating how often Christians can think back and recall moments when they overheard parents, grandparents, other family members, friends, or even strangers express their faith in ways that strengthened the eavesdropping individual. A grandparent praying or someone simply talking candidly about their faith in Christ in a way that was not trying to force on the eavesdropper a particular conviction can strengthen one's faith. Jesus' disciples overheard Jesus and recorded his words, his prayer, for the church. This recorded prayer acknowledged that Jesus is one with God the Father and that Jesus' disciples will be protected by God and cared for by one another. That is a candid message worthy of overhearing. When have you overheard someone say something that encouraged your faith in Christ? When might someone overhear you and be strengthened for a life of faith?

Pray: **Loving God, strengthen us in our faith and guide us to walk in love with brothers and sisters in Christ. Amen.**

SERVICE



Psalm 1 makes it clear that who you gather with or who your friends are impacts your own journey in life. Being with people who are kind helps us to follow their example. Think about someone you know who is kind and in what ways they show kindness. How can you show kindness and compassion this week?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Jesus knew he was going to die soon so he prayed aloud for himself and his friends. One of the benefits of you praying aloud is that others get to hear or "overhear" your words. "Faith is caught more than it is taught" is a principle of faith formation. Make it a practice this week to pray aloud for your friends and family, even when you are alone—or think you are alone. Say prayers for what is special about your friends and ask God to protect and bless them.



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