Bethania Moravian Church



H Lovefeast in Observance of the Hugust 13th Festival

Sunday, August 10th - 11:00 A.M.

Watchword for the Week: "Jesus said, " Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

-Luke 12: 32

The Chiming of the Trinity

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove" Arr. Henry Coleman

Call to Worship "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

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Liturgy

Litany for Children

When Jesus took a little child in his arms, he said, "whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me, welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

We would follow you, O Christ, and welcome every child.

Then Jesus said, "If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones...it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea."

We hear you, O Christ. Help us to take away the stumbling blocks children face.

Yet, as ever in this country, many children go to bed hungry each night.

Hunger is a stumbling block; we will pray and work to make this land of plenty feed its children.

We live in a county where many children live surrounded by and in fear of violence.

Violence is a stumbling block before the little ones; we will pray and work to become a land of peace.

We live in a country where many children suffer because they are without health care.

> Sickness is a stumbling block; we will pray and work toward better health for all of God's children.

We live in a country where many children go to schools in which they cannot learn and dream.

Such schools are a stumbling block; we will pray and work for good schools for all God's children.

On the small shoulders of children rest all our hopes for the future. We promise to help them carry the burden, and to lighten our load. We ask God's blessings for all those who love and work with children, in our families and our neighborhoods, in our churches, our hospitals, and our schools.

May we and they ever welcome the children with open arms. For when we do, we welcome the one who took them in his arms and protected them with his love, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Prayer

Anthem "When We Lift Our Pack and Go"
The Bethania Choir

Response: Praise God from Whom all blessings flow Praise Him all creatures here below Praise Him above ye Heav'nly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Scripture

Genesis 15: 1-6, Pg. 11 Psalm 33: 12-22, Pg. 481 Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16, Pg. 1050 Luke 12: 32-40, Pg. 905

Reader: Sr. Wilma Harvey

Meditation

*"Tater Family"*A Children's Message
The Reverend Linda Seippel

The Lovefeast

Spirit of Truth, and Grace, and Power

Tune: Azmon

Spirit of truth, and grace, and power, blow through Your church, we pray.

Transform us from this very hour in all we do and say.

Anoint us all to be good news to sad and weak and poor. Make us the instruments You use to praise the Savior more.

Pour out your gifts, wrap us in flames of energy and drive; And make our goal, our guiding aim, that Jesus' Church will thrive.

Holy Spirit, Light Divine

Tune: Herrnhut (11 A)

Holy Spirit, light divine, dawn upon this soul of mine; Let Your word dispel the night, wake my spirit, clear my sight. Holy Spirit, truth divine, shine upon these eyes of mine; Send Your radiance from above, let me know my Savior's love.

Holy Spirit pow'r divine, fortify this will of mine; Bend it to Your own pure will, all my life with graces fill.

Holy Spirit, peace divine, still this restless heart of mine; Speak to calm the tossing sea, stayed in Your tranquility.

Breathe On me, Breath of God

Tune: Trentham

Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew, That I may love the things You love and do what You would do.

Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure, Until with You I will one will, to do or to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God, my will to Yours incline, Until this selfish part of me glows with Your fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God, so shall I never die, But live with You the perfect life of Your eternity.

The Moravian Blessing

Come, Lord, Jesus, our Guest to be And bless these gifts bestowed by Thee. Bless our dear ones everywhere, And keep them in Thy loving care. Amen.

Anthems

"I Sing Praises"
Terry MacAlmon
Alex Coulson, Piano

"The Battle Belongs to the Lord" Arr. Mark Hayes Alex Coulson, Piano

The Lovefeast Continues

Though I May Speak With Bravest Fire

Tune: Gift of Love

Though I may speak with bravest fire, And have the gift to all inspire, And have not love: my words are vain, As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, And striving so my love profess, But not be giv'n by love within, The profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, Our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide ev'ry deed; By this we worship, and are freed.

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

Tune: In Babilone

Holy Spirit, ever dwelling
In the holiest realms of light;
Holy Spirit, ever brooding
O'er a world of gloom and night;
Holy Spirit, ever raising
Those of earth to thrones on high;
Living, life-imparting Spirit;
You we praise and magnify.

Holy Spirit, ever living
As the church's very life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving
Through us in a ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit, ever forming
In the church the mind of Christ:
You we praise with endless worship,
For your gifts and fruits unpriced.

Holy Spirit, ever working
Through the church's ministry;
Quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving,
Setting captive sinners free;
Holy Spirit, ever binding
Age to age and soul to soul
In communion never ending,
You we worship and extol.

Spirit of the Living God Tune: Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me, Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me, Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fill our hearts with You, Spirit of the living God, Guide in all we do, Use us, faithful, loving, grateful, Spirit of the living God, Fire within us shine.

Benediction

Postlude

"Come, O Almighty King" Arr. Steven Wente



Welcome to Bethania Moravian Church!

We are so glad you are in worship with us today! Please check out our announcements and events calendar to see what is going on in the life of the church. If you would like to receive more information about the Church, please contact the Church office.

Our Prayer Requests for this Sunday

Bob Delp, Elliott Edwards, Donna Lane, Phyllis O'Keef and family, Mandy Pearson, Becky Sapp, Dennis Smith, Beth Spieler and family, Butch Taylor, Lawana Yarbrough.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

(To add or remove from this list, please contact the church office.)

Our Church Staff

Ministers – The Sisters and Brothers of Bethania Church
Pastor - The Reverend Linda Seippel
Director of Music – Br. Joshua D. Whitt
Organist and Pianist – Br. Alex Coulson
Handbells Director – Sr. Fave Bricca

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Announcements and Events

(If arriving after worship has begun, please wait to be seated by an usher)

Today's flowers are given with all glory and honor due unto God by Sr. Johanna and Br. James Brown.

Sunnyside Ministries is currently collecting cans of fruit, vegetables, soups, meats, crackers, cereals, and *especially cereal and peanut butter*! Volunteers and donations are highly needed. Please speak with Sr. Carol Brown.

Reminder: The Youth Group Sunday School meets on Sundays at 9:45 AM in the Pastor's office! Please make sure your preteens and teens are present!

Women's Fellowship Circles 1, 2, and 3 will NOT be meeting in August.

The Band will play a prelude for Aug. 10th AND Aug. 17th.

Choir resumes Sun., Aug. 17th at 9:30 in the Music Room. ALL are invited and welcomed who would like to sing!

Handbells resume Mon., Aug. 18th at 6:00 in the fellowship hall. This will be a dinner and information session. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. Please bring sides and desserts! Interested in playing bells? COME! You are welcome!

Band resumes Thur., Aug. 21st at 6:00 in the loft. ALL are invited and welcomed who would like to play!



The Unity Women's Desk is collecting donations of PRE-LOVED BELOVED Moravian Treasures to resell in our Moravian Global Market at Second Boys School in Old Salem-(OPEN Weekends)









Do you have beloved Moravian jewelry, ornaments, decorations that you no longer use? Many of these items are no longer available.

Share the tradition and support the Unity Women's Desk at the same time!

Donate your treasures to the Unity Women's Desk.

Proceeds support scholarships and other ministries of the Unity Women's Desk.

Collect items in your congregation until March 1 and then drop off at

Home Moravian Church. Or bring them to the shop downstairs at Muddy Creek Cafe.

QUESTIONS? Email Julie: uwd@gmail.com or call (336) 575-8577

STORE HOURS:

Saturdays: 10 - 4 pm Sundays 11 - 4 pm the starrange

You can bring items to the store or we can arrange pickup at your church.

500 South Church Street in Old Salem in the Second Boys School Offices Building on the corner of Church St and Bank Street





