

Bethania Moravian Church



*A Lovefeast in Observance of the
August 13th Festival*

Sunday, August 16th ~ 11:00 A.M.

Bethania Congregational Watchword for 2026: "Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me."

- John 10:14

Watchword for the Week: "Let the people praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you."

- Psalm 67: 5

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

The Bethania Band

The Chiming of the Trinity

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *“Sollt ich Meinem Gott Nicht Singen”*
Johann Ernst Rembt
Br Alex Coulson, *Harpsichord*

Call to Worship *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”* #530

Liturgy *Education* Pg. 127

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Prayer

Anthem *“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”*
Hymn tune: Olivet
The Bethania Band

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 Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8, Pg. 636
Psalm 67, Pg. 500
Romans 11: 1-2, 29-32, Pg. 985
Reader: Sr. Debbie Todd

Hymn *“When We Lift Our Pack and Go”* #793

Meditation *“Litany for Children”*
Leader: The Reverend Linda Seippel

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.

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

"Look at the World"

John Rutter

The Bethania Choir

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Arr. Jay Rouse
The Bethania Choir

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

“All Glory Be to God on High”

Arr. Lawrence Hartzell

Br. Alex Coulson, *Organ*

Mark Your Calendars!!!



Praise God with Song!

Sunday, August 30th - 11:00 AM

*A song, scripture, and liturgy lead
service of worship!*