

July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

# Christ Moravian Church

## WEEKLY PASTORAL LETTER



Christ Church Watchword for the Year 2021

*"As the deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God."*

Psalm 42:1

*Moravian Daily Text Watchword for the Week*

*Jesus said, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness."*

*2 Corinthians 12:9*

Congregational Newsletter for the weekend of July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### *Greetings Friends in Christ Moravian Church:*

I am writing this weekly newsletter as an Elder of CMC. Pastor Steve is taking a well-deserved break and has asked the Elders to be available each week for any needs or requests from the congregation. Pastoral requests may be addressed through the Canadian Moravian Clergy. My phone number is 403-819-5083 or I can be contacted through the church office, and I would be happy to offer any service I could.

This week of hot summer weather has so many people grumbling and complaining I have decided to write a reminder to all of us about GRATITUDE!

If you were asked to tell about an experience you had that you believe you did not deserve what would your first thought be? Most people would describe a negative experience. Very few would tell about a wonderful thing that came to them by good fortune or kindness rather than our own efforts!

Frequently we are in the habit of thinking that we don't deserve misfortune, but easily receive whatever blessings come our way. We miss the opportunity to be GRATEFUL!

Take time this week to consider your good fortune: to live where you live, for people in our lives who have invested in us more than we have invested in them, opportunities that have made a difference in our lives. We easily miss the chance to recognize what is being given to us, to feel and express gratitude!

Gratitude brings with it other qualities: compassion, confidence, resilience, passion- positive traits that help us find meaning and connect with others.

Take a moment this week to thank God and to be more aware of the blessings we are receiving each day!

Let's all make an effort to be more positive and to live with GRATITUDE!

Prayerful greetings to everyone: Pat Wolff

### Upcoming Events

#### "Bible Buddies"

meet again on  
Sunday July 4<sup>th</sup>  
at 9:00 am

Zoom details are  
on the Events page

Stampede Worship  
is coming your way  
soon!

For more information, visit our website @

[www.christmoravian.com](http://www.christmoravian.com)

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## Congregational News!

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### CMC Variety Show has been a Grand Success!

Really big thanks to the entire team involved in the CMC Variety Show. We encourage everyone to make a special donation to assist the Hybrid Worship Fund which will allow us to stream the Sunday worship services in the future. View the show with this link: **Christ Moravian Church - Variety Show - June 2021**

<https://vimeo.com/557900883>

### Summertime Office Schedule!

As summertime arrives the CMC Office and Pastoral Staff will take a much-needed break. In the upcoming weeks, the office will be open on a limited basis, so please phone ahead if there is a request, please leave a message if no one answers. As Pastor Gohdes is away there will be Pastoral Support with Rev. Matt Gillard of the Good Shepherd Moravian Church, and a CMC Elder of the week will be delegated for support.

### Calgary Day Camp has been Cancelled!

The Calgary Moravian Day camp for elementary children has been cancelled due to logistical issues and low registration. The remainder of camps at Camp Van Es are still planned...see info below.

Check out registration news and use the link on the attachment included with this e-mail to register.

#### *Van Es Elementary Day Camps*

Completed Kindergarten - Grade 5

Location: Fish Creek Provincial Park, Calgary

Leaders: Rev. Steve Gohdes and Rev. James Lavoy

If you are volunteering in any capacity with camp this year, would you please fill out this form?

<https://forms.gle/anCCFhTzvyUaZ8s48>

### CMC Video Worship Team reaches "70"!

Yes, the CMC video worship team has reached 70...not 70 years of age, but 70 video worship services completed since March of 2020. Hats off and so much appreciation for the entire team that has offered video expertise, music, stories, greetings, worship ideas, video suggestions, prayerful support and kind words. CMC has such a blessed community of faith...Thanks be to God.

### Summertime Worship Plans!

The Executive Board and Fellowship of Elders have laid out the summertime worship schedule. As recognized the worship team is going to take a break, and for the next weeks of July we will make available the Worship Services from the Summer of 2020, highlighting several of the special services involving the "Surprises of Faith". Each weekend a new "Surprise of Worship" will be re-visited beginning on Sunday, July 4.

### Our Daily Bread for the Journey

If you wish to have a copy of the "Bread for the Journey" devotional mailed to you, please let us know by calling or e-mailing the office.

### Weekly Reminders...

- Please know that Pastor Gohdes continues to be available for any needs that may arise. Feel free to phone the church office (403-271-2700) to speak with us or leave a message. Another option is that you may contact the church office by e-mail at [moravian@nucleus.com](mailto:moravian@nucleus.com) [this is monitored daily] with any questions or communication.
- **If you require assistance in getting to your COVID-19 vaccine appointment, please call the office.**
- Indranie Perera continues to receive recycling for support of Sri Lanka. She wishes to express sincere thanks to all who contribute to this worthwhile cause.

*In All Things Love...*

# Children's Worship Bulletin

## Coloring Page

### Jesus Is Rejected in Nazareth

Mark 6:1-6

### Word Search Puzzle

S X U B C A Y T F S O M O B H  
J E E P O R H D A D U I C U O  
V Y X S O C C G I O N R A H M  
W G V N A D C N T R X A R K E  
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JESUS	TEACH	DISCIPLES	AMAZED	SYNAGOGUE
FAITH	PROPHET	WISDOM	SABBATH	HONOR
JOSEPH	JUDAS	MARY	SISTERS	CARPENTER
HEARD	SIMON	JAMES	HOMETOWN	MIRACLES

**Your Church Name**  
**Any Town, Anywhere**



Jesus said to them, "Only in his hometown, among his relatives and in his own house is a prophet without honor."

Mark 6:4 (NIV)

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# Decoder Puzzle

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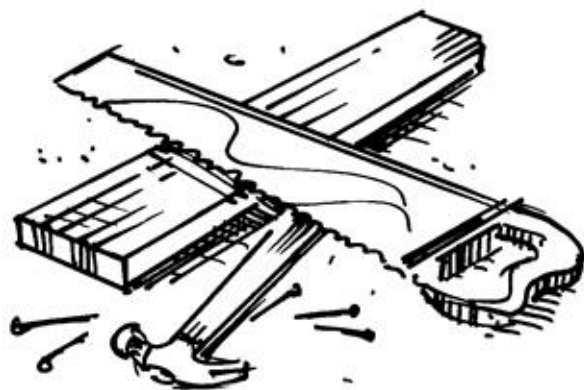
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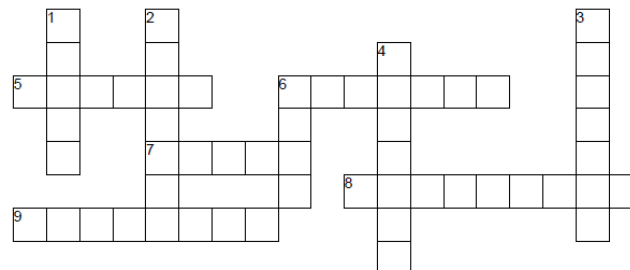
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SABBATH	WISDOM	MIRACLE	BROTHER	MARY
PROPHET	FAITH	HOMETOWN	CARPENTER	HONOR



Isn't this the carpenter?

# Crossword Puzzle



## HORIZONTAL

- The ability to judge what is true or right
- An event that can only be done through the power of God
- To treat with great respect
- A person whose job is making and repairing things made from wood
- The town or city where a person was born or grew up

## VERTICAL

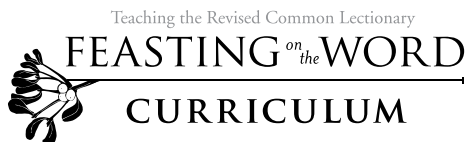
- To have great trust or belief in something or someone
- One who is a spokesman for God to man
- A man or boy with the same parents as another person
- The seventh day of the week, the day of rest and worship for the Jews
- The mother of Jesus

HOMETOWN	MIRACLE	CARPENTER	SABBATH	HONOR
MARY	FAITH	WISDOM	PROPHET	BROTHER



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July 4, 2021  
Hit the Road!



Adult  
Resource Sheet 1

## Focus on Mark 6:1–13

### WHAT is important to know?

— From “Exegetical Perspective,” Efrain Agosto

When they come to one place, they are to stay in the first home that receives them (v. 10). There should be no appearance of looking for the best meals or the most comfortable bed in town! However, should their message be rejected at a home or by an entire town, they should exercise the practice of “shaking the dust from one’s feet” (v. 11). Rabbis in later traditions talked of this symbolic way of returning from Gentile lands to one’s sacred spaces. Followers of Jesus perhaps used the practice to symbolize judgment on unrepentant places. However, the shaking off of dust could be a hopeful sign if such people and places would thereby see the seriousness of the matter and mend their ways.

### WHERE is God in these words?

— From “Theological Perspective,” Mark D. W. Edington

That Jesus cannot give authority he does not already possess is meant to make plain the *nature* of his kingship. But his commissioning of the disciples also makes a further claim about the *exercise* of his authority: Jesus *delegates kingly authority to those who come in faith*. Christology here is a case study in servant leadership. Jesus, deriving his authority (the “what”) from absolute and obedient faith in God (the “why”), shares his authority willingly (the “how”) with those who share in his faith.

### SO WHAT does this mean for our lives?

— From “Pastoral Perspective,”

Michael L. Lindvall

These stories might raise our anxiety about evangelism and the potential for rejection that sharing the gospel risks. Such discomfort is widespread, especially among “mainline” Christians, who may be justifiably concerned about coercive or emotionally manipulative methods of proclaiming the Good News. Many Christians would sooner talk about *anything* else: sex, their salary, anything but what they believe about God. But evangelism is not “to get them on our side” or even “to grow the church,” but simply to tell others about the God who has come to mean so much to us. This is an action performed out of love, not competition or anxiety.

### NOW WHAT is God’s word calling us to do?

— From “Homiletical Perspective,”

Beverly Zink-Sawyer

Mark continues to raise in this text the question he repeatedly raises in his Gospel: who is this Jesus? In this story it is not those who are encountering Jesus for the first time but those who have known him for years who are asking questions about Jesus’ identity and responding to his teaching with amazement. The word for us in this text is that we are not held responsible for the response to our ministries in Christ’s name, but only for our own faithfulness. With such assurance, we can witness boldly and faithfully.



## Faith and Witness: The Case of Hugh Thompson

As you read the following narrative, keep these questions before you:

- What words and deeds comprise Christian witness in this story?
- Where do you identify hospitable and inhospitable receptions to those elements of Christian witness in this story?
- What does this story reveal to you about the nature of faith and witness?



At Emory University several years ago, honorary degrees were being awarded; the recipients made the requisite speeches. As is often the case, the students chatted through the whole ceremony. In fact, there was only one moment when they actually listened. “It was when a man named Hugh Thompson was speaking. Thompson was probably the least educated man on the platform. . . . He . . . did not finish college, choosing instead to enlist in the Army, where he became a helicopter pilot.



“On March 16, 1968, he was flying a routine patrol in Vietnam when he happened to fly over the village of Mai Lai just as American troops, under the command of Lieutenant William Calley, were slaughtering dozens of unarmed . . . villagers—old men, women, and children. Thompson set his helicopter down between the troops and the remaining . . . civilians. He ordered his tail-gunner to train the helicopter guns on the American soldiers, and he ordered the gunmen to stop killing the villagers. . . . Hugh Thompson’s actions saved the lives of dozens of people . . . he was almost court-martialed. . . . It was thirty years before the Army . . . awarded him the Soldier’s Medal.



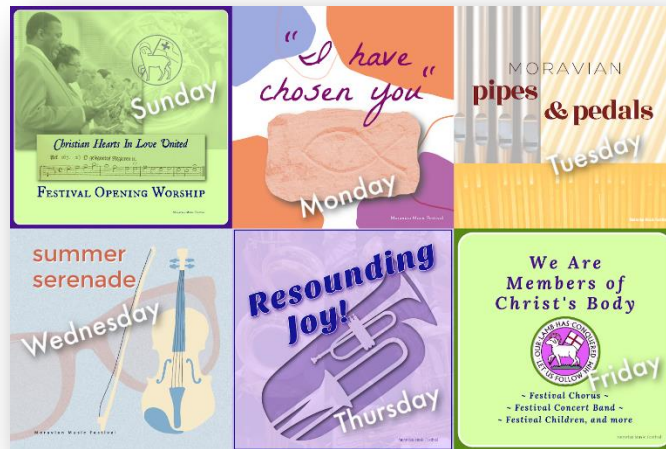
“As he stood at the microphone, the . . . rowdy student body grew still.” And then Thompson talked about his faith. Simple words. Speaking of what his parents taught him as a child Thompson said, “They taught me, ‘Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.’” The students were amazed at these “words of Jesus, words from Sunday school, words from worship, words of Christian testimony . . . they leapt to their feet and gave him a standing ovation.”<sup>1</sup>

1. Tom Long, *Pulpit Resources* 32 (January–March 2004): 39.



# MORAVIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL

July 18-24, 2021  
FREE PUBLIC CONCERTS



Tune in during Festival week to enjoy music each evening beginning with a prelude and/or devotions. Free and open to the public. Please visit [moravianmusicfestival.org](http://moravianmusicfestival.org) and click on "For Audience" or "Public Concert Info"

Sunday – July 18  
**Festival Opening Worship**  
*Christian Hearts In Love United*

## CONCERTS

Monday – July 19  
*I Have Chosen You*

Wednesday – July 21  
Summer Serenade

Tuesday – July 20  
Pipes & Pedals

Thursday – July 22  
Resounding Brass

Friday – July 23  
Service of Word and Music  
*We Are Members of Christ's Body*

There is still time to register for Festival if you would like to participate in all the sessions and activities, social events, games, virtual ensembles, and receive the Festival SWAG!  
Children and Youth are free, and will participate in a musical youth theatre production, ACTS!  
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