

July/August SOTP/Canaan News

Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

On July 6, 1415, 610 years ago, John Hus was burned at the stake for the crimes of heresy against the church. In that period of time, heresy was one of the worst crimes you could be convicted of. Heresy is, according to dictionary.com, “an opinion or doctrine at variance with the orthodox or accepted doctrine, especially of a church or religious system.” So, what were these heresies that caused such a harsh sentence of judgement to be passed down on Hus?

Well, he would conduct the mass in the local language, Czech. See, at that time all services had to be conducted in Latin. Imagine if you came to church one Sunday and I conducted the entire worship in Latin. Also, Hus began to translate the bible into the Czech language as well. Imagine coming to bible study and I gave you a bible written in Japanese to read.

Hus allowed the congregation to sing in the hymns that were sung in the course of worship. Only professional choirs of men were allowed to sing, of course, in Latin. Now, as Moravians, we couldn't imagine going to church and not singing, but what would you think if there was a service in which there was no music to sing?

Did I mention that Hus also began to preach to people in Czech. Imagine coming to worship on Sunday and I gave a sermon completely in Mandarin Chinese. That's what it must've felt like to go to church in the days of Hus. The common people couldn't understand or have a connection to God in worship.

But, maybe the most egregious affront that Hus committed was to share the Cup of Christ with the congregation. It was mandated by the church that the congregation could only receive the Bread of Christ and not the Cup. Why? Well, the church didn't think ordinary people couldn't understand the concept of the Blood of Christ. Hus thought that was ridiculous. He thought that the Last Supper that Jesus shared with his disciples in that upper room during Passover was to be shared in its entirety by everyone, not just a select few.

These “heresies” lead to his demise at the stake. However, the fire was lit in the people who followed and agreed with Hus would not be quenched. And, on March 1, 1457, the founding of the Unitas Fratrum, the forbearers of the Renewed Moravian Church would continue Hus' cause for reform and the spread of the Gospel to everyone, everywhere, and everyplace. As we gather to commemorate his martyrdom, let us remember the sacrifice that Hus made on our behalf. For if it wasn't for Jan Hus, we wouldn't be the Moravian Church we are a part of today.

Pastor Eric

Prayers for the Community & the World

We remember all who suffer from mental, physical, emotional, or spiritual illness.

We lift up all who are bereaved.

We lift up all who are affected by violence.

We remember all affected by natural disasters.

We remember all our servicemen and servicewomen.



Lord, hear our prayer...

It's not always comfortable, God, but it is certainly good, that you go straight for the heart.

You do not allow us to skate over the surface of life, filling our days with dry legality, and pretend righteousness.

No, you come at us from the inside, challenging our thoughts and attitudes, our motives and perceptions; and shaping them into the fuel for change that gives us hearts like yours, and lives that are lived from the inside out.

We praise you, O God, for your uncomfortable grace, your transforming Spirit, and for the gift of lives lived with integrity and compassion from the inside out.

In Jesus' Name.

Amen.

JULY/AUGUST LECTIONARY READINGS

Sunday, July 6

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 66:10-14; Psalm 66:1-9

Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Sunday, July 6

John Hus Festival

Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 135:1-13

1 Corinthians 1:18-24; Mark 8:34-38

Sunday, July 13

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 30:9-14; Psalm 25:1-10

Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

Sunday, July 20

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 18:1-10a; Psalm 15

Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42

Sunday, July 27

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 18:20-32; Psalm 138

Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19); Luke 11:1-13

Sunday, August 3

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23; Psalm 49:1-12

Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

Sunday, August 10

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 15:1-6; Psalm 33:12-22

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40

Wednesday, August 13

August Thirteenth Festival

Joshua 24:16-24; Psalm 133

1 John 4:1-13; John 17:1-2, 6-19

Sunday, August 17

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 23:23-29; Psalm 82

Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

Sunday, August 24

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 58:9b-14; Psalm 103:1-8

Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

Sunday, August 31

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 25:6-7; Psalm 112

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14



Shepherd of the Prairie

Bulletin Board

2025 CONGREGATIONAL WATCHWORD

“No one who conceals transgression will prosper,
but one who confesses and forsakes them
will obtain mercy.”—Proverbs 28:13

Lectionary Bible Study meets

Monday, July 7, 14, & 28;

Monday, August 4, 11, 18, & 25 at 2:00pm.

The **Men's Lunch** is held every Wednesday at 11:30am
at Pepper's Sports Café on University Dr. in Fargo.

We will celebrate **The Sacrament of Holy
Communion in Remembrance of the Martyrdom
of John Hus** during worship on Sunday, July 6.

The Annual Moravian Picnic

will be Tuesday, July 8 at 6pm at the Leonard Picnic Shelter.

The Women's Bible Study will meet

Wednesday, July 9 and Wednesday, August 13 at 2:00pm.

The **Joint Board** will meet Thursday, July 10 and
Thursday, August 14 at 7pm.

The **ND Moravian Women** will meet
on Wednesday, July 16 and August 20 at 2:00pm.

Pastor Eric will be at Church Camp

from Saturday, July 19—Saturday, July 26.

There will be **No YouTube Service** on Sunday, July 20.

The **Moravian Women will be at Kindred Days**
on Saturday, August 9.

We will celebrate **The Sacrament of Holy Communion
in Celebration of August 13th, 1727**
during worship on Sunday, August 10.

SOTP Online/Telephone Services

YouTube: Search—*Shepherd of the Prairie Moravian Church*.

You can even subscribe to the channel so that you know when worship is beginning. The link to our channel is below. Click on the “Live” tab for the livestream on Sunday or watch anytime.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcokW5t-44HVVH8XY7ruHbww>

Zoom: Telephone Only

1-346-248-7799; Meeting ID: 285 137 6394.

Please note: There may be times when worship is delayed due to technical difficulties. Rest assured that we will try to start as soon as possible. If the issues cause us to be unable to have YouTube or Zoom worship or both. We will do our best to let you know quickly.

CANAAN'S WORSHIP SERVICE
IS STREAMED LIVE EVERY SUNDAY
ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AT 10:45 AM.
SEARCH: CANAAN MORAVIAN CHURCH

Cancellation of Worship/Church Events

There are times when it might be possible that worship service or other church events may be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. If an issue causes a cancellation, an announcement will be sent to all local radio and television stations; emailed; and placed on the church's Facebook page.

**NOTE: EVEN IF IN-PERSON WORSHIP IS CANCELLED,
ALL SERVICES WILL BE ON ZOOM, YOUTUBE,
OR FACEBOOK**





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“All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your faithful shall bless you.”—Psalm 145:10

Dinner with Pastor Eric will be
on Wednesday, July 2 & 16 and Wednesday August 6 & 13
at 5:30pm at the Davenport Supper Club.

We will celebrate **The Sacrament of Holy
Communion in Remembrance of the Martyrdom
of John Hus** during worship on Sunday, July 6.

The **Annual Moravian Picnic**
will be Tuesday, July 8 at 6pm at the Leonard Picnic Shelter.

The **Women’s Bible Study** will meet
Wednesday, July 9 and Wednesday, August 13
at 2:00pm at Shepherd of the Prairie.

The **Joint Board** will meet Wednesday, July 9 and
Wednesday, August 13 at 7pm.

The **ND Moravian Women** will meet
on Wednesday, July 16 and August 20 at 2:00pm
at Shepherd of the Prairie.

Pastor Eric will be at Church Camp
from Saturday, July 19—Saturday, July 26.

The **Casselton Days Craft & Bake Sale** sponsored by the
Women’s Fellowship of North Dakota
will be on Saturday, July 27.

The **Moravian Women will be at Kindred Days**
on Saturday, August 9.

We will celebrate **The Sacrament of Holy Communion
in Celebration of August 13th, 1727**
during worship on Sunday, August 10.

Women's Ministry

*The Women's Bible Study will meet
at Shepherd of the Prairie
Wednesday, July 9 and Wednesday,
August 13 at 2:00pm.*

*The Moravian Women will meet
on Wednesday, July 16 and August 20
at 2:00pm at Shepherd of the Prairie.*

*The Moravian Women will be having their an-
nual Craft and Bake Sale on Saturday, August
9 at Kindred Days. Please contact Sylvia
Medd for more information.*



TURKEY SUPPER

**SUNDAY
OCTOBER 12!!**

Summer words

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Fireworks	Flipflops	Ice cream	Sunscreen	Surfboard
Barbecue	Barefeet	Carnival	Lemonade	Palmtree
Popsicle	Seashell	Swimsuit	Vacation	Camping
Picnics	Sandals	Splash	Sunhat	Relax
Shade	Water	Boat	Heat	July
June	Pool	Sun		