## Singstunde Celebrating the Essentials of our Faith

The ode for this <u>Singstunde</u> is designed as a celebration of the essentials of Moravian belief. As expressed by Luke of Prague, the essentials are twofold: divine and human. Each of these has three aspects.

*On the part of God, they are:* 

- (1) the grace of God (the Father), who wills our salvation;
- (2) the saving work of God the Son in Christ; and
- (3) the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

*On the part of humanity, the essentials are:* 

- (1) faith,
- (2) love, and
- *(3) hope.*

These essentials are not a list of specific doctrines to which the Christian is expected to swear allegiance. Rather, they are objective attitudes and actions on the part of God to which humans by grace respond in a living relationship.

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Hymn 519, verses 1,2

Prayer

Scripture:

Romans 5:1-5, 6:1-5

Hymn 463, verses 2,3

Hymn 776, verses 1,4,5

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Hymn 498, vs. 1,2

Scripture:

Ephesians 1:15-23

Hymn 615, vs. 1

Hymn 713, vs. 3,4

Hymn 496, vs. 1,2,5

Hymn 643, vs. 1,2

Hymn 372, vs. 1,4

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Responsive Prayers:

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Hymn 519, vs. 3,5,6

Benediction