

**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
&
August 13th Festival
Remembrance**

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**The
Moravian
Church**



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Welcome!

Welcome to Calvary! We are so glad you are here.

If you've never been to a Moravian worship service before, it is likely some of the parts of this service will be rather new to you! We promise in time you'll learn the ropes. As we go throughout the service, feel free to simply follow our Pastor; she'll cue you in on if we are being invited to stand, sit, or greet one another.

This service is being livestreamed to YouTube.

Upcoming events and gatherings:

Conversation (After) Church | *Beginning in Sept!*

Choir Practice | *Beginning September 2nd*

Family Sunday School | *Returning Sept 6th!*

Midweek Bible Study | *Returning Sept 3rd*

Moravian Women | *Returning Sept 2 (in person)
& 14th (online)*

New here? Please scan this QR code to let us learn about you and follow up after today!



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As we gather...

...we wanted to make sure to let you know something really important! ALL are welcome here at Calvary . As a church that is a part of the Moravian Church Northern Province we believe and affirm that ***“no matter who you are or how you identify you are embraced and affirmed by God’s expansive love.”*** Additionally, we welcome all who might have questions, all those who might have some doubts, and of course all who remain tenaciously faithful. At Calvary, there is room for you here, and we are so glad you’ve decided to join us today.

If you are worshipping with us in our sanctuary...

...you may have a few questions about our church space and where to find things! Just out the doors

to the right of the sanctuary you can find a single stall, gender neutral bathroom. A few steps beyond that is our church nursery that has a live audio feed of our service. If you or someone who came with you today needs to step out of the sanctuary you are welcome to use this space! It is not staffed, so we just ask if you are bringing children into the space you remain with them until you are ready to rejoin us in the sanctuary. At the end of the service, our guest pastor, Pastor Charlie, will process to the back of the sanctuary and he would love to greet you so please stop by and say hello!

If you are worshipping with us online...

...know that you can connect with us and others worshipping online via our live chat! Please feel free to say hi and tell us where you are worshipping from. We are still working on making our streaming the most hospitable and welcoming that it can be, so please bear with us! If you have a prayer request you would like lifted up during our Prayers of the People time, please email our church office at churchcalvarymoravian@gmail.com no later than the Saturday before our Sunday worship and Pastor Mikayla will do her best to include your request.

The Worship Service

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

The call to worship is a brief opening to a worship service, usually derived from scripture, and invites all to focus their hearts and minds on God as we begin our service. It can be spoken or sung, look to the worship leader today to see how we will proceed!

Adapted from Psalm 67:1-5

May God be gracious to us, bless us, and the Lord's face shine upon us,

that God's way and saving power may be known upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God. Let the nations sing for joy,

For you judge the peoples with equity and guide the earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God.

Let all the peoples praise you. Amen.

Singing and Praying Together

"Worship" is often the word we use for the many collective practices that we engage in on a Sunday morning.

Sometimes we think of worship only as singing, but there is much more under this umbrella term! These headers of the different sections of our service are here to help guide out as we move through different worship practices this morning.

Opening Hymn | To Your Temple, Lord, I
Come vv. 1,2,3 & 5 (553)

To your temple, Lord I come,
For it is my worship home.
This earth has no better place,
Here I see my Savior's face.

While your glorious praise is sung,
Touch my lips, unloose my tongue
That my joyful soul may bless
Christ the Lord, my righteousness.

While the prayers of saints ascend,
God of love, to mine attend.
Hear me, for your Spirit pleads;
Hear, for Jesus intercedes.

From your house when I return,
May my heart within me burn,
And at evening let me say,

“I have walked with God today.”

Text: James Montgomery (1824), alt.

TUNE: Herrnhut (c. 1735); John Thommen (1745); C. Gregor *Choralbuch* (1784)

Liturgy For Renewal

*The **liturgy** in the Moravian tradition is a communal act of prayer, often with a specific theme or focus, where we go back and forth between speaking and singing. At times we will be invited to stand, and at others we will remain seated. You are invited to join in whatever posture suits you! Additionally, any parts written in bold are for the congregation to say together, so please, join in!*

Come let us return to our God; for it is the
Lord who has torn, and the Lord who will heal
us. After two days God will revive us; on the
third day God will raise us up,
**so that we may live within the loving
presence of the Lord.**

Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord;
the Savior's arrival is as sure as the dawn;
**Our Redeemer will come to us like the
showers, like the spring rains that water
and revive the earth.**

TUNE: BUNESSAN

*Water has held us, moved by creation.
Out of dark chaos, broke forth the light,
Up from the deluge, showing God's promise,*

Has come a rainbow, gladdening sight.

*Water has saved us, as the sea parted,
For Israel's children, walled on each side.
This love has led us, helped us in trouble,
On far horizon, God's cloud our guide.*

In the waters of baptism, we enter into a covenant and a newness of life where we walk hand in hand with our Savior, dedicated to serving Him and bringing the fruition of the Reign of God.

Revitalize and renew us for this task you have called us to, O Lord.

We have come to know our God as many things. The bread of life, the light of the world, the gate, the resurrection and the life, the good shepherd, the true vine, the way, the truth and the life.

And truly, Lord Jesus Christ, this is what you are to us, and so much more.

Holy and Righteous One, you have created all things, and we know to look for you in everything that we see.

In rolling hills, in desert plains, in cloudy skies, in mountain tops, all over creation, but especially in the face of our neighbor.

Today, we consider water as a reminder of your life-giving love. For our Savior has said:

To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

And Lord, we are thirsty, we are thirsty for this life giving water you provide. We know that water both takes life and saves it.

We also know that we cannot live without water and we cannot live without you.

Through water we are reminded of your call for us as we seek to serve you. You have made it clear that our songs of praise are not enough, but instead you would rather have justice roll down like waters.

And righteousness like an everflowing stream.

So may our prayers affect our actions, may we take part while the heavens shower from above, opening up the earth so that salvation may spring up.

For you, O God, have all things in your hand, and you have willed it so.

Renew us, Most Holy and Gracious God so
that we may participate in such work.

**Grant us the passion necessary to make
your will a reality.**

TUNE: FESTAL SONG

Renew us all, O Lord;
Renew us, heart and soul.
Now heal our anger, hurt, and pain;
Now make the wounded whole.

Renew your church in faith,
Your city, ruled by you.
Fulfill our hope; revive our love;
O Lord, make all things new.

There are so many things that get in the way,
clouding your vision in our hearts and minds.
There are so many concerns to block us from
the love you have to offer us, the flourishing
you desire for us.

**Hear us, merciful God as we come before
you, hearts in hands, in need of your
forgiveness.**

For when we have said or thought, it can wait
til tomorrow,

Forgive us, O Lord.

For when we have let petty conflict get in the way of reconciliation,

Forgive us, O Lord.

For when we have grouped ourselves in such a way that prevents the forming of new relationships and collaboration,

Forgive us, O Lord.

For when we confuse comfortability in our prejudice with your will for us.

Forgive us, O Lord.

For when the stress and struggle of this world feels like a funeral bell, instead of a call to action,

Forgive us, O Lord.

For when we ask “What’s in it for me?” instead of, “How can I help?

Forgive us, O Lord.

For these occasions and more, we humbly bow before you.

SILENT CONFESSION

The words of our Savior approach us now, like water bursting forth in the desert, “Come to me all of you who are weary and carrying

heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." No matter what may come, Christ will be there to face it with us.

For you, Dear Friend, will fill our mouths with laughter, our lips with shouts of joy.

We thank you Lord, for this gift beyond words: that you have sent your Son, Jesus Christ, that we might live through him, that his joy may be in us, and our joy may be complete.

Here we are, gathered in His name, and surely He is here.

In all circumstances of life, even when the waters rise around us, may we know that you are nearby. And may we know, that where water goes, life springs up, and where life springs up, your grace, your mercy and your peace, are not far behind.

Hear us and renew us, Gracious Lord and God. Amen.

TUNE: FILL US

Spirit of God, burst forth in flame,
Searing our conscience, staking your claim.
Burn up the clutter, brand us apart;
Warm every recess of my cold heart.

Refrain: Fill us with Spirit, fill us with joy!
Your life to inherit, your gifts to employ;
Your love to embody, great God within, Spirit
of Christ, let that new life begin!

Spirit of Light, shine on our stride,
Show up our folly, shatter our pride,
Into our darkness let your light pour;
Revealing dimensions undreamed before.

Refrain

Spirit of Love, transform our ways,
Fill with new feeling all of our days;
To replace our hatred, our anger, our fear
With new compassion, new struggle to care.

Refrain

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Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

*The prayers of the people are a time in our service where
we get to share the joys and concerns in our hearts. If you*

*have something you would like prayer for, please feel free to raise your hand and share it at this time. After all requests have been shared, our pastor leads us in a pastoral prayer. We conclude this time by saying the **Lord's Prayer** together as a way to lift up the joys and concerns in our hearts that we did not speak aloud. If you do not know the Lord's Prayer by heart, the words are printed below for you.*

Our Father, who art in	our trespasses
heaven	as we forgive those who
Hallowed be your name.	trespass against us.
Your kingdom come,	And lead us not into
your will be done	temptation,
on earth as it is in heaven.	but deliver us from evil.
Give us this day our daily	For thine is the kingdom,
bread,	the power, and the glory
and forgive us	forever and ever, amen.

Giving Back Together

Living As The Church | Time of Sharing

Over the summer, we are highlighting stories from some of our members about the ways that are living out what it means to be the church in the world. If you're curious to learn more about the specific ministry and work the person sharing today does, they will be around after our service to chat more!

The Offerings

Here at Calvary we collect two offerings each week. The first is a loose change offering we call a **“joyful noise.”** If you are worshipping with us in the sanctuary you will be invited to place loose change in a bucket for a specific organization (often a local Allentown nonprofit or a Moravian ministry) that we are highlighting this month.

The second is a **traditional offering** that we collect by passing a plate through the pews, and the financial gifts given at this time go to help cover our operating costs so we can continue to live out the mission and ministry God has for us here in Allentown’s West End and beyond. While it is not a requirement to give to either offering, we thank you so much for any support you do feel led to give!

Offertory

For those who may wish to give electronically via our giving portal, you are invited to scan this QR code. There are no fees applied to your gift!



At this time all will be invited to rise, in body or spirit, as the offerings are brought forward and we sing what is called the **Doxology**, which is an often-sung short moment of praise to God.

Doxology | Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above the heavenly hosts;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication Joyful Noise Response

All: Accept these gifts we bring today
For your will to be employed
God hear us as we sing and pray
and make a joyful noise! Amen.

Engaging Scripture Together

*This scripture selection will be read aloud by a lay leader in our congregation. The translation printed below comes from the **New Revised Standard Updated Edition translation**. If you are in our sanctuary and would like to follow along, the pew Bible may read slightly differently as those are the older edition of this translation, known as the New Revised Standard Edition. Every act of translation is always a work of interpretation, so sometimes different words or phrases are used. If you have questions about this, please feel welcome to chat with our pastor after the service!*

Scripture Reading | Genesis 45:1-15

45 Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ²And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it,

and the household of Pharaoh heard it. ³

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me; do not delay. ¹⁰You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and

your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there, since there are five more years of famine to come, so that you and your household and all that you have will not come to poverty.' ¹² And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. ¹³ You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." ¹⁴ Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

Sermon | Rev. Charlie McDonald (Guest Pastor)

Prayer

Sermon | Praise To The Lord, The Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the almighty
The king of creation!
O my soul, praise him,
For he is your help and salvation!
Let all who hear

Now to his temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things
Is wondrously reigning,
Shelt'ring you under his wings,
O so gently sustaining.
Have you not seen
All you have needed has been
Met by his gracious ordaining.

Praise to the Lord,
who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely his goodness and mercy
Shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew, what the almighty can do
If with his love he befriend you.

Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath,
Come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his temple again.
Gladly forever adore him!

Service of Holy Communion

In Celebration of The Holy Spirit

In the Moravian Church, we recognize the communion table as Jesus' table, not ours. We Therefore, it is not our

job to police or gatekeep this sacrament. At Calvary, we practice an “open table”, meaning all are welcome to join us as we partake together. Additionally, the Moravian Church does not name how Christ is present with us in this sacrament, but affirm that Christ is present how Christ wishes to be present, and embrace the mystery of this ancient practice.

Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, be with you all.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

(Standing. The congregation gives the right hand of fellowship, signifying oneness in Christ and the desire to be at peace with one another.)

TUNE: LAND OF REST

*I come with joy to meet my Lord,
Forgiven, loved, and free;
In awe and wonder to recall
His life laid down for me.*

*As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
Each proud division ends;
The love that made us, makes us one,
And strangers now are friends.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

(Sitting. As the bread is served, you are welcome to rise in body or spirit to receive it.)

TUNE: HERRNHUT (11A)

*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, power divine,
Fortify this will of mine;
Bend it to your own pure will,
All my life with graces full.*

Holy Spirit, peace divine,

*Still this restless heart of mine;
Speak to calm the tossing sea,
Stayed in your tranquility.*

TUNE: STUTTGART (16 F)

*Spirit, working in creation,
bringing order out of strife:
Come among GOd's gathered people,
Giving harmony and life.
Spirit, breathed on this disciples,
Giving peace where there was fear:
Come among us, touch us, send us,
Making Jesus' presence near.*

*Spirit, wind and flame,
Empowering fearless witness to the lost:
Come unite, renew your wonders;
Give us a new Pentecost.*

*Praise and glory, Holy Spirit,
For your love on us outpoured,
Giving honor to the Father
And proclaiming Jesus "Lord."*

(When the bread has been served, the communicants
stand.)

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

(All partake together)

SILENT PRAYER

By your divine presence,
By the holy sacraments,
By all the merits of your life, sufferings, death, and resurrection,

Bless and comfort us, gracious Lord and God.

In the same way, after supper our Lord Jesus Christ took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Drink from this all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sin. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

(Sitting. As the cup is served, you are welcome to rise in body or spirit to receive it.)

TUNE: BATTY (16A)

*Holy Spirit, come, confirm us
in the truth that Christ makes known;
We have faith and understanding
Through your promised light alone.*

Holy Spirit, come, console us,

*Come as Advocate to plead;
Loving Spirit from the Father,
Grant in Christ the help we need.*

*Holy Spirit, come, renew us,
Come yourself to make us live,
Holy through your loving presence,
Holy through the gifts you give.*

*Holy Spirit, come, possess us,
You the love of Three in One,
Holy Spirit of the Father,
Holy Spirit of the Son.*

TUNE: POSEN (22C)

*Ponder now in reverent thought
All the things that fill your heart
Every love and precious dream,
Every prayer and joy supreme.*

*Ponder now the sacred loaf,
Bread of God, the food of ope,
Broken, blessed, and freely served,
Richly given though undeserved.*

*Ponder now the holy cup,
Filled with mercy lifted up.
Take this drink and know the grace,
Christ's own presence in this place.*

*Ponder now the meal well spread,
On the table, wine and bread.
Come with happy hearts and share
All our Lord has offered there.*

(When the cup has been served, the communicants stand)

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Drink from this, all of you. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

(All partake together)

SILENT PRAYER

Christ, the Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

Grant to us your peace. Amen.

*For the bread which you have broken,
For the wine which you have poured,
For the words which you have spoken,
Now we give you thanks, O Lord.*

*By this pledge that you do love us,
By your gift of peace restored,
By your call to heaven above us,
Hallow all our loves, O Lord.*

*With our sainted ones in glory
Seated at the heavenly board,*

*May the church that's waiting for you
Keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.*

*In your service, Lord defend us,
In our hearts keep watch and ward;
In the world where you have sent us,
Let your kingdom come, O Lord.*

Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup,
you proclaim the Lord's death,

Until he comes.

(The congregation gives the right hand of fellowship,
signifying renewed dedication and unity of purpose in the
service of Christ.)

*I come with Christians far and near
To find, as all are fed,
The new community of love
In Christ's communion bread.*

*Together met, together bound,
We'll go our different ways;
And as his people in the world,
We'll live and speak his praise.*

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be
gracious unto you;

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and
give you peace;

In the name of Jesus, amen.

Postlude

Thank you for joining us in worship today! If you would like to learn more about us and ways to connect and get involved, our midweek newsletter is a great place to start.

You are welcome to scan this code to read our latest newsletters that always include the bulletin for the upcoming Sunday, a calendar and schedule for upcoming events, occasional reflections from our pastor, news from our denomination, and so much more.

