

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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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 | *Next Date: Oct 11th*

Choir Practice | *Wednesdays at 7pm*

Family Sunday School | *October 4th*

Midweek Bible Study | *Thursdays at 10am*

Moravian Women | *Next dates: October 5th (online) & October 7th (in person)*

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 Pastor Mikayla will process to the back of the sanctuary and she 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!

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 | All Creatures Of Our God And King

*All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia alleluia
Thou burning sun with golden beam*

Thou silver moon with softer gleam

Chorus

*O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia*

*Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along
O praise Him alleluia
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice
Ye lights of evening find a voice*

Chorus

*Let all things their Creator bless
And worship God in humbleness
O praise Him alleluia
Praise praise the Father praise the Son
And praise the Spirit Three in One*

Chorus

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Liturgy | Daily Prayers For Moravians

*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!

A Reading From Psalm 103:1-13

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

2 Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—

3 who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,

4 who redeems your life from the Pit,
**who crowns you with steadfast love and
mercy,**

5 who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

6 The Lord works vindication and justice for all
who are oppressed.

**7 He made known his ways to Moses, his acts
to the people of Israel.**

8 The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

9 He will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger forever.

10 He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth,

so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

12 as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.

13 As a father has compassion for his children,
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

Unto that compassionate God, let us confess our sins:

In our human frailty, we struggle to understand your steadfast love, O God. We confess that too often our love comes with strings attached and is based on what we can gain rather than on sharing it. In our human frailty, we have a hard time understanding how you can be so slow to anger when ours comes so easily. Gracious God, forgive our lack of steadfastness, forgive our shortsightedness, and forgive our unfaithfulness. Guide us to walk in your ways, to sing your praise, and to share your love freely.

Thanks be to God that God's love for us is not based on our faithfulness but on God's steadfast

love. My friends, know that your sins are forgiven; go therefore and walk in the light of the Lord, and give praise:

With joyful hearts, we give praise to God by saying: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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 mould me

Fill me use me

Spirit of the living God

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O Lord, hear us as we pray together.

Creator of all humanity, we call you Holy and seek to worship you all the days of our lives. We pray that the ways of your heavenly kingdom may be made real in the world that surrounds us. May the bread we need today be made available to us and to all who are hungry. May you forgive us, just as we forgive those who have sinned against us. In the time of moral testing, may we listen first for your voice calling to us, instead of the call of the world, and take from us the self-centeredness of our society. This world, and all that is in it, always has been and always will be yours. Help us to lose ourselves to you and your kingdom. Help us to find who we truly are as we walk in your light. Amen.

And now, most merciful God, we ask you to continue extending your grace and favor towards

us;

Let the sun of your gospel never go down out of our hearts;

Let your truth abide and be established among us forever.

Help our unbelief, increase our faith, and give us hearts to consider your many gifts to us.

In faith, clothe us with Christ, that he may live in us, and that your name may be glorified in the sight of all the world.

Keep us mindful of your steadfast love and how we can make that love come alive in the hearts of those we serve and come in contact with this very day.

May Christ and him crucified,

Remain our confession of faith. Amen.

*Liturgy Adapted From Prayers for the 16th Week after Pentecost
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Prayers of the People

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.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth,
As it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
The power, and the glory,
For ever and ever.
Amen.

Giving Back Together

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 Him all creatures here below
Praise him above the heavenly hosts
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication Joyful Noise Response

**All: Accept these gives 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

Scripture Reading | Exodus 16:2-15

*These scripture selections 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!*

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and ate our fill of bread, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?” ⁸And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD.”

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites: ‘Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.’ ” ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The

LORD spoke to Moses, ¹² “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’ ”

¹³ In the evening quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴ When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

Sermon | Rev. Mikayla Sauerbrey

Prayer

Hymn | Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness
O God my Father
There is no shadow
Of turning with Thee
Thou changest not

Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been
Thou forever will be

Chorus

Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning
New mercies I see
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness
Lord unto me

Summer and winter
And springtime and harvest
Sun moon and stars
In their courses above
Join with all nature
In manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness
Mercy and love **Chorus**

Pardon for sin
And a peace that endureth

Thy own dear presence
To cheer and to guide
Strength for today
And bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine
With ten thousand beside **Chorus**

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Benediction

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.

