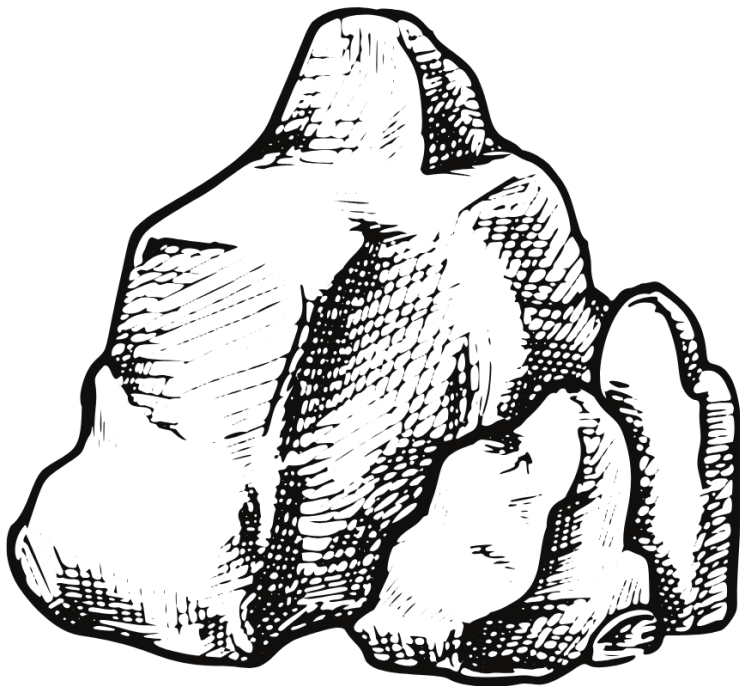


Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2026



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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 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!

Call To Worship

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God above us—trees, birds and sunshine, stars and moonlight— **God above us.**

God beneath us—earth, rocks and rivers, roots and caverns— **God beneath us.**

God around us—seas, winds and cities, animals and people— **God around us.**

God within us—hope, tears and laughter, love and wonder— **God within us.**

God above us, God beneath us, God around us,
God within us,

**We celebrate that you made us, you love us,
and you call us to work and rest with you.**

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 | Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing

*Come Thou fount of ev'ry blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love*

*Here I raise mine Ebenezer
Hither by Thy help I'm come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wand'ring from the fold of God*

*He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood*

*O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy grace Lord like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above*

John Wyeth, Robert Robinson

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Liturgy | Creation

*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!*

(Standing)

ROEDER

*God of the sparrow, God of the whale,
God of the swirling stars,
how does the creature say Awe?
How does the creature say Praise?*

*God of the earthquake, God of the storm,
God of the trumpet blast,
How does the creature cry Woe?
How does the creature cry Save?*

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Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in
the heights above.

**Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you
shining stars.**

Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea
creatures and all ocean depths, lightning and
hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his
bidding.

**Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he
commanded and they were created.**

Princes and rulers, men and women, old and
young together,

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget none of his benefits.

He forgives our sins and heals our diseases; he redeems our lives and crowns us with love and compassion.

We have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours, but also for the sins of the whole world.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart, in full assurance of faith, and confess our sins.

(Kneeling or sitting)

Gracious God, we confess to you our sins: sins of oppression, when prejudice, fear, and hate rule our hearts; sins of neglect, when we poison the earth for profit or we ignore pleas for mercy and justice; sins of pride; and sins of

greed. Lord, forgive us when we feed our anger and bathe in our despair. Hear now our confessions and know our hearts.

SILENT CONFESSION

Have mercy, O God, according to your unfailing love;

Wash away all our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. Amen.

As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God's love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

(Sitting)

MARTIN NYSTROM

*As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship you.
You alone are my strength my shield,
to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,*

and I long to worship you.

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In praise of our Creator, let us affirm our faith.

(Standing)

I believe in the one true God, the Father of humanity, who creates and sustains the universe in wisdom and power, who calls us into being and into relationship with God by grace, whose nature is love.

I believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who lived that we might see God, who died that we might be reconciled to God, who rose again that we might experience the life of God, who freely accepts and welcomes all who come to him, not on the basis of their merit, but on the basis of his unconditional love.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who is God present with us now, who shows us our need for God,

who assures us of God's love in all circumstances, who lives the life and the love of Jesus Christ through us.

In this faith I will seek to live in harmony with God, with people everywhere, and with all of creation. Amen.

(All may join in the following thanksgivings and intercessions, or the service may proceed as the liturgist directs.)

(Sitting)

We offer thanks to you, Creator God, for your artistry in frost and snow in the icy stillness of winter, for new life bursting forth and blooming in spring.

We thank you for sunshine and rain and for growth in summer, which you nurture into the fruitful abundance of autumn.

We thank you for the seasons of the spirit, for joy and sorrow, for pleasure and pain, for gladness and grief, for friendship and solitude.

We are grateful to you for your sustaining presence in all circumstances, and for giving us the strength through which we can do all things.

We pray for those who because of greed or selfishness exploit the gifts of the earth, that they may learn to be careful stewards of your creation.

We pray for all who by their commitment and involvement are working to preserve our planet, that you would multiply their efforts.

We pray for those who suffer from prejudice, poverty, or pain, that you would draw near to them and provide for them true justice and mercy.

We pray for those whose lives are being wasted in careless living or despair, that they may find the joy of self-discipline and the hope that comes through Christ.

We pray for your whole church, that it may become a powerful agent of reconciliation and renewal in the name of Jesus Christ.

We pray for all people, that everyone will recognize your awesome majesty and bow in obedient and joyful service.

*God of the hungry, God of the sick,
God of the prodigal,
How does the creature say Care,
How does the creature say life?*

*God of the neighbor, God of the foe,
God of the olive branch,
How does the creature say Love,
How does the creature say Peace?
God of the ages, God near at hand,
God of the loving heart,
How do your children say joy,
How do your children say Home?*

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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 17:1-7

*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!*

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to

kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?”
⁴ So Moses cried out to the LORD, “What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me.”
⁵ The LORD said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go.”
⁶ I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.”
Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.
⁷ He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

Sermon | Rev. Mikayla Sauerbrey

Prayer

Singing Together

Sending Hymn | I've Got Peace Like A River

*I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river in my soul
I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river in my soul*

*I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean in my soul
I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean in my soul
I've got joy like a fountain
I've got joy like a fountain
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul
I've got joy like a fountain
I've got joy like a fountain
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul*

Jeffrey Rickard

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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.

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reflections from our pastor, news from our
denomination, and so much more.

