

Fifteenth 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 | *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!

(From the Prayers for the 14th Week After Pentecost by Rt. Rev. Chris Giesler)

Praise the Lord and give thanks to Him for all his mercies.

In Jesus Christ, God grants us the forgiveness of sin and shows us a new way of living.

We seek to respond to that love by following the way of the cross.

We will rejoice and worship God with all our hearts.

Hear now the call of God to draw near to His loving embrace.

We will rest ourselves in God and do all that He asks.

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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.

Liturgy | Spiritual 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!*

(Standing)

*Holy Spirit, ever living
as the church’s very life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving
through us in a ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit, ever forming
In the church the mind of Christ:
You we praise with endless worship for your gifts
and fruits unpriced.*

Holy Spirit, ever working

*Through the church's ministry;
Quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving,
Setting captive sinners free;
Holy Spirit ever binding
Age to age and soul to soul:
In communion never ending,
You we worship and extol.*

Holy Spirit of God, we praise and worship you as the one who gave birth to Christ's church. With the sound of mighty wind and flashing fire, you brought life to the church in Jerusalem.

You filled those frightened new believers with power, and they became Christ's witnesses, speaking boldly the word of truth.

You continue to transform believers—healing, reconciling, empowering. Lives are turned around. Emptiness is filled. Drifting hearts are given direction.

You vitalize your wavering church—lavishing gifts upon us, forging unity, giving new vision. You turn our eyes from the wistful memories of

**yesterday to the new things you are doing
among us now.**

We worship and extol you, our Teacher, Guide,
and Comforter. You make Christ known to us and
make us your holy temple.

**By your presence, the church in all its diversity
is welded together in unity.**

(Sitting)

Interceding Spirit, we do not know how to pray as
we ought; but you understand our deepest needs
and present them with love to the Father. Lead
us now to repentance and confession.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me; fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

**Spirit of holiness, we confess that we are a
sinful people. In thought, word, and deed, we
quench the fire of your love and dissipate the**

power of your presence. You long to restore us to the image of God, but we let it tarnish as we nurse our selfish attitudes. You nurture unity, but we sow discord. You come to make our bodies your temples, but we desecrate them. We dishonor your good intentions for us. Forgive us, merciful Spirit. Burn away our impurities, and forge us into renewed and useful instruments in your service. Amen.

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. The law of the Spirit of life in Christ has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

We believe God's promise in these last days: I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy; your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Upon both men and women in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall speak my message.

The Spirit of God dwells in us if we belong to Christ. The Spirit bears witness with our spirit

**that we are children of God, and if children,
then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with
Christ.**

When the Holy Spirit comes upon us, we receive power, and we become God's witnesses.

The fruit that the Spirit brings to the lives of those who follow Christ is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control.

The diverse and empowering gifts of the Spirit are given to each one for the common good. None of us is useless to God. None of us is sufficient alone. We serve through the body of Christ, and we depend on the people of Christ.

The Spirit's gifts are given to equip believers for the work of ministry, to build up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God.

*For your gift of God the Spirit,
Pow'r to make our lives anew,*

*Pledge of life and hope of glory,
Savior, we would worship you.
Crowning gift of resurrection
Sent from your ascending throne,
Fullness of the very God-head,
Come to make your life our own.*

*Father grant your Holy Spirit
In our hearts may rule today,
Grieved not, quenched not, but unhindered,
work in us his sov'reign way.
Fill us with your holy fullness,
God the Father, Spirit, Son;
In us, through us, then forever,
Shall your perfect will be done.*

(Standing)

Come, heavenly Dove, and alight upon us. Anoint us to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release recovery, and freedom to those in need.

Empower us to work for God's kingdom in such a way that life becomes a Jubilee, for us and for all people.

Lift up the lonely, the neglected, the outcast.
Comfort the grieving. Restore the lost. Be the
advocate of the afflicted.

**Teach all your people. Remind us of Jesus, and
lead us into all the truth.**

Keep us on the edge of dynamic living, wrapped
in the flames of new beginnings and filled with
the power for personal renewal.

**Form us into the likeness of Christ, that we
may glorify God's name.**

Renew your church. Fill stagnant and empty lives
with the breadth of God. Overcome our apathy,
and energize us with your engaging presence.

**Give your church new vision, new hope, and a
driving desire to claim the promise of new
birth.**

Spirit of power, work in all who confess the risen Christ to spread your message of hope, love, and salvation to every person and nation.

Hasten the day when every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!

*Spirit of truth, and grace, and power blow
through your church we pray.
Transform us from this very hour
In all we do and say.*

*Anoint us all to be good news
To sad and weak and poor.
Make us the instruments you use
to praise the Savior more.*

*Pour out your gifts, wrap us in flames
Of energy and drive;
And make our goal, our guiding aim,
That Jesus' church will thrive. Amen.*

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 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

Scripture Reading | Exodus 12:1-14

*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!*

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ²“This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a

whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn with fire. ¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand, and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the LORD. ¹²I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from human to animal, and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴ “This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Sermon | Rev. Mikayla Sauerbrey

Prayer

Singing Together

Sending Hymn | Standing On The Promises
(Promises)

*Standing on the promises of Christ my King
Through eternal ages let His praises ring
Glory in the highest I will shout and sing
Standing on the promises of God*

Chorus

*Standing standing
Standing on the promises of God my Savior
Standing standing
I'm standing on the promises of God*

*Standing on the promises that cannot fail
When the howling storms of doubt and fear
assail
By the living Word of God I shall prevail
Standing on the promises of God **Chorus***

*Standing on the promises I cannot fall
List'ning ev'ry moment to the Spirit's call
Resting in my Savior as my All in All
Standing on the promises of God* **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.

