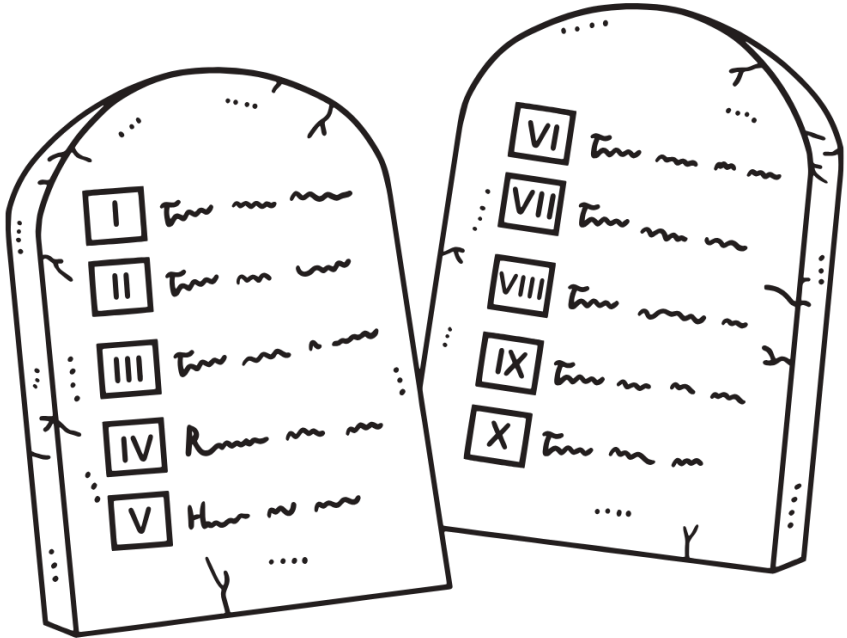


Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 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 | October 11th!

Choir Practice | Wednesdays at 7 PM

Family Sunday School | Returning November 1st!

Midweek Bible Study | Thursdays at 10 AM

Moravian Women | October 7 at 1pm (in person) & 4th at 7pm (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!

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One: When the world seems full of division,

All: Great Creator, make us one.

When it's hard to love our neighbor,

Great Creator, make us one.

When walls and borders separate us,

Great Creator, make us one.

When we close ourselves off to others,

Great Creator, make us one.

When we get it right,

Great Creator, make us one.

When we come together,

Great Creator, make us one.

When we are reminded we are part of something
bigger than ourselves,

Great Creator, make us one.

When we ask others to join us at this table,

Great Creator, make us one.

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 | Your Peace Will Make Us One

*Mine eyes have seen the glory
Of the coming of the Lord
You are speaking truth to power
You are laying down our swords
Replanting every vineyard
'Til a brand new wine is poured
Your peace will make us one*

*Glory glory hallelujah
Glory glory hallelujah*

*Glory glory hallelujah
Your peace will make us one*

*I've seen you in our home fires
Burning with a quiet light
You are mothering and feeding
In the wee hours of the night
Your gentle love is patient
You will never fade or tire
Your peace will make us one*

*Glory glory hallelujah
Glory glory hallelujah
Glory glory hallelujah
Your peace will make us one*

*In the beauty of the lilies
You were born across the sea
With a glory in your bosom
That is still transfiguring
Dismantling our empires
Till each one of us is free
Your peace will make us one*

Glory glory hallelujah

Glory glory hallelujah
Glory glory hallelujah
Your peace will make us one

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Liturgy | For World Communion Sunday

*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!*

Good and Holy God,

We know you love each of us and you call us to love and care for one another. But we do not always love each other as you have commanded. We divide ourselves up, surround ourselves with others who are most like us, and erect barriers between ourselves and those who are different than us. We tell ourselves we are right, and they are wrong. We refuse to offer welcome to those who come seeking refuge. We tell ourselves other peoples' needs and struggles are none of

our concern. We make rules about who has a place at the table, who deserves to have their hunger and thirst satisfied, forgetting that at your table, everyone is invited to come. We hold tightly to what we have for fear of losing it, even when others do not have enough.

Forgive us, God, for forgetting we are bound up together in your love, that we are family. Forgive us for the ways we fail to care for one another and therefore fail to follow your example. Empower us to share generously of what we have, and welcome all, just as you do for us at your holy table. Embolden us to do better, with your help, and to come together as the holy family we are.

Silent Confession

Friends, God's love and mercy know no bounds. Like two holy arms, they reach across the world, across time, across every difference and every divide between us. They gather us up in God's everlasting embrace and tell us over and over: You are forgiven. You are forgiven. Be at peace.

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.

After all specific joys and concerns have been spoken aloud by the present congregation, we will join together, acknowledging the brokenness of our world, and recognizing that Jesus embraces us all. As you hear these prayers, we ask you to respond by saying, "Lord, have mercy. All are embraced at your table."

To the God who sent your Son so that his body might be broken for us, we thank you. As we gather to remember this act of love, we acknowledge there is still brokenness in our body, in our world. We ask that you have mercy on us, that we may continue to be the hands and feet of the One who was broken so that we might live abundantly. We participate in this abundant life through our hospitality, through welcoming all to the community of God.

Lord, have mercy. All are embraced at your table.

For those who have no food or shelter. Who, because of greed and power, struggle to find jobs to feed their families. For those who work just

enough to make ends meet. And for those who have lost everything.

Lord, have mercy. All are embraced at your table.

For those who are denied humanity because of their skin color, place of birth, gender, or sexual orientation. For the unarmed people gunned down in the street by those who swore to protect them. For children separated from their families, because they sought refuge. And for those who lost their lives at the hands of others ignorant to their way of love.

Lord, have mercy. All are embraced at your table.

For those dealing with sickness in their bodies, minds, and spirits. For the ill, brokenhearted, and the hopeless. For those who have been denied health care and access to healing and means of hope, simply because they cannot afford it. For those struggling with what it means to live, and for those who have lost loved ones to that battle.

Lord, have mercy. All are embraced at your table.

At this point Pastor Mikayla will uplift some of the specific prayers shared today. At the conclusion, please join her in saying:

Lord, have mercy. All are embraced at your table.

In the midst of all that seems broken in our world, for only you can bring us together, only you can make us whole.

Lord, have mercy. All are embraced at your table.

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 20:1-21

*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!*

Then God spoke all these words,

²“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴ “You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me ⁶ but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ “You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸ “Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰ But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹² “Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³ “You shall not murder.

¹⁴ “You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ “You shall not steal.

¹⁶ “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷ “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, male or female slave, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

¹⁸ When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance ¹⁹ and said to Moses, “You speak to us, and we will listen, but do not let God speak to us, lest we die.” ²⁰ Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid, for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.” ²¹ Then the people stood at a distance, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

Sermon | Rev. Mikayla Sauerbrey

Prayer

Service For Holy Communion In Celebration of Unity and Renewal

In Celebration of Unity and Renewal

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.)

*Come, let us all with gladness raise
A joyous song of thanks and praise
To God who rules the heavenly host,
God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

And in your love may we abide,

*Estranged from none by wrath or pride,
Among ourselves at unity
And with all else in charity.*

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.)

*Now in faith I humbly ponder over
This surpassing wonder
That the bread of life is boundless
Through the souls it feeds are countless
With the choicest wine of heaven
Christ's own blood to us is given.
O most glorious consolation,
Pledge and seal of my salvation.*

*Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
Truest friend, and dearest treasure
Peace beyond all understanding,
Joy into all life expanding:*

*Humbly now, I bow before you,
Love incarnate, I adore you;
Worthily let me receive you, and,
So favored never leave you.*

*Jesus makes my heart rejoice,
I'm his sheep and know his voice;
He's a Shepherd kind and gracious,
And his pastures are delicious;
Constant love to me he shows,
Yea, my very name he knows.*

*Trusting his mild staff always,
I go in and out in peace;
He will feed me with the treasure
Of his grace in richest measure;
When a thirst to him I cry,
Living water he'll supply.*

*Should not I for gladness leap,
Led by Jesus as his sheep?
For when these blessed days are over
To the arms of my dear Savior
I shall be conveyed to rest.
Amen, yea, my lot is blessed.*

(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 support 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.)

*Join we all with one accord;
Praise we all our common Lord;*

*For we all have heard his voice,
All have made his will our choice.
Join we with the saints of old,
No more strangers in the fold,
One the Shepherd who us sought,
One the flock his blood has bought.*

*One the name in which we pray,
One our Savior day by day;
With one cup and with one bread
Thus one covenant way we tread.
One in spirit, one in life,
One amid earth's frequent strife,
One in faith and one in love,
One in hope of heaven above.*

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*The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her
Lord;
She is his new creation by water and the word;
From heaven he came and sought her to be his
holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life
he died.*

*Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one
birth;*

*One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food;
And to one hope she presses with every grace endued.*

(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.

*Jesus, hail! Enthroned in glory,
There forever to abide!
All the heavenly hosts adore you,
Seated at your Father's side;
There for sinners you are pleading;
There our places you prepare,
Ever for us interceding,
Till in glory you appear.*

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.)

*By your reconciling love
Every stumbling block remove;
Each to each unite endear;
Come, and spread your banner here.*

*May it to the world appear
That we your disciples are
By our loving mutually
By our Christian unity.*

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.

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.

