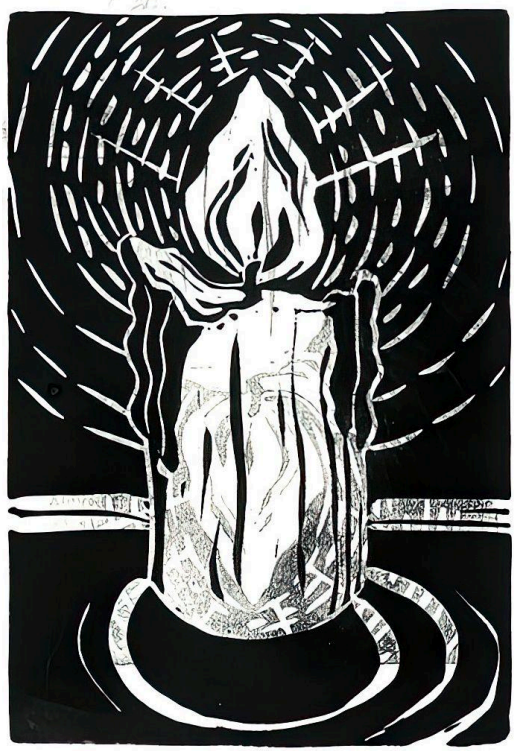
Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

November 8, 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 or service leader; they'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 | *November 8th*
Choir Practice | *Wednesdays at 7 PM*
Fellowship Hour | *Beginning Oct. 25th*
Midweek Bible Study | *Thursdays at 10 AM*
Moravian Women | *November 4 at 1pm (in person) & 2nd 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.

Some Frequently Asked Questions...

So, what is a liturgy?

A direct translation from the Greek, the word "liturgy" literally means *"The work of the people."* You might think of it as a "road map" for worship because it helps guide us through spoken prayers, songs, confessions, and communal responses that are written down for everyone to say together, aloud or quietly, as we worship together. Many of the liturgies we use in our worship services here at Calvary have ancient roots, coming directly from scripture and being a part of Moravian worship for many generations, while still maintaining modern sensibilities.

Why are some of the words in bold?

Since a liturgy is the "work of the people" that means this is a prayer we say together! The words in bold are the words you are invited to say along with the rest of the congregation.

Do I have to stand when it says to stand, sit, or kneel when the liturgy says so?

We worship God with our full selves, which includes our bodies, so as we pray we do sometimes change our posture based on the words we say. However, you are welcome to take or remain in a posture that is best or most comfortable for you. Sometimes the pastor or person leading the liturgy will give some extra clues with these holy calisthenics, so if you are unsure you can simply listen and follow along.

What are those all caps words on the right hand side before the song lyrics?

These words are the names of the hymn tunes these songs are set to! For those who may know how to read music, or are familiar with these tune names, these can help clue some folks in as to how the song will go.

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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God of the cosmos, God of the commonplace,
Through your face we see to do what is required of us.
God of the mundane, God of mystery,
Through your grace we seek to do justice.
God-in-the-midst, God on the margins,
Through your grace we seek to love kindness.
God of power and plenty, God of the dispossessed,
Through your grace we seek to walk humbly in your way.

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 | Today We Are Called To Be Disciples

Today we all are called to be
disciples of the Lord
To help to set the captives free,
Make plowshares out of sword,
To feed the hungry, quench their thirst,
Make love and peace our fast,
To serve the poor and homeless first, our ease
and comfort last.

God made the world and at its birth
Ordained our human race
To live as stewards of the earth,
Responding to God's grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud,
We sow not peace but strife.
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud

That threatens all of life.

Pray justice may come rolling down
As in a mighty stream,
With righteousness in field and town
To cleanse us and redeem.
For God is loving to restore
An earth where conflicts cease,
A world that was created
For a harmony of peace.

May we in service to our God
Act out the living word,
And walk the road the saints have trod
Till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we
Give thanks in one accord
To God who calls us all to be
Disciples of the Lord.

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Liturgy | Discipleship

*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)

What shall we render to the Lord for all his bounty to us?
We will offer to the Lord the sacrifices of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord.
Praise the Lord!

BEACH SPRING

Come in praise and adoration,
all who on Christ's name believe;
worship him with consecration,
grace and love will you receive.
For his grace give him the glory,
for the Spirit and the Word,
and repeat the gospel story
'til all souls his name have heard.

Gracious God, for revealing yourself to us as one who created all things, who gave us dominion over all the earth, who called us into a covenant relationship with you, who has given us the privilege of being your ambassadors in our world, who loves us as your children through Jesus Christ our Lord,
We give you our heartfelt thanks.

EMMANUEL (14 Bb)

Our heav'nly Father, source of love,
to you our hearts we raise.
Your all sustaining power we prove,
and gladly sing your praise.

(Sitting)

Jesus Christ our Savior, because you were willing to come to earth in the likeness of humanity, to take the form of a servant; because you became obedient unto death, even death on a cross; because God has highly exalted you and bestowed on you the name which is above every name, that at your name every knee should bow,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that you are Lord, to the glory of God the Father;
We humbly bow before you in praise and adoration.

MANOAH

Lord Jesus, yours we wish to be;
our sacrifice receive.
By you preserved, from sin set free,
to you ourselves we give.

Holy Spirit, for dwelling with us and calling us to God by the gospel, for preserving us in the true fath, for leading the church on earth in its mission, for pointing the way of discipleship to each of us,
We acknowledge your presence and power among us.

LAND OF REST

Come, Holy Ghost, the Savior's love
shed in our hearts abroad;
so shall we ever live and move

and be with Christ in God.

Jesus Said: Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, there shall m y servant be also; whoever serves me, the Father will honor. If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples.

We hear your call to discipleship. Master, teach us the way we should go.

Present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your minds, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Jesus said: This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear much fruit, and that your fruit should abide.

Now the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

gentleness, self-control. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.
Be steadfast, immoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

IN BABILONE

Lord, as you have lived for others,
So may we for others live;
Freely have your gifts been granted;
Freely may our servants give.
Yours the gold and yours the silver,
Yours the wealth of land sea,
We but stewards of your bounty
sharing all by your decree.

(Kneeling or sitting)

We confess, Lord, that as your disciples we have often dishonored the holy name we bear. We ask your forgiveness for the times when we have failed to labor for your kingdom; when we have not followed your admonition to seek first the kingdom of God; when we

have hidden our light from the world; when we, as the salt of the earth, have lost our strength. Have mercy on us, and restore unto us the joy of faithful discipleship. Amen.

The Lord, your Redeemer, has said: With everlasting love, I will have compassion on you. Therefore serve the Lord with gladness; witness to his goodness and mercy; and preach Jesus Christ as Lord, with yourselves as servants for Jesus' sake.

(Standing)

GRACEHAM (581 K)

Jesus, Master whom I serve,
though so feebly and so ill,
strengthen hand and heart and nerve,
all your bidding to fulfill;
open now my eyes to see
all the work you have for me.

Jesus, Master, will you use
one who owes you more than all?
As you will, I would not choose;

only let me hear your call. Jesus,
let me always be
in your service glad and free. Amen.

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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.

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.

Ministry Highlight | Lanie Yaswinski, Area Director For Faith Formation

Engaging Scripture Together

Scripture Reading | Matthew 25:1-13

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 the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. **2** Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. **3** When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, **4** but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. **5** As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. **6** But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' **7** Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. **8** The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' **9** But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' **10** And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. **11** Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' **12** But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' **13** Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Sermon | Rev. Mikayla Sauerbrey

Prayer

Sending Hymn | In Our Churches, In Our Churches

In our churches, in our churches,
open wide the door;
Love should always, love should always,
journey with the poor.
Social status has no say,
in the pattern of our way.
All are welcome, all are welcome,
riches we ignore.

No distinctions, no distinctions
shall divide us here;
God's impartial, God's impartial:
everyone is dear;
Let this be our church's goal:
to include each needy soul;
Grace is given, grace is given:
Christ has made that clear.

Show God's mercy, show God's mercy
unto one and all;
Without judging, without judging
as we need our call;
This is how our church shall be:
filled with love and liberty,
In the Spirit, in the Spirit
of our Savior's law.

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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.