

Unity. Liberty. Love. Serve.



Sermon (Gerd Altmann)

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 16TH, 2025



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We welcome all members and guests to our service today, and we are glad that you have joined us for worship at Calvary!

SERVING IN WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Chaz Snider, *Preaching*

Mary Louise Kapp Peeples, *Organist*

Amanda Schumpert, *Student Pastor & Director of Music*

Helen Pelkey, *Director of Children, Youth, & Family Ministries*

Kristie Pristas, *Lay Reader*

Brian Lott, *Band Director*

The Calvary Band

The Calvary Chancel Choir

Josephine Rose & Autumn Gwyn, *Nursery Attendants*

Spencer Davis & Gene Sharp, *Ushers*

The flowers placed in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Bruce and Juanita Lewis by the family.

Nursery is available for all children infant through Pre-K.

Children Kindergarten through 2nd grade may leave for Godly Play after the Children's Moment. For those children remaining in the sanctuary, New to the Pew bags can be found up front filled with fun activities to help them in worship. All children are welcome!

5 Savior and Lord of our lives, for your call we adore you,
 all that we are we would offer in worship before you,
 ready to go,
 ready your fulness to know,
 ready to serve by your Spirit!

Christ for the World We Sing!

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1 Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring
 2 Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring
 3 Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring
 4 Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring

with lov - ing zeal, the poor and them that mourn, the faint and
 with fer - vent prayer, the way - ward and the lost by rest - less
 with one ac - cord with us the work to share, with us re -
 with joy - ful song, the new - born souls, whose days, re - claimed from

o - ver - borne, sin - sick and sor - row - worn, whom Christ does heal.
 pas - sions tossed, re - deemed at count - less cost from dark de - spair.
 proach to dare, with us the cross to bear for Christ our Lord.
 er - ror's ways, in - spired with hope and praise to Christ be - long.

PEACE AND JUSTICE

(Standing)

How should we come before the Holy One and bow before God on high?

God has shown what is good and what is required: to do justice, to show constant love, and to walk humbly with our God.

HYMN TO JOY



Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:
we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart,
con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.

TEXT: Albert F. Bayly (1901-1984). ©1988 by Oxford University Press

We give thanks to you, O God, for you are good;

For your steadfast love endures forever!

Who can utter your mighty works, or show forth all your praise?

Blessed are they who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

Is not this the kind of worship that pleases me, says our God: to undo the bonds of injustice, to let the oppressed go free and break every yoke, to share bread with the hungry and shelter the homeless poor, to clothe the naked and not turn from your own people? I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, sick or in prison and you visited me.

When did we see you hungry and feed you, thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, naked and clothe you, sick or in prison and visit you?

Truly, I say to you, when you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me.

(Sitting)

Unison BAHNSON

"Come now, you bless - ed; eat at my ta - ble,"
Christ, when we see — you out on life's high - ways,

Christ Je - sus said to the right - eous a - bove.
look - ing to us in the fac - es of need,

"When I was hun - gry, thirst - y, and home - less,
then may we know — you, wel - come and show — you

sick and in pris - on you showed me your love."
love that is faith - ful in word and in deed.

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TUNE: © by Brian Henkelmann

PEACE AND JUSTICE

If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word; if you give your bread to the hungry and relief to the oppressed, then your light will rise like the dawn; your goodness will go before you and the glory of God behind you.

God has shown us what is good and what is required: to do justice, to show constant love, and to walk humbly with our God.

As we consider these things, let us confess our sins in silence.

SILENT CONFESSION

The peace of Christ be with you;

And also with you.

QUEBEC

Give me your cour - age, Lord, to speak when - ev - er
strong op - press the weak. Should I my - self as
vic - tim live, re - mem - b'ring you, may I for - give.

TEXT: © by Concordia Publishing House

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
For they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
For they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
For they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,
For they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
For they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
For they will be called children of God.

Jesus said: You have heard it said, "You shall not murder"; and "whoever murders shall be liable to judgment." But I say to you that if you are angry with your neighbor, you will be liable to judgment.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

You have heard it said, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." But I say to you: Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

You have heard it said, "You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy." But I say to you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

PERFECT LOVE

Fol - low with rev - 'rent steps the great ex - am - ple of him whose

ho - ly work was do - ing good; so shall the wide earth

seem our Fa - ther's tem - ple, each lov - ing life a psalm of grat - i - tude.

PEACE AND JUSTICE

Praise God, all you nations,

Praise God, all you people!

Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help. There will be One who will rule with integrity and govern with justice: One who will be like a shelter from the wind and a place to hide from the storm; One who will be like streams flowing in a desert, like the shadow of a giant rock in a barren land; One whose eyes and ears will be open to the needs of the people.

Our God says:

Here is my servant, whom I strengthen, the one I have chosen, with whom I am pleased.

I have filled him with my Spirit, and he will bring justice to every nation.

He will not lose hope or courage; he will establish justice on the earth.

He will teach us what he wants us to do;

We will walk in the paths he has chosen.

He will settle disputes among the nations; he will arbitrate for many peoples.

We will beat our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks.

Nation will not lift up sword against nation; neither will they learn war anymore;

We will live in peace, and no one will make us afraid.

Justice will roll down like waters,

And righteousness like an everflowing stream.

And the effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness will be quietness and trust forever. And we will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.

We will live in peace, and no one will make us afraid.

(Standing)

God has shown us what is good and what is required:

To do justice, to show constant love, and to walk humbly with our God.

PEACE AND JUSTICE

SARUM (58 E)

Peace - mak - ers! Blessed by Christ's in - vit - ing word,

chil - dren of God, let ev - 'ry - where be heard

the sounds of peace and jus - tice not de - ferred. Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

TEXT: © by Jane Parker Huber

584 Blessed Are the Pure in Heart

1 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see their God.
 2 The Lord, who left the sky our life and peace to bring,
 3 he to the low - ly soul will still him - self im - part
 4 Lord, we your pres - ence seek; we ask this bless - ing true:

The se - cret of the Lord is theirs; their soul is Christ's a - bode.
 to dwell in low - li - ness with us, our pat - tern and our king,
 and for his dwell - ing and his throne will choose the pure in heart.
 give us a pure and low - ly heart, a tem - ple fit for you.

TEXT: John Keble (1819), alt.
 TUNE: German melody

S.M.
 BADEA (582 T)

585 May the Mind of Christ My Savior

1 May the mind of Christ my Sav - ior live in me from day to day,
 2 May the word of God dwell rich - ly in my heart from hour to hour,
 3 May the peace of God my Fa - ther rule my life in ev - 'ry - thing,
 4 May the love of Je - sus fill me as the wa - ters fill the sea;

TEXT: Kate B. Wilkinson (1925)
 TUNE: Arthur Cyril Barham-Gould (1925). Music by permission of D. R. Gould.

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 ST. LEONARDS

GATHERING IN UNITY

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK (JEREMIAH 17:7)

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.

**** Please stand as you are able.***

BAND PRELUDE

TRINITY CHIME

ORGAN PRELUDE

Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising — Healey Willan

WELCOME

PROCLAIMING GOD'S LOVE

***HYMN #640**

Christ for the World We Sing! — ITALIAN HYMN

***PEACE & JUSTICE LITURGY**

Pg. 148-151, Moravian Book of Worship

OFFERTORY

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling — Ned Rorem

***DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

EPISTLE: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:12-20

*GOSPEL: LUKE 6:17-26

The Word of God for the People of God
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

O Dear Jesus, You Have Called Us — STEPHANOS

O dear Jesus, you have called us with your gentle voice;
as your children we receive you and rejoice.

QUIET MEDITATION AND PRAYER

HYMN #584

Blessed Are the Pure in Heart — BADEA

SERMON

SENDING TO SERVE

***PEACE & JUSTICE LITURGY**

Pg. 152, Moravian Book of Worship

***BENEDICTION**

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Noel III — Claude Balbastre

TRINITY CHIME

REMEMBER CALVARY MEMBERS IN PRAYER

Eddie Johnson; Camilla Williams; Bernard Williams; Patricia Poindexter Garr; Earline Pryor; Misty Hayes and family; Noelle Nichols; Rameth McKnight; Ursula Pierce; Steven Nixa; Gary Willis; Lily Shaw; Patsy Lineback; Patrick Biggam; Dallas & Ramona Prestwood; Lynn Biggam; Tommy & Nancy McKoon; Scott & Elaine Peddycord; Harold & Joeann Settle; Charlie Miller; Betty Troutman; J. Frank & Jan Trivette; Johnnie & Mary Anna Pearson; the Tasedan family; Judi Chandler; George Tasedan; Sandra Shugart; Pat George; Bill & Mary Hampton

REMEMBER FRIENDS AND FAMILY IN PRAYER

Denise Williams; Beverly Streicker; Lisa Hampton; Carole Farris and the family of Mike Farris

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Jacob will be out of the office February 17th-19th to visit his newborn nephew.

THANK YOU!

All of us at Calvary want to say a big thank you to all our members that helped organize our Super Bowl of Caring luncheon this last Sunday, from the cooks who brought yummy soups to the party decorators to the youth that helped set up and collect money in their soup pots. Everything was so delicious and it was such a lovely fellowship event. And we raised \$450 for Samaritan Ministries so thank you for giving so generously. Great job Calvary!

NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY & PRAYER

Virtual prayer meetings will be offered on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month, at 9:00 AM via Zoom. We will pray for ourselves, for those on our prayer list, and for our church and world. This Zoom prayer time will last about 15 minutes, and gives us an additional opportunity to check in and share the people and things that we hold in our hearts. Confidentiality will be an essential part of these times together; when talking with someone else about the prayer time, it's OK to say what you yourself shared, but not OK to say what anyone else shared. The link to join the meeting is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81364100880>
I look forward to sharing prayer with you! – Pastor Nola

BREAKFAST BUNCH

February 18th, 9 AM at Carriage House. Please contact Pat George (336) 971-3429 or Linda Smith (336) 978-6082 to RSVP.

ASH WEDNESDAY & PANCAKE DINNER

On Wednesday, March 5th, we will observe Ash Wednesday with two services, a simple service at 10 AM and our traditional service with music at 6:30 PM. Both services will include communion and the imposition of ashes. At 5 PM that evening, we will host a pancake dinner in Fellowship Hall.

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS

"All of creation," wrote St. Hildegard of Bingen, "is a song of praise to God" – a swirling symphony all around us. So for this year's 40-day Lenten journey, why not take the Christian musical treasury as your guide, classic hymns and sacred songs bringing together big ideas and beautiful melodies? In this year's Lenten devotional, "Life Up Your Voice", each week, reflections on biblical texts and beloved music inspire practices you can try yourself, with your family and friends. We have free copies of this devotional available in the West Lobby or as a digital version in our weekly e-blast.

LENTEN WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAM

Giving something up for Lent? How about taking something on instead? Calvary is bringing back our Wednesday night program for the season of Lent! All ages are invited to join us every Wednesday night in Lent as we share a meal together and learn more about Jesus' "I Am" statements. There will be activities for the kids, separate activities for the youth, and a teaching series on the "I Am" statements for the adults led by Pastor Chaz. You won't want to miss this formative time with your Calvary family! Dinner will be served from 5-6 PM and program will follow from 6-7 PM each Wednesday night starting March 12th and continuing through April 9th. Our special Lenten Faire, led by Donna Cheek and Jan Bullins will make its return on Wednesday, March 26th! Please put these 6 Wednesdays (when you include Ash Wednesday pancake supper and service on March 5th) on your family's calendar. It will be worth your time as you intentionally focus on Jesus and his teachings this Lenten season. Please reach out to Helen Pelkey with any questions or if you'd like to help contribute to one of the meals.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY AND OPPORTUNITY FOR FELLOWSHIP

Bette Peterson and Barbara Howard will be facilitating a 10-week Bible Study based on *Abide: A study of 1, 2, & 3 John*. All women of the church are cordially invited to attend these sessions on Wednesdays, 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM at Calvary, beginning March 12 through May 28 (We will not meet during Holy Week or the Week after - April 16 & 23). You may attend as many sessions as you like and come when you can. You will need a copy of the book, *Abide* by Jen Wilkin, available for \$24.99 from Amazon. If you need help ordering or paying for the book, please let Barbara Howard know. Please register by February 24 so that we can make the necessary arrangements. We hope you will join us for this journey through John's epistles as we build faith and fellowship! To register or for more information, please contact Barbara Howard at howardbb97@gmail.com or 336-254-4572.

CALLING ALL BLOOD DONORS

Calvary will host our annual blood drive on Monday, March 24th, from 2 PM to 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendars now!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Mid-Week Adult Bible Study with Pastor Chaz is on Wednesdays at 6pm in the Burke Conference Room. We will meet in person and via Zoom so all are welcome! The Zoom meeting link is us02web.zoom.us/j/84879938980

UPDATED DONATION LIST FOR OVERFLOW SHELTER

We have been given an updated list of current needs for our Overflow Shelter with The Dwelling, that runs through the end of February. You can drop off donations either at the church or directly to the Dwelling at the Augsburg Community Center down the street. Thank you for your generosity!

- Hand Sanitizer
- Masks
- Children's books & coloring books
- Diapers size 7
- Clorox/Lysol wipes
- Washcloths
- Hotel toiletries
- Cup of Noodles
- Lunchbox snacks
- Cereal
- Breakfast items (yogurts, fruits, muffins, microwaveable foods, etc)

Sunday Mornings at Calvary Moravian

9 AM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
9:45 AM	Nursery (Infant-PreK) — 2nd floor Children's Wing Early Elementary (K-2nd) — 2nd floor Children's Wing Elementary (3rd-5th) — 2nd floor Children's Wing Catechism Class — Room 124 (Across from Fellowship Hall) Youth (6th-12th grades) — 3rd floor youth room Friendship Adult Class — Burke Conference Room
10:30 AM	Adult Chancel Choir Rehearsal
11AM	Worship

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