

# Unity. Liberty. Love. Serve.



The Prodigal is Welcomed (Cara B. Hochhalter)

## **THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT** MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2025



### Unity. Liberty. Love. Serve.

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. Katie B. Bryant, Preaching The Rev. Dr. Chaz Snider, Pastor Amanda Schumpert, Director of Music Mary Louise Kapp Peeples, Organist Adrienne Polychron, Lay Reader Brian Lott, Band Director The Calvary Band The Calvary Ringers The Calvary Chancel Choir Josephine Rose & Autumn Gwyn, Nursery Attendants Bill Seippel & Spencer Davis, Ushers

**The Rev. Katie B. Bryant** is the Minister for Youth and Emerging Ministries at Augsburg Lutheran Church. She also serves as a board member for City with Dwellings.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Dot, Powell, and Rich Watts by Tom Watts.

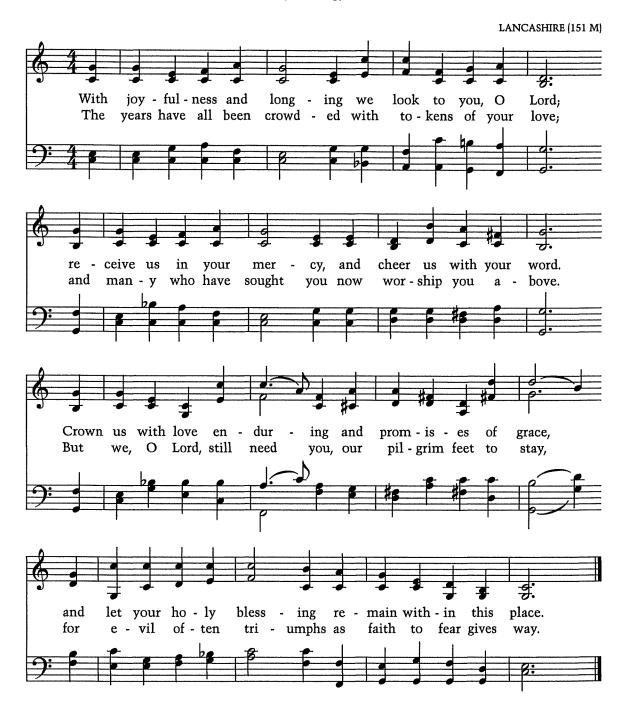
Nursery is available for all children infant through Pre-K.

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!



### GENERAL LITURGY 2 Reconciliation

(Standing)



**GENERAL 2: RECONCILIATION** 

Almighty God, enthroned above all, you alone are God over the nations of the earth. Even the planets, the stars, and the galaxies are placed by your hand.

#### Where could we go from your Spirit? Where could we flee from your presence? If we go up to the heavens, you are there; if we go down into the caves of the earth or the depths of the sea, you are there.

God of all creation, we sing praises to your name; we stand jubilant before your glory, power, and beauty.

#### God of certainty, God of truth, our confidence is in you and in you alone.

Yet we live in a fallen world and we are an imperfect people.

#### Our world is filled with pain and alienation.

We know of illness when body or mind is failing, and the loneliness of spirit it brings.

## We know of separation from parent or child, from friend or neighbor, and the emptiness of life it brings.

We know of strangeness in new communities and in changing communities, and the longing it brings.

## We know of alienation caused by unemployment or poverty or discrimination, and the pain it brings.

We have become strangers to our relatives, and foreigners to our own families.

How can we sing the Lord's song in a strange land? Let our cry for help come to you.

I am a God nearby, says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? I am the Lord your God. I have called you out from the peoples and you shall be holy to me.

#### We declare your praise, the One who called us out of darkness into your wonderful light. We are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to you.

#### **GENERAL 2: RECONCILIATION**



15

#### (Kneeling or sitting)

Gracious God, we humbly confess that we walk in the way of the indifferent, who depend on their strength alone. We sit among the scornful, who deny the need for your guidance and power. Our hearts are not satisfied with riches vulnerable to moth and rust and thief, yet we zealously store up those very treasures. Set our minds on things unseen and eternal, that our emptiness within may be filled.

We humbly confess that we fail to welcome the stranger among us. We pass by the neighbor who is hungry and thirsty, naked, sick, and in prison. We sing of your healing power and your unconditional love, but we fail to make our sanctuaries true havens for the suffering and the exiled. Give us the will to be ambassadors for our Savior and faithful stewards of the ministry of reconciliation entrusted to us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Amen.

Without Christ we were strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus we who were once far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. He is our peace.

We are no longer strangers and aliens, but citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, with Christ himself as the cornerstone.

Therefore, let us affirm our faith in the Triune God.

(Standing)

We believe in the one God who has created the land and sea and heavens and all that is in them; who established a world that was good; who gives to us the task of watchful and responsible care over it; who is certainty and truth.

We believe in the one God who in Jesus Christ assumed our humanity and knew our life as child, youth, and adult; who dined with sinners and lived with the homeless; who confronted popular opinion and power; who remained obedient in temptation and suffering; whose triumph was a servant's death and resurrection.

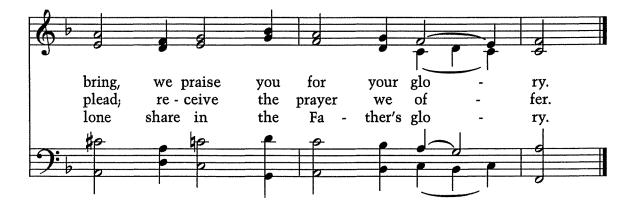
We believe in the one God who comes to us as comforter and advocate; who does not leave us as orphans; who brings peace and calms the troubled heart; who bestows gifts for serving, healing, showing compassion, and doing miracles; who alone is the power and the wisdom of our proclamation. Let us in faith keep our eyes fixed on the promises of God, though we see them and greet them from a distance.

We confess that we are strangers and foreigners on the earth, a people who are seeking our true home.

We desire a better place, that is, a heavenly one. Indeed, God has prepared a city for us.

Let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.





O Eternal Word, Jesus Christ, Our Lord 473



<sup>TEXT: St. 1, 2 Adam Drese (c. 1690). Tr. John Swertner (1789), alt.
St. 3, 4 Johann A. Freylinghausen (1704). Tr. John Gambold (1754), alt.
TUNE: Adam Drese (1698), earlier form</sup> 

5.5.8.8.5.5. Trochaic

SEELENBRÄUTIGAM (68 A)



 TEXT: Joseph Hart (1759)
 8.7.8.7. with Refrain

 TUNE: American melody. Arr. Melvin West (1984). Arr. ©1984 by Melvin West. Used by permission.
 RESTORATION (ARISE)

#### GATHERING IN UNITY

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK (2 CORINTHIANS 5:17) If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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

**BAND PRELUDE** 

TRINITY CHIME

WELCOME

#### **PROCLAIMING GOD'S LOVE**

 \*HYMN INSERT
 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy — WELLESLEY

 \*LITURGY OF RECONCILIATION
 Pg.13, Moravian Book of Worship

 HANDBELL OFFERTORY
 In the Cross of Christ I Glory — Frances Callahan

 \*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: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 \*Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11B-32

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

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** 

I Will Arise — RESTORATION

Dona nobis pacem. (Give us peace.)

#### QUIET MEDITATION AND PRAYER

HYMN #473 O Eternal Word, Jesus Christ, Our Lord — SEELENBRÄUTIGAM

SERMON

#### **SENDING TO SERVE**

\*Нуми #765

\*BENEDICTION

**BAND POSTLUDE** 

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; Haley and Zelda Covert, Richard Hughes, and their family

#### **REMEMBER FRIENDS AND FAMILY IN PRAYER**

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

### THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Jacob will be out of the office from April 1st through 7th and return on April 8th. Pastor Nola will be out of the office April 1st & 2nd and return on April 7th.

#### **APRIL 6TH RACE STREET CLOSURES**

On Sunday, April 6th, there will be a race going on in downtown Winston Salem that will close off many streets near the church. Please be aware that it may take extra time to drive into downtown and please plan accordingly.

#### HOLY WEEK SERVICES

You are invited to join Pastor Nola in the parlor from 6:30 to 6:50 every evening of Holy Week for a time of silent prayer and meditation.

April 13th, 11 AM, Sanctuary April 18th, 2:15 PM, Sanctuary Good Friday Crucifixion Service Palm Sunday & Flowering of the Cross April 18th, 7 PM, Sanctuary Good Friday Lovefeast Service April 13th-16th, 7 PM, Sanctuary Holy Week Reading Services April 19th, 7 PM, Home Moravian Great Sabbath Service of Music April 17th, 7 PM, Sanctuary Maundy Thursday Communion Service April 20th, 11 AM, Sanctuary Easter Sunday

#### **COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES**

We are once again filling shoe racks for our college students to send lots of goodies, cards, and love to them as they begin the final weeks of their semester. We have six college students we are currently supporting through this ministry. You can bring items and fill up the shoe racks in the sanctuary, or place items in the box provided underneath. Our Christian Education Committee will take care of dividing everything out equally into 6 separate shoe racks. If you bring cards, please make sure they have the student's name on the outside of the envelope. We will collect from Sunday, March 30th- Wednesday, April 16th. Thank you for always keeping these children of our congregation in your prayers and close to home, even as they are away studying.

#### **GRAVE DECORATION ON APRIL 19TH**

Everyone is invited to help decorate graves at God's Acre on Saturday, April 19th, beginning at 9:30 AM. For over 100 years, the churches of the Salem Congregation have been decorating the oldest graves at God's Acre in preparation for the Easter Sunrise Service. Many of our fellow brothers and sisters buried in these graves no

longer have family who can place flowers for Easter morning. We invite everyone children, youth, young adults, and those young at heart to help us keep this tradition alive. Many hands make light work. We hope that this will take no longer than an hour with your helping hands. If you have fresh-cut flowers, flowering shrubs, or greenery that you can donate, please bring them to the church between Wednesday and Friday of Holy Week and place them in the buckets outside the church office. If you are planning to help decorate, you can bring them with you Saturday morning to God's Acre. Remember to bring your gloves and clippers to help make quick work of our decorating. If you have any questions, contact Ginni Baker at (919) 649-3808.

#### LENTEN FOOD DRIVE FOR SUNNYSIDE

"For I was hungry and you gave me food..." – Matthew 25:35 This Lent, let's turn sacrifice into service! Instead of just giving something up, why not give back? Donate a bag of non-perishable groceries, a few items, or even a single can to help those in need. Sunnyside has requested pop-top style cans and would love cans of corn & green beans for their food pantry, but all donations are welcome! You can drop off your donations in the West lobby, first-floor stairwell, or the Narthex in the provided boxes. Let's make a difference together!

#### **GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY**

On Sunday, May 18th, we will observe our Graduate Recognition Day. On this special day of worship, we will be acknowledging all those who have completed the major milestone of graduation from high school, college, or graduate school. By May 9th, please email Jacob (jacob@calvarymoravian.org) and let us know of anyone in your family who will be graduating from high school, college, or graduate school. This will give us the opportunity to announce graduate information in our church publications, including the bulletin and our newsletters. In addition to the names of graduates, please provide school/college information, graduation date, and any future plans for the students following graduation. We look forward to acknowledging and congratulating all our graduates!

#### BREAKFAST BUNCH

April 1st, 9 AM at Carriage House. Please contact Pat George (336) 971-3429 or Linda Smith (336) 978-6082 to RSVP.

#### "I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD" - LENTEN WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAM

On April 2nd, we will have our next Lenten Wednesday evening program! Dinner will be served at 5 PM and provided by Circle 1. Then at 6, the different age groups will split off for the special programming. Adults will have Lenten Reflections with Pastor Chaz. Jan Bullins will be spinning wool with the youth in fellowship hall and the children will be playing games and making crafts in the younger elementary classroom. We hope you'll join us for this Lenten journey!

#### **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. The next meeting will be **Tuesday, April 8th.** 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

#### EASTER GRAVE-CLEANING AND FLOWERING

Once again this year the youth and children will be offering their services to help any members, families, or friends of our congregation in the Easter tradition of cleaning graves in God's Acre. We plan to clean graves on Good Friday, April 18th, just as we have in years past. We are grateful to Nick Stone who has secured flower availability. This year our flower option is a 6 inch potted Red Geranium (\$25 per plant). Each pot will be wrapped with paper and a bow, and if desired, placed upon the grave requested or you may pick them up Good Friday morning at Calvary. Please see the order form available in the narthex to place your order, or you may contact Elaine Peddycord at peddycj@bellsouth.net with questions. If you choose to have us clean the grave and place the flower, simply provide the name(s) and we will locate the grave. Orders must be received **by next Sunday, April 6th,** in order to confirm numbers with the nursery. Additionally, please let us know if you plan to pick up your flower from God's Acre after Easter.

#### WINTER CHURCH COUNCIL

Winter Church Council will be held Sunday, May 4th, following worship. During council, the congregation will receive reports from the previous year including a financial report and reports from the Joint Board, Elders, and Trustees. All resident communicant members are encouraged to attend this important meeting

#### **BLOOD DRIVE RESCHEDULED**

Join us at Calvary for our Annual Blood Drive, now rescheduled to **Wednesday, May 7th, from 2–6 PM** in the Fellowship Hall! Mark your calendars and roll up your sleeves —your donation can make a difference. To schedule your appointment, go to the link below and enter sponsor code "Calvary Moravian" For all questions, please email or call the church office.

www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive

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	
IIAM	Worship	
TO DONATE ONLINE, SCAN QR CODE WITH YOUR SMART DEVICE.		<b>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS</b> Monday-Thursday 8 AM-4 PM Lunch Hour: 12:30-1:30 PM Closed on Fridays (336) 722-3703 • <u>calvarymoravian.org</u>
<b>The Rev. Dr. Chaz Snider,</b> Pastor & Head of Staff · chaz@calvarymoravian.org <b>The Rev. Dr. Nola Reed Knouse</b> , Pastor of Congregational Care & Visitation nola@calvarymoravian.org <b>Amanda Schumpert,</b> Director of Music & Congregational Ministries		
amanda@calvarymoravian.org		
Jacob Patrick, Office & Communications Manager · jacob@calvarymoravian.org		
Sabrina Maksi, Financial Secretary · sabrina@calvarymoravian.org		
Bill Seippel, <i>Treasurer</i> • treasurer@calvarymoravian.org Stephen Baker, <i>Chair of Trustees</i> • stephen@calvarymoravian.org		
Eric Vernon, Vice Chair of Elders • elders@calvarymoravian.org		
Building & Grounds Committee · buildingandgrounds@calvarymoravian.org		