

# Unity. Liberty. Love. Serve.



The Good Shepherd (Calvary Moravian Church)

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2023



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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!

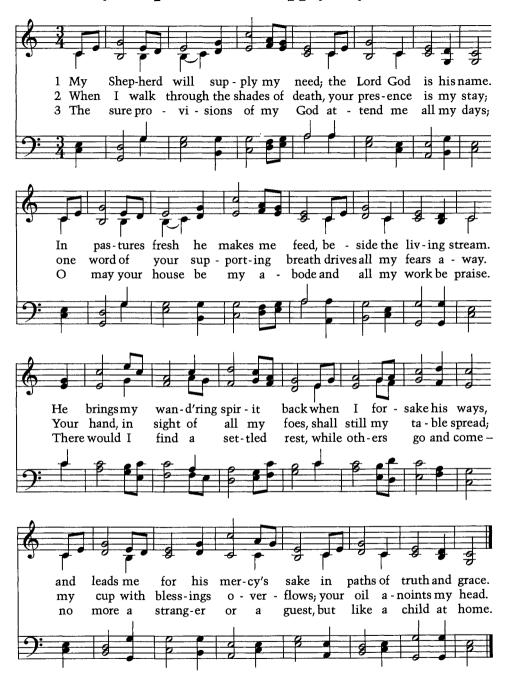
## SERVING IN WORSHIP

The Rev. 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 Chancel Choir
Makenna Gibson & Hannah Price, Nursery Attendants
John Davis, Bill Hampton, Gene Sharp, & Jack Messick, Ushers

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!

## My Shepherd Will Supply My Need 730



TEXT: Isaac Watts (1719)

TUNE: W. Walker's Southern Harmony (1835). Harm. Hymnal for Colleges and Schools (1956) Harm. ©1956 by Yale University Press

# O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 548



5 To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.

TEXT: Charles Wesley (1739), alt. TUNE: Carl G. Gläser (1828). Arr. Lowell Mason (1839)

## **GATHERING IN UNITY**

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK (PSALM 23:6)

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

**BAND PRELUDE** 

**TRINITY CHIME** 

ORGAN PRELUDE

The Lord Is My Shepherd — Dirk Koomans

**W**ELCOME

## **PROCLAIMING GOD'S LOVE**

Hymn #730

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need — RESIGNATION

A RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 23

from Sing to the Lord a New Song

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

I want so much, Lord. I desire so many things that promise to make my life easier, fuller or more exciting and meaningful. And yet the "things" of this life do not provide the fullness of life. Give me wisdom to know my wants from my needs. Give me eyes to see the fullness of my life in you. Give me a heart that is willing to journey with the Shepherd.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

Because of you, Lord, my life is fertile. You planted the seed of faith in my heart and you cause it to grow. Everything in my life—the joys, the sorrows, the worries, the discoveries—has been embraced by your love and contributes to who I am today.

He leads me beside still waters.

Although there is turbulence in life, your spirit fills me with peace and calm. There is a stillness that you provide when I find myself navigating troubled waters. Protect me from fear, worry, and anger when life becomes threatening, that I might enjoy life as you intended it.

He restores my soul.

Lord, when circumstances of life threaten to defeat me, you offer healing to me. Even if I question your presence in my life or if worry overwhelms me and I wonder if I can go on, you refresh my soul. In time, you breathe new life into me. You fill me with so much of yourself that the world simply becomes the place where I come to know you.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

When I look back at my life and see the choices that I have made, I stand humbled and acknowledge your guidance. I seek your wisdom as I face each day. I ask that you journey with me one step at a time.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley I fear no evil for you are with me; your rod and your staff – they comfort me.

Challenges will come. They will threaten to take my breath away. But your breath remains. Your Spirit guards my life. You give me hope. You give me peace and the warmth of your Son brings a smile to my heart.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

You have invited me to a party in your honor. There is a place for me at your table, in your kingdom. With all the faithful, Lord, you have welcomed me to break bread with you and confess my faith in your love. Those who ridiculed me because of my faith will see your glory in me. Let them see it now so that they might take their place at your table also.

You anoint my head with oil.

You have chosen me, Lord, for a holy purpose. You have gifted me to perform your work. You have called me to do your will. Convict me with your Spirit so that I might never betray you, and assure me of your forgiveness in the event that I do.

My cup overflows.

The words of my mouth are attempts to express what cannot be spoken. My life is so full, so rich that only my heart can sing the praise that you deserve. In my greatest moments of emptiness, Lord, you fill me up. Fill me now with your truth, your Word.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.

It doesn't matter where I live, where I work, where I travel, who I am with, or how long I walk this earth. If I bring you with me, my journey will be blessed.

And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

May my life be a prayer. May my life be a witness. May my life be my confession of faith in you, Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

**OFFERTORY** 

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God — Mueller

**DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER** 

TALLIS CANON

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.

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** 

Dona Nobis Pacem

Dona nobis pacem (Grant us peace.)

(The children are invited to leave for Godly Play during the singing of the above hymn.)

THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

GOSPEL: JOHN 9:1-41 (Pg. 932)

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

QUIET MEDITATION AND PRAYER

**SERMON** REDEFINED

## SENDING TO SERVE

**HYMN #548** O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing — AZMON

**BENEDICTION** 

ORGAN POSTLUDE O How Blest Are They — Johannes Brahms

**TRINITY CHIME** 

## REMEMBER CALVARY MEMBERS IN PRAYER

Eddie Johnson; Camilla Williams; Bernard Williams; Carloyn Perry; Logan Shaw; John Polychron; Hubert Poindexter; Larry Linville; Patricia Poindexter Garr; Earline Pryor; Ramona Burke; Jan Trivette; Mary Hampton; Joel C. Lineback; Jane Sofley; Mike Hattaway; Terry Gordon; Misty Hayes and family; Dallas & Ramona Prestwood; Laura Aaron; Ron & Sherry Griggs; Linda Neighbors; Jean Watson; Joann Settle; Beth Nance; Cathy Smith; Sonya Price

## REMEMBER FRIENDS AND FAMILY IN PRAYER

Dr. Tad Lowdermilk; Will Streicker; Hailey Domian; Sabrina Maksi

## THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

#### THE NEXT BREAKFAST BUNCH

March 21st, 9 AM at Carriage House. Please contact Pat George (336) 971-3429 or Linda Seippel (336) 406-1747 to RSVP.

#### FOOD DRIVE

The Missions Committee is hosting a food drive during this season of Lent. As we prepare our hearts for Easter, let us help others and share the love that Jesus showed us through his ultimate sacrifice. Until Easter, donation boxes will be located outside the 2nd floor office and on the first floor in the stairwell. All food donated before April will be taken to Sunnyside before Easter for distribution for the holiday.

#### **CHICKEN PIES**

If you pre-ordered a chicken pie, please pick it up and pay for it at your earliest convenience. Payments can be handed off to a staff member or to Lydia Ingram (checks

made to Calvary with "chicken pie" in the memo line, or exact cash). A list of pre-orders (pie numbers and total due) is hanging on the freezer door. If you did not have a chance to pre-order a pie before orders filled up but are interested in being contacted if there are extras (there might be a few extra small pies), please call Lydia Ingram and let her know: (210) 882-0241.

## **CHURCH-WIDE RETREAT**

Calvary Moravian's Church-Wide Retreat at Laurel Ridge is back June 2-4, 2023! The cost to participants is for room(s) only. Calvary will cover the cost of food. Salem Wing rooms are \$100/night, or, if families or groups need more space, adjoining rooms in the Bishop's Wing with a connecting bath are \$140/night (but no AC!) Reservations can be made by calling Laurel Ridge at 336.395.2951 ext. 231. If cost is a challenge, please contact Amanda Schumpert. All the retreat info can be found on the flyer in the narthex.

### **EASTER GRAVE-CLEANING & 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 7, 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. If you choose to have us clean the grave and place the flower, simply provide the name(s) below and we will locate the grave. Additionally, please let us know if you plan to pick up your flower from God's Acre after Easter. Please see the order form in the narthex, or you may contact Elaine Peddycord at peddycj@bellsouth.net with questions. Orders must be received by March 26th in order to confirm numbers with the nursery

#### A TALE OF TWO JOURNEYS

This Wednesday night, we will host "A Tale of Two Journeys", a presentation about two fascinating 500-mile walks, 255 years apart. Presented by Katherine Knapp Watts, Vice President for Strategic Initiatives at Salem Academy and College as well as Martha Manning and Virginia Hart, Salem Academy alumnae and members of the 250th Journey History Committee. You will learn about the incredible 1766 migration from Bethlehem to Bethabara, and the the month-long, 500-mile reenactment of that journey, taken entirely on foot in the fall of 2021, which was one of the premier events celebrating the year-long 250th Anniversary of Salem's founding in 1772.

# Save the Date

March 31st, 6 PM: Dinner and Palm Cross Making in Fellowship Hall

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 11 AM:** Palm Sunday Worship and Flowering of the Cross

April 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM: Holy Week Reading Services

April 6th, 7 PM: Maundy Thursday Communion Worship

(Guest Pastor Rev. Dr. Nola Knouse)

April 7th, 12 PM: (after the Crosswalk) Grave-cleaning in God's Acre

April 7th, 2:15 PM: Good Friday Crucifixion Service

**April 7th, 7 PM:** Good Friday Lovefeast (Guest Pastor Rev. Dr. Craig Atwood)

**April 9th, 11 AM:** Easter Worship

**April 16th, 11 AM:** Guest Pastor Rev. Madi White

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 11 AM:** 130th Anniversary Lovefeast

June 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>: Church-wide Retreat at Laurel Ridge

TO DONATE ONLINE, SCAN QR CODE WITH YOUR SMART DEVICE.



## **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday-Thursday 8 AM-4 PM Lunch Hour: 12:30-1:30 PM Closed on Fridays (336) 722-3703

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