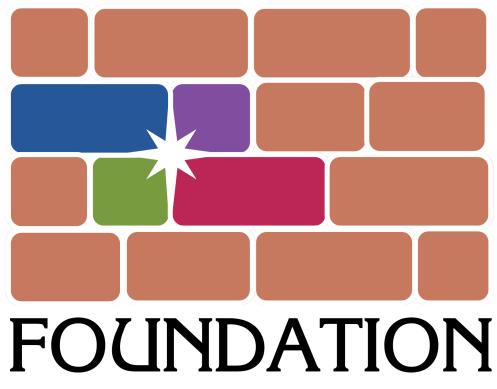


## Unity. Liberty. Love. Serve.

# BUILDING ON OUR



STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION SUNDAY THANKSGIVING LOVEFEAST NOVEMBER 19TH, 2023



## 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. Chaz Snider, Preaching The Rt. Rev. Dr. Wayne Burkette, Pastor Amanda Schumpert, Director of Music Mary Louise Kapp Peeples, Organist Ruth Metheny, Violinist Alexandra Johnston, Cellist Eric Vernon, Lay Reader Brian Lott, Band Director The Calvary Band The Calvary Chancel Choir Samantha Cheek & Josephine Rose, Nursery Attendants John Davis, Gene Sharp, & Jack Messick, Calvary Ushers

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

There will be no Godly Play this morning. New to the Pew bags can be found up front filled with fun activities to help kids in worship. All children are welcome!

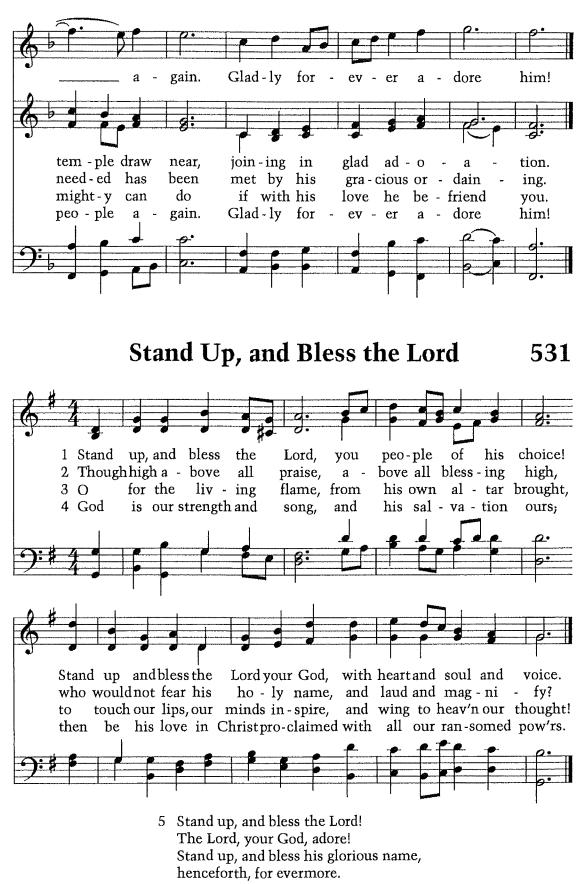


Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



TEXT: Joachim Neander (1680). Tr. Catherine Winkworth (1863), alt. TUNE: Straslund Gesangbuch (1665); C. Gregor Choralbuch (1784) DESCANT: Nola Reed Knouse (1994) 14.14.4.7.8. Dactylic LOBE DEN HERREN (61 A)

ADORATION AND PRAISE



TEXT: James Montgomery (1824) TUNE: Aaron Williams (1770)

## THANKSGIVING

#### (Standing)

Almighty and gracious God, you have made yourself known to us in a multitude of ways, and each of those ways invites us to respond to you with grateful hearts.

You have been present with us even before our thoughts and words and feelings ever turned toward you.

You created us in your own image, redeemed us with your love, and have always sustained us with your grace.

When we think of you, gracious God, we think of your compassion and tender mercies toward us all, and we are humbled with gratitude.



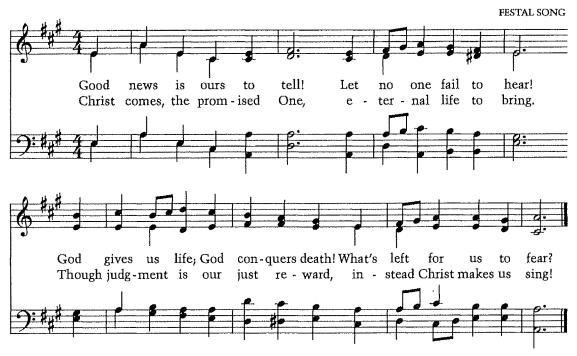
#### (Sitting)

We thank you, everpresent God, for coming to us in your Son, Jesus Christ, for entering into our human flesh and taking the form of a servant.

We thank you for reaching the least of us while we were yet sinners and for doing all things necessary for our salvation through the sufferings, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We praise and honor you with our hearts and our lives, because we know that we could not help ourselves or earn our own salvation.

You continue to rush out to meet us and embrace us while we are yet far off. We marvel at the depth of your forgiving love which always comes to us through the working of your Spirit. We thank you for each new experience and each new reminder of your very constant care.



TEXT: © by Jane Parker Huber

You have not left us to live alone in this world, but have called us to be members of your body, the church. We thank you for all those in the past who shared their faith with us and for those in the present who help to shape our response to your love.

We are grateful for the nurture we receive and the mission we have been given to manifest the good news of Jesus Christ to the world around us. You have not left us without written and living testimony to your involvement in human history. We thank you for the Holy Scriptures and the insights they provide for us in our mission and ministry.

We are grateful for the words and stories of judgment and justice, comfort and renewal, salvation and peace that come to us from the Bible and from the ongoing inspiration of your Holy Spirit.



For the creation itself and the nourishment we receive from its resources, For seedtime and harvest, sunshine and rain, oceans and forests, For the wondrous way in which we are woven into the environment,

#### We give you thanks, Creator God.

For all the creative things we are enabled to do through the gifts and talents you have given to us,

For the good health within our bodies, minds, and spirits,

For the courage and healing that you provide when we are broken and discouraged in the midst of our earthly pilgrimage,

#### We acknowledge with thanks your leadership in our journey.

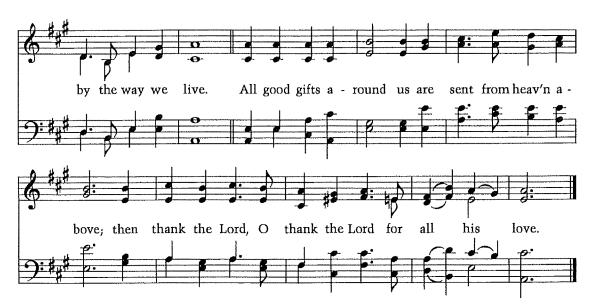
#### THANKSGIVING

For the gift of time and the guidance you give for the redemptive use of our days, For the satisfaction and renewal that come from our labor and leisure, For directing us to do justice and to love mercy,

For the chance to begin again whenever we falter and fail,

#### We are grateful, our Savior, whose faithfulness endures through all generations.





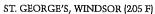
Hear now, gracious God, our words of contrition that we pray in the light of your manifold blessings:

We confess that we have failed to perceive your glory as it is revealed in creation. We have taken the gifts of this world for granted and have not stopped to marvel at what you have provided for us. Forgive us for rushing through life with reckless abandon. Forgive us for trampling upon other persons, places, and things, and for not understanding how dependent we are upon one another and the earth itself.

Help us, Creator God, to share the resources of this world as good and faithful stewards. Show us how to tend the land, water, and air and to prevent their pollution and destruction. Teach us the discipline of conserving and of replacing what we have used. Deliver us from exploitation. Keep us from idolizing money and material possessions. And make us compassionate in our concern for the needs of others. Amen.

God hears our prayers, blots out our transgressions, and creates a new and right spirit within us. Go in peace and joyful service.

THANKSGIVING





#### **GATHERING IN UNITY**

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK (PSALM 90:12) So teach us, O God, to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

#### BAND PRELUDE

**TRINITY CHIME** 

STRINGS PRELUDE

WELCOME

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

HYMN #530Praise to the Lord, the Almighty — LOBE DEN HERRENLITURCY FOR THANKSCIVINGPg. 159, Moravian Book of WorshipOFFERTORYThe Church's One Foundation — Arr. Emma Lou Diemer<br/>(The congregation will join in singing verses 1, 2, & 4)

**1.** 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 on holy food,
 And to one hope she presses, with every grace endured.

#### 3. Choir Only

4. Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One, And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won. O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee. Amen! 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 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (Pg. 1031) Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30 (Pg. 860)

## The Word of God for the people of God **Thanks be to God.**

#### THE LOVEFEAST

As the congregation joins in singing the hymns below, the dieners will serve the lovefeast. After everyone has been served, we will pray the blessing and partake.

Dix

 Praise to God, immortal praise, for the love that crowns our days! Bounteous source of every joy, let Thy praise our tongues employ; all to Thee, our God, we owe, source whence all our blessings flow.

2. As Thy prospering hand hath blest, may we give Thee of our best and by deeds of kindly love for Thy mercies grateful prove, singing thus through all our days, praise to God, immortal praise. GERMANY

- **1.** Give to our God immortal praise; mercy and truth are all His ways; wonders of grace to God belong, repeat His mercies in your song.
- 2. He built the earth, He spread the sky, and fixed the starry lights on high; wonders of grace to God belong, repeat His mercies in your song.

**3.** He sent His Son with power to save from guilt, from darkness, and the grave; wonders of grace to God belong, repeat His mercies in your song.

- Come, you thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest-home; all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin; God, our Maker, does provide for our needs to be supplied: come with all his people, come, raise the song of harvest-home.
- All the world is God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield, wheat and weeds together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown; first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear; Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

Schumann

 We give you but your own in any gifts we bring; all that we have is yours alone, a trust from you, our King.

 May we your bounties thus as stewards true receive, and gladly, Lord, as you bless us, to you our first-fruits give.

**3.** To comfort and to bless, to find a balm for woe, to tend those lost in loneliness is angel's work below.

THE MORAVIAN BLESSING

Come, Lord Jesus, our Guest to be, and bless these gifts bestowed by Thee. Bless our loved ones everywhere, and keep them in Thy loving care. Amen.

(As the congregation partakes of the lovefeast, music is offered by our guest musicians.)

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

**4.** The captive to release, the lost to God to bring, to teach the way of life and peace – it is a Christ-like thing.

5. And we believe your word, though dim our faith may be.Whate'er we do for you, O Lord, we do it gratefully. (After the partaking, the dieners will enter the sanctuary to collect cups while the congregation sings the following hymns.)

Italian Hymn

 The God of harvest praise; in loud thanksgiving raise hand, heart, and voice; the valleys laugh and sing, forests and mountain ring, the plains their tribute bring, the streams rejoice.

2. O bless his holy name, and joyful thanks proclaim through all the earth; be grateful and receive God's blessing and believe; his love does not deceive. Now share your mirth!

 Look, O look, the sight is glorious, see the man of sorrows now; from the fight returned victorious, ev'ry knee to him shall bow. Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him!
 Crowns become the victor's brow.

2. Crown the Savior! Angels crown him! Rich the trophies Jesus brings; on the seat of pow'r enthrone him, while the vault of heaven rings. Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown the Savior, King of kings. 3. The God of harvest praise; hands, hearts, and voices raise with sweet accord; from field to store the grain bearing your sheaves again, and in your glad refrain now bless the Lord.

#### UNSER HERRSCHER, UNSER KÖNIG

**3.** Sinners in derision crowned him, mocking thus the Savior's claim; saints and angels crowd around him, own his title, praise his name. Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Spread abroad the victor's fame!

4. Hark! those bursts of acclamation! Hark! those loud triumphant chords! Jesus takes the highest station;
O, what joy the sight affords! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! King of kings and Lord of Lords!

NUN DANKET

 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things hath done, in whom His world rejoices; who from our mother's arms hath blest us on our way with countless gifts of love and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next. 3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given; the Son, and Him Who reigns with Them in highest heaven; the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

#### SENDING TO SERVE

#### **BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

In the name of Jesus, Amen.

**ORGAN POSTLUDE** 

Now Thank We All Our God (BWV 79) - J.S. Bach

**TRINITY CHIME** 

#### REMEMBER CALVARY MEMBERS IN PRAYER

Eddie Johnson; Camilla Williams; Bernard Williams; Logan Shaw; Patricia Poindexter Garr; Earline Pryor; Jan Trivette; Misty Hayes and family; Linda Neighbors; Mike McCollum; Rev. Sandra Thigpen; Patrick Biggam; Jane Sofley; Patsy Payne; Patsy Lineback; Bobbie & Charles Mecimore; Linda Caudle; Dallas & Ramona Prestwood; Bill & Mary Hampton; Noelle Nichols; Sherry Griggs; the family of Bill Burke; Steven Nixa

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

Dr. Tad Lowdermilk; Will Streicker; Sabrina Maksi; Holly & Barry Broadstreet; Jack Kiker; Van Krause; Philip & Dottie Shaw

## THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

The Calvary office will be closed this Wednesday and Thursday, November 22nd & 23rd for the Thanksgiving holiday. We will reopen on Monday, November 27th.

#### ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

Advent 2023 Devotionals are here! It is hard to believe, but Advent begins on December 3rd. You will find free Advent Devotionals for this season available for pickup in the Narthex & West Lobby.

#### THE NEXT BREAKFAST BUNCH

November 21st at 9:00 AM at Carriage House. Please contact Pat George (336) 971-3429 or Linda Seippel (336) 406-1747 to RSVP.

#### COFFEE AT THE HOLIDAY PARADE

On Saturday, December 2, Calvary will again have the "Moravian Coffee and a Parade." The annual Holiday Parade in downtown Winston-Salem will be held along 4th Street and starts at 5:00 p.m. Beginning at 4:30 p.m., Calvary will distribute free Moravian coffee to as many parade-goers as we can find, inviting them to our Christmas Eve Candle Services! We need several volunteers to help us with this wonderful community event. If you would like to help, please see Amanda for details.

#### Advent I

Sunday, December 3, is the First Sunday in Advent and the first Sunday in the new church year. During worship, we will pray the traditional Advent liturgy and sing the "Hosanna" anthem as we prepare for the coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

#### NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers for our Sunday morning nursery. If any members are interested in being in the rotation to assist our hired workers, please email Ginni Baker at ginni.seippel.baker@gmail.com.

#### LOVEFEAST IN A BOX

It's that time of year again! Time to order Lovefeast in a Box<sup>TM</sup>, that is! Calvary will be hosting traditional in-person, indoor lovefeasts for Christmas Eve, but for our long-distance friends and those who can't make it in person, we'll still be live-streaming and are again selling at-home lovefeast kits.

From NOW until December 4th, you can order a Lovefeast in a Box.™ Each box contains a dressed lovefeast candle, Moravian cookies, lovefeast coffee, and the worship bulletin (which we call an "ode"). You can order individual, double, or family boxes, shipped right to your door. Then, on Dec. 24, you can participate in a lovefeast with us via video stream! Visit www.Lovefeastinabox.com today to place your order! Please email sistersfellowship@calvarymoravian.org\_with any questions.

#### **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**

One of our greatest gifts as a family of faith is being able to support one another in times of great joy and great sorrow. We know, particularly in times of sorrow, that needs change as we journey through any grief process. Beginning December 12, at 10:30am here at Calvary, we would like to offer a monthly small group for persons who have experienced or are experiencing the loss of a loved one and would like to share with others who have had a similar loss. The focus would be on discussion of the experience of loss, scripture and prayer, and the promise of Christian hope. If you are interested in participating in such a group please contact Pastor Wayne at:

Wayne@calvarymoravian.org or call the church office at 336.722.3703 and we will get you connected.

#### BRUNSON ANGEL TREE 2023

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Do you know what that means? It's time for our 5<sup>th</sup>, yes FIFTH, annual Angel Tree supporting Brunson Elementary School! Since the launch of our Brunson Angel Tree program in 2019, we've been able to positively impact the lives of over 220 children by providing them with Christmas presents and cozy sweatshirts. The Missions Committee is thrilled to continue our partnership with Brunson, making the holiday season extra special for local children. Check out our website at <u>www.calvarymoravian.org/brunson-angel-tree/</u> for all the information and gift lists.

#### FEBRUARY BLOOD DRIVE

Mark your calendars now! Calvary will be hosting our annual Blood Drive on Tuesday, February 13, 2024. For you regulars, coordinate your giving blood so you can support Calvary!

# Blue Christmas

## Wednesday, December 20th, 6:30 PM

We would like to invite you to a special Advent service in our sanctuary. This Blue Christmas Service will be a time of quiet, prayer, remembrance, and a moment to acknowledge that while this season might be a joyous one for many, there are those of us for whom this time is difficult. Whether you are struggling with loss, change, or uncertainty at this time of year, or you simply need a space to be quiet in the midst of all the hustle and bustle of the season, we invite you to come and worship with us.



## First Sunday of Advent

#### Hosanna, & Candletrimming December 3rd, 9:45 AM-12 PM, 12-2 PM

All children and youth are invited to come and sing the traditional *Hosanna* on the first Sunday of Advent. Children and youth will practice during Sunday School, sing and celebrate during worship, and then everyone is invited to stay for lunch and candletrimming in Fellowship Hall after worship.

## Second Sunday of Advent December 10th, 11 AM Worship

## Third Sunday of Advent

#### Breakfast & Christmas Pageant December 17th, 9 AM-12 PM

All children and youth will meet at 9am in Fellowship Hall to get organized and have breakfast. We'll rehearse from 9:30-10:30 AM in the sanctuary and lead worship at 11am! We hope everyone will join us for this beautiful telling of the Christmas Story told by the future of our congregation.

## Fourth Sunday of Advent — Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve Lovefeast & Candle Services December 24th at 11 AM, 4 PM, & 8 PM

Sunday Mornings at Calvary Moravian		
9 AM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	
9:45AM	Nursery for children infant through Pre-K New Life Adult Class - 1st floor, Room 120 Friendship Adult Class - 1st floor, Burke Conference Room	
9:45-10:15AM	Children's Music 3rd floor handbell room	
10:15AM	Youth (6th-12th grades) 3rd floor youth room Early Elementary (Kindergarten through 2nd grade) 2nd floor Children's Wing Elementary (3rd through 5th grade) 2nd floor Children's Wing	
11AM	Worship	
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