

# Unity. Liberty. Love. Serve.



Study for Christ in the Wilderness (Ivan Kramskoi)

# THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 9TH, 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

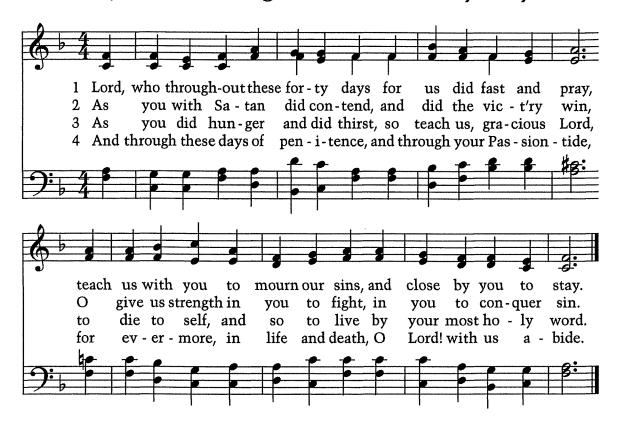
The Rev. Dr. Nola Reed Knouse, Preaching The Rev. Dr. Chaz Snider, Pastor Amanda Schumpert, Director of Music Helen Pelkey, Director of Children, Youth, & Family Ministries Mary Louise Kapp Peeples, Organist Wendy Goforth, Lay Reader Brian Lott, Band Director The Calvary Band The Calvary Ringers The Calvary Chancel Choir Josephine Rose & Autumn Gwyn, Nursery Attendants Robert Middleton & Elaine Palmore, Ushers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Patsy Payne by her son Mitchell Eaton.

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

Children Kindergarten through 2nd grade may leave for Godly Play after the final hymn of the liturgy. 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!

### Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days 341



5 Abide with us, that through this life of doubts and hope and pain, an Easter of unending joy we may at last attain!

TEXT: Claudia F. Hernaman (1873), alt. TUNE: Abridged from John Daye's *Psalter* (1562) C.M. ST. FLAVIAN

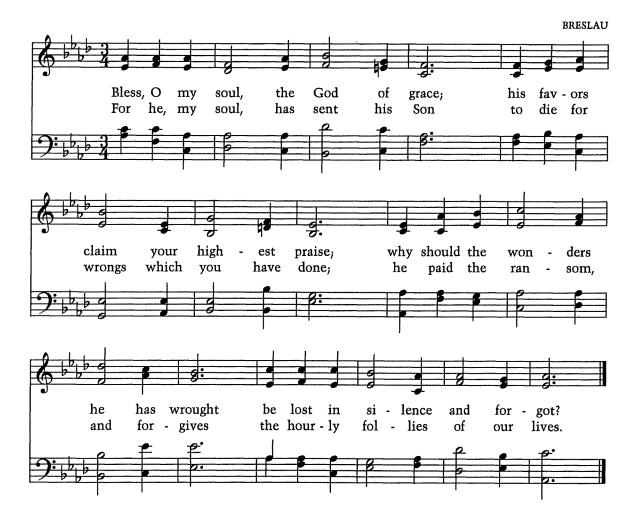
## LENT 1

#### (Standing)

Lord God, our Father in heaven, you have shown your great love toward us by sending your Son into the world to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

We give you thanks because you have made us worthy to share in the inheritance of the saints in light, having rescued us from the power of darkness, and brought us into the kingdom of your beloved Son,

In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins.



Lord God, Son, the Savior of the world, though you were in the form of God, you did not consider equality with God something to cling to, but emptied yourself, taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness. You humbled yourself and became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Your love compels us to live not for ourselves, but for you.

We give you thanks because you, our merciful and faithful High Priest, have made reconciliation for the sins of the people. You were despised and rejected, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. You were wounded for our transgressions; you were bruised for our iniquities;

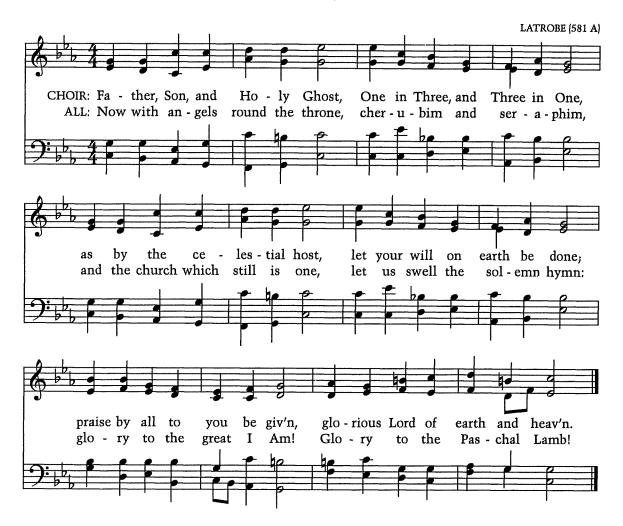
Upon you fell the punishment that made us whole; and by your wounds we are healed.



Lord God, Holy Spirit, one with the Father and the Son: we give you thanks because you descended upon the Christ, anointing him to bring good news to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted; to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind; to set free those who are oppressed; and to proclaim the time of the Lord's favor.

#### You fill our hearts with the love of God and make our bodies your holy temple.

(Sitting)



From the sin of unbelief, From all defilement of the body and spirit, From all self-righteousness, From every neglect of our duty, From ingratitude and selfishness, From lukewarmness, From all indifference to your meritorious life and death,

Deliver us, gracious Lord and God.



By your holy incarnation and birth,

By your early exile,

By your pure and blameless childhood,

By your willing obedience,

By your humility, meekness, and patience,

By your faithfulness in your earthly calling,

By your fasting and temptation,

By your perfect life before God and humanity,

#### Bless and comfort us, gracious Lord and God.

By your tears and agony, your crown of thorns and cross,

Lead us to repentance for our sins.

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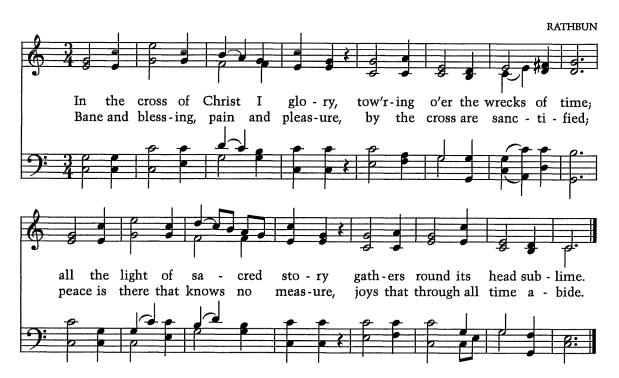
By your willing sacrifice of yourself even unto death,

Make known to us the mystery of your love.

Into your open arms stretched out upon the cross,

Receive us all.

#### (Standing)



By all your sacred wounds and precious blood, By your innocent suffering and dying,

By your rest in the grave,

By your glorious resurrection and ascension,

#### Bless us and save us, Christ Jesus, our Redeemer.

Fulfill in us your prayer that all who love you may be one, as you are in the Father, and the Father in you.

#### Hear us and help us, gracious Savior.

You have made God known to us as Father, so that the love with which he has loved you may be in us,

And you in us.

Christ, and him crucified,

Remain our confession of faith.



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#### **GATHERING IN UNITY**

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK (ROMANS 10:11) No one who believes in Christ will be put to shame.

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

#### BAND PRELUDE

#### TRINITY CHIME

**ORGAN PRELUDE** O Love, How Broad, How Deep, How High — John Dunstable

#### WELCOME

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

**\*Hymn #341** Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days — ST. FLAVIAN

\*LITURGY FOR LENT 1

Pg. 72, Moravian Book of Worship

Children may leave for Godly Play during the final hymn of the liturgy.

**OFFERTORY** Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley — Arr. Tammy Waldrop

#### \*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

OLD TESTAMENT: PSALM 91 (READ RESPONSIVELY)

Living in the Most High's shelter, camping in the Almighty's shade,

I say to the Lord, "You are my refuge, my stronghold! You are my God—the one I trust!" Because you've made the Lord your refuge, the Most High, your place of residence—

> no evil will happen to you; no disease will come close to your tent.

Because he will order his messengers to help you, to protect you wherever you go.

They will carry you with their own hands so you don't bruise your foot on a stone.

You'll march on top of lions and vipers; you'll trample young lions and serpents underfoot.

> God says, "Because you are devoted to me, I'll rescue you. I'll protect you because you know my name.

Whenever you cry out to me, I'll answer.

I'll be with you in troubling times. I'll save you and glorify you. I'll fill you full with old age. I'll show you my salvation."

> EPISTLE: ROMANS 10:8B-13 \*GOSPEL: LUKE 4:1-13

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

#### **COMMUNION MEDITATION**

KEEPING VIGIL

#### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

In the Moravian Church, we exercise an open communion, meaning all who confess Christ as Lord are welcome at His table. Gluten-free elements are available by request. Please indicate to the pastors as they come around.

COMMUNION IN CELEBRATION OF THE ATONEMENT

Pg. 196, Moravian Book of Worship

#### SENDING TO SERVE

**ORGAN POSTLUDE** 

O Lamb of God — Ernst Emmanuel Erbe

#### 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; Kathy Rollins

### THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

#### LENTEN HOME COMMUNION

Lent is a holy season of introspection, spiritual growth, and closeness to God and to our brothers and sisters in the family of God. In this holy time, Pastor Nola will come to you with communion at home during Lent if you wish. Please contact her directly (nola@calvarymoravian.org) or the church office, to schedule a visit!

#### **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. The next meeting will be **this Tuesday, March 11th.** 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

#### 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 in the Burke Room, 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. 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.

#### "I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE" - LENTEN WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAM

On March 12th, we will have our first Lenten Wednesday evening program! Dinner will be served at 5 PM and is pizza & salad provided by Circle 3. Then at 6, the different age groups will split off for the special programming. Adults will have Lenten Reflections with Pastor Chaz. Bill Seippel will be making pretzels with the youth in the kitchen and fellowship hall. The children will be playing games and making crafts in the younger elementary classroom. We hope you'll join us for this Lenten journey!

#### **BAGGING THE BLESSINGS**

During the season of Lent, Sunnyside is having a food drive. The idea is that so many of us "give up something for Lent", why not give up a bag of groceries, a few items or even a can of food? Boxes are located in the West lobby, the first floor stairwell, or you can leave bags in the Narthex.

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me." Matthew 25:35

#### WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

We are looking for people that want to be involved with our Hospitality Committee. We provide meals for families for a variety of reasons: newborns, illnesses, surgeries, deaths, fellowship events, receptions, shelter meals, and any time a family of our congregation is in need. The skill of cooking is not a prerequisite. Donations of food are also very helpful. You are not required to participate in each request, only when you are able. If you would like to be involved in this important ministry please send your name, phone number and email address to Donna Cheek (donnacheek92@hotmail.com/336-399-0857)

#### 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 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.

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU! AND TO YOU! AND TO YOU! AND TO YOU!

Join us next Sunday March 16 after the service as we celebrate each of us with a church wide Birthday Bash! We will enjoy a baked potato and salad bar for lunch. Followed by an array of cakes decorated for each month of the year! This will be a time of fun, food and fellowship! And as a bonus we will celebrate St. Patrick's Day! Come dressed in your green or be prepared for a pinch!! Do you want to provide a cake or other item for our celebration? Sign up here: www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AAAA723A7FACE9-55165281-church If you have any questions, contact Donna Cheek.

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#### BREAKFAST BUNCH

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

#### 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!

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	
ΊΙΑΜ	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>
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