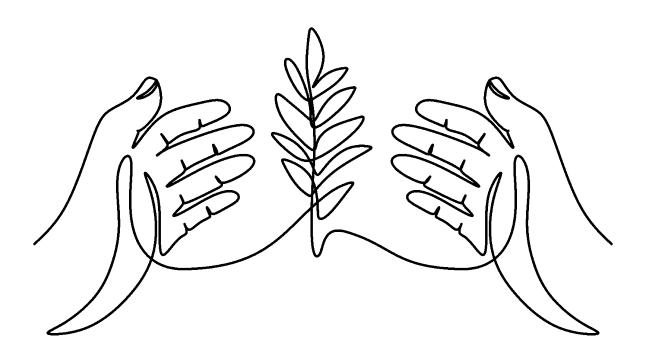


# Unity. Liberty. Love. Serve.



Seedlings (Ahmad Safarudin)

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY
MAY 18<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. Dr. Chaz Snider, Preaching
Amanda Schumpert, Director of Music
Mary Louise Kapp Peeples, Organist
Lydia Ingram, Lay Reader
Juiliana Davis, Liturgist
Violet Carter, Pianist
Brian Lott, Band Director
The Calvary Band
The Calvary Chancel Choir
Josephine Rose & Autumn Gwyn, Nursery Attendants
Spencer Davis, Gene Sharp, & Zach Routh, Ushers

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

There is no Godly Play today. New to the Pew bags can be found up front filled with fun activities to help them in worship. All children are welcome!

# **EDUCATION**

(Standing)

We praise you, Lord! We give thanks to you with our whole heart!

Great are your works, full of honor and majesty and studied by all who delight in them.

The works of your hands are faithful and just.

# Your precepts are trustworthy.

Our reverence for you is the beginning of wisdom.

You are to be praised forever.



All-knowing Creator, from whom comes every good and perfect gift, we praise you for the wisdom, power, and love displayed in the natural universe and in humanity, whom you have placed within it to care for it and nurture it.

## All glory to you, omniscient God!

Light of the world, we praise you for being the eternal truth.

# All glory to you, Christ our teacher!

Revealer of the deep things of God, we praise you for your gifts of awe and wonder which lead us on the path of true wisdom.

## All glory to you, Holy Spirit!



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Let us pray:

#### (Kneeling or sitting)

God of vision and wisdom, we confess our short-sightedness and folly in our search for knowledge and understanding. For our pride in pursuing and using knowledge in ways that make us think we are superior to others, we ask your forgiveness.

For our misuse of science and technology, leading to the oppression of people and the abuse of creation, we ask your forgiveness.

For our failure to ask hard questions and our willingness to be satisfied with easy answers, for our ignorance of history and tradition, and for our stubborn resistance to new insights of both heart and mind, we ask your forgiveness.

We neglect the study of Scripture, the foundation of all true learning. Although your splendor has illuminated our path, we have chosen to walk in darkness.

Although your guidance is always available, we have relied upon our own will.

Although you have given us wise counsel, inspired writers, and thoughtful teachers, we have turned to our own ways.

Gracious God, you forgive us through Jesus Christ. In humble acknowledgement of your love revealed in him, we give you thanks, and pray the prayer he taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven,

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

(Sitting)



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Divine Teacher, to you we commend all who learn: infants tasting and touching, children exploring in play, youth testing and challenging, and adults continuing the quest.

## Bless our learning with your Spirit.

In the disciplined mastery of subject and skill, in the reflection on life experience, in the practical wisdom of long years,

# Bless our learning with your Spirit.

At every age and in every circumstance of life,

## Bless our learning with your Spirit.

Give patience and understanding to those who teach. Give perseverance and openness of heart and mind to those who learn.

## Bless our learning with your Spirit.

Spirit of truth, to you we commend all the educational ministries of the church. Guide us in the search of the Scriptures, in the study of creation, and in the pursuit of truth. Give to parents your wisdom and thoughts, that with love and understanding they may guide to Christian maturity the young lives entrusted to their care. May congregations nurture faith in children, youth, and adults.

# Hear our prayer, Spirit of truth.

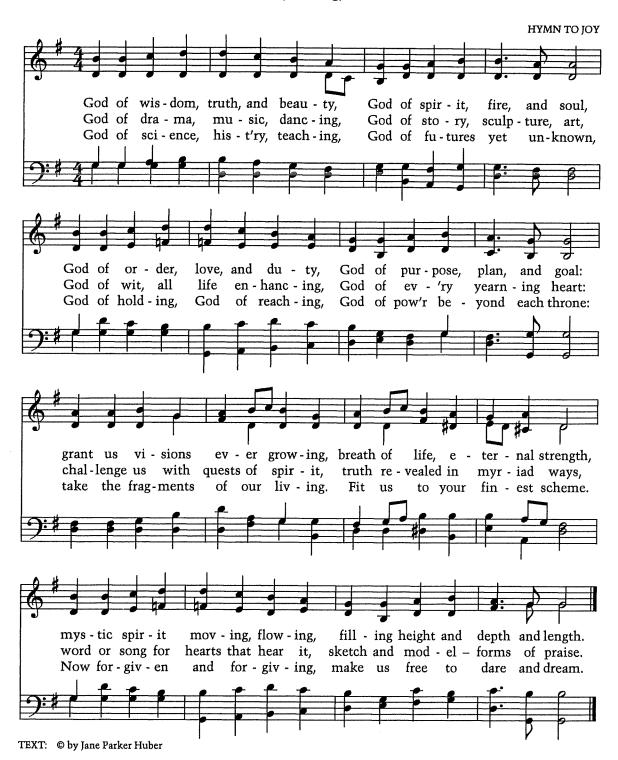
Bless all those responsible for education in our community and country: teachers and administrators, custodians and clerks, students and families. For their gifts and their service,

# We give you thanks.

For all the diversity of human study and knowledge — for science and art, for literature and drama, for labor and play — for all the teaching experiences of life,

## We give you thanks.

#### (Standing)



To the God of lasting wisdom, to the God of relentless change, to God be glory, majesty, dominion, and power,

Now and forever. Amen.

# CONFIRMATION AND AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

(If the Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated in the same worship service, those affirming baptism join in the opening paragraphs of that service, and continue with the appropriate Affirmation forms beginning on page 171.)

(Standing)

In grace God called and chose the people of Israel and established with them a covenant: I will be your God and you will be my people. In that relationship they were to be freed from sin and become a blessing to all. Then God came to us in Jesus Christ and fulfilled that covenant for all people. Through Christ's life, death, and resurrection, God made for us a new covenant of grace.

We come before you with joy, O God, to claim the promises of your covenant.

Our Lord Jesus Christ instituted baptism as the visible means of entry into the new covenant. Baptism is a gift of God. In this sacrament, through grace and the power of the Holy Spirit, we are united with Christ, are cleansed by his saving work, enter into the fellowship of the church, and are called to a life of faith and willing obedience.

Claimed by God in baptism, we pray that through the power of the Holy Spirit our lives may faithfully affirm the blessings of Christ's new covenant.

(The minister addresses the candidates.)

As you present *yourselves* before God and this congregation, we call upon you to profess your faith.

Do you believe in God as your Creator and loving heavenly Father, in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord, and in the Holy Spirit as your Comforter and Sustainer, according to the Holy Scriptures?

I do.

(Candidates may profess their faith by means of the Apostles' Creed, the baptismal profession of the early church. The congregation may be invited to join in the Creed as an affirmation of their own baptism.)

Lord, make us one with all your children as we profess our faith, saying:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*Ancient text reads "catholic," which means "universal."

(The minister addresses the candidates.)

Do you in this faith turn away from sin, evil, and selfishness in your thoughts, words, and actions; and do you intend to participate actively in Christ's church, serving God all the days of your life?

I do.

(The minister addresses the congregation.)

Do you affirm these children of God as members of this congregation, and accept your obligation to love and nurture them in Christ?

We do.

# The Rite of Confirmation

(The minister addresses the candidates for confirmation.)

In the presence of God and this congregation, do you confirm the covenant into which you were baptized, relying on the Holy Spirit to strengthen and guide you into ever increasing maturity in your relationship with Christ and the church?

I do.

(Sitting)

Let us pray:

Almighty God, you have received these person(s) into your covenant through baptism. You have provided for their growth, enlightened their mind(s) with your truth, and enabled them to offer themselves to you. We ask that you accept the vows they have made today. Defend and strengthen them with your Holy Spirit, empower them for your service, and sustain them all the days of their lives.

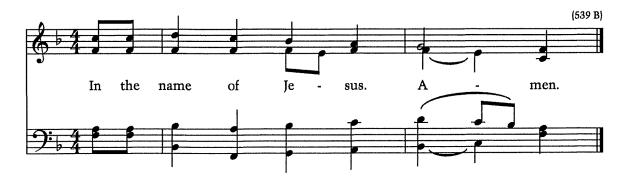
Amen.



(The candidates for confirmation present themselves. The minister, laying hands upon the head of each, names the candidate, and pronounces a text of Scripture.)

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace;



(Confirmands standing)

By affirming your baptismal covenant in public worship today, you have taken another step in your journey with God. You have entered into a new relationship with God and this congregation. We charge you in God's name always to remain faithful to Christ and the church, and to be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

# **Reaffirmation of Faith**

(The congregation sitting, the candidates present themselves, and the minister gives them the following greeting and charge.)

\_\_\_\_\_, you have affirmed your faith and baptismal covenant before God and this congregation, and, by the grace and strength of Christ, have declared your desire and promise to renew your Christian discipleship. We welcome you with joy and thanksgiving.

May the Lord be with you. Build *yourselves* up on your most holy faith, led by the Holy Spirit. Keep *yourselves* by grace in the love of God, as you wait for our Lord Jesus Christ in his mercy to give you eternal life.

# **Transfer of Membership**

(The congregation sitting, the candidates present themselves, and the minister gives them the following greeting and charge.)

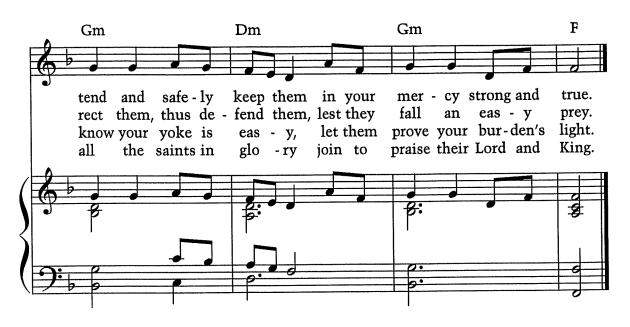
\_\_\_\_\_, through baptism, profession of faith, and Christian service, you have already entered into the life of the Church Universal, and today we rejoice to welcome and receive you into the fellowship of this congregation. Continue faithfully in the good way you have chosen in Christ, and may the Holy Spirit bless you in your life among us. May we all, through grace, be enabled to support and encourage one another in Jesus Christ our Lord.

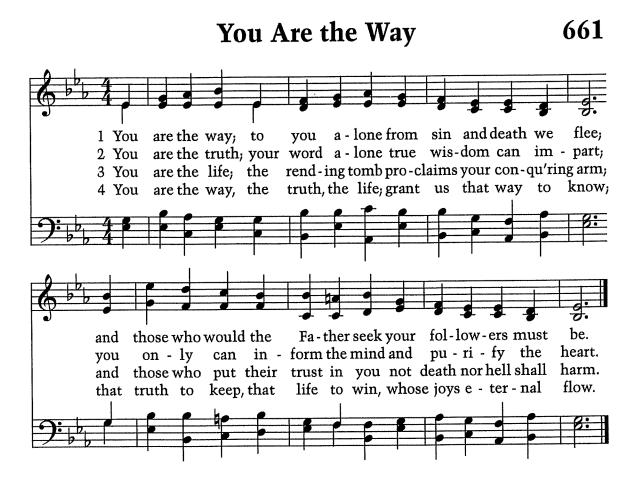
(Standing. During the singing of the following hymn, the minister and others, according to local practice, give the right hand of fellowship to all who have been baptized or who have publicly affirmed their baptism on this day.)



# 660 Gracious Savior, Gentle Shepherd



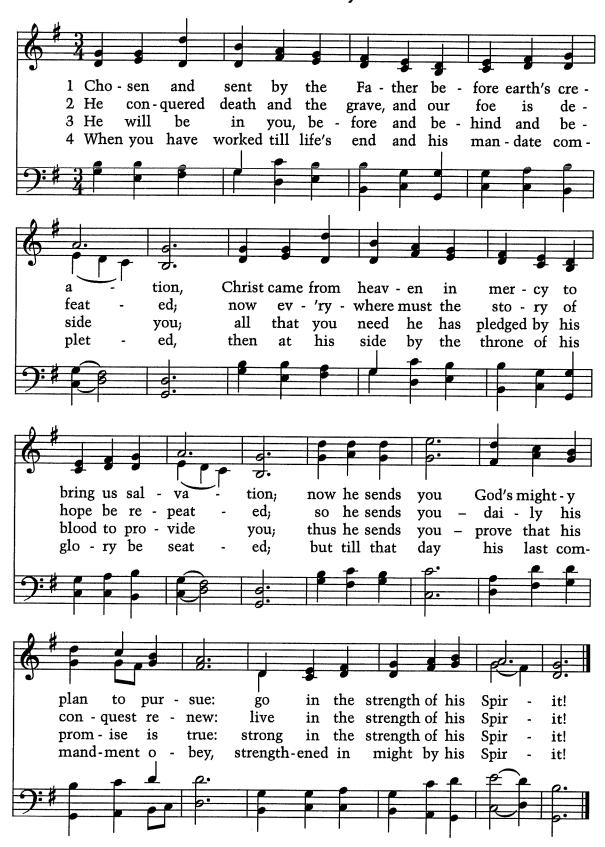




TEXT: George W. Doane (1824), alt. TUNE: Andro Hart's Psalter (1615)

C.M. DUNDEE (14 P)

# 639 Chosen and Sent by the Father



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TUNE: Straslund Gesangbuch (1665), C. Gregor Choralbuch (1784)

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! 640



TEXT: Samuel Wolcott (1869) TUNE: Felice de Giardini (1769) 6.6.4.6.6.6.4. ITALIAN HYMN (579 B)

#### **GATHERING IN UNITY**

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK (REVELATION 21:6)

Jesus said, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty, I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

\* Please stand as you are able.

**BAND PRELUDE** 

**TRINITY CHIME** 

**Organ Prelude**Largo — G.F. Handel

**W**ELCOME

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

\*LITURGY FOR EDUCATION

Pg. 127, Moravian Book of Worship

LITURGY FOR THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Pg. 170, The Moravian Book of Worship

We are pleased to welcome Chelsea & Michael Blackburn and Christine Phelps to Calvary.

PIANO OFFERTORY

Amazing Grace

\*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

\*GOSPEL: JOHN 13:31-35

The Word of God for the People of God

Thanks be to God.

#### CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND GRADUATE MOMENT

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb — Weil Ich Jesu Schäflein bin

I am Jesus' little lamb, ever glad at heart I am; For my Shepherd gently guides me, knows my need and well provides me, loves me ev'ry day the same, even calls me by my name.

#### **QUIET MEDITATION AND PRAYER**

Hymn #660

Gracious Savior, Gentle Shepherd — SILAS, NEW

SERMON

AN UNEXPECTED CHANGE OF MENU

## **SENDING TO SERVE**

\*Hymn #639

Chosen and Sent by the Father — LOBE DEN HERREN

# A PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR AMANDA'S SABBATICAL

#### MORAVIAN BLESSING

Be present at our table, Lord; be here and everywhere adored, from your all-bounteous hand our food may we receive with gratitude.

\*BENEDICTION

#### **TRINITY CHIME**

Please join us in Fellowship Hall for lunch following worship.

# Congratulations to our 2025 Graduates!

#### JUILIANA DAVIS

Daughter of Spencer & Lisa Davis, Sister of Ashlyn Davis & Cole Hastings Graduating from Reagan High School Attending Appalachian State University, Majoring in Psychology.

#### LYDIA K. INGRAM

Graduating from East Carolina University with high distinction Master of Arts in Multicultural & Transnational Literature

#### **ELEANOR LOTT**

Daughter of Brian & LeeAnna Kay Lott, Sister of Maryanne Lott, Granddaughter of Mary Lott, Niece of Meredith & Doug Boles Graduating from NC State with a BA in Biology, Minor in Global Health Planning to pursue a Masters in Public Health Working at UNC Hospitals

#### JOSEPH BRINKLEY NANCE

Son of Tom & Alisa Nance, Grandson of Beth Nance, Nephew of Matt Nance Graduating from Liberty University with a BS in Sports Management

#### MACY ELIZABETH NANCE

Daughter of John Nance & Paige Waugh Granddaughter of Beth Nance, Niece of Matt Nance Graduating from Reagan High School Attending Appalachian State University, Majoring in English

#### **ELIZABETH SMITH**

Graduating from Liberty University
Masters in Industrial & Organizational Psychology

#### DR. CHAZ SNIDER

Graduated from GCAS Doctorate of Philosophy

#### LILY SWING

Daughter of Lee & Christy Swing, Granddaughter of Frances Swing Graduating from Nesbitt Discovery Academy Attending NC State University in the fall

#### NICK SWING

Son of Lee & Christy Swing, Grandson of Frances Swing Graduating from TC Roberson High School Attending UNC at Charlotte in the fall

#### 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; Betty Troutman; J. Frank & Jan Trivette; the Tasedan family; Judi Chandler; George Tasedan; Sandra Shugart; Bill & Mary Hampton; Haley and Zelda Covert, Richard Hughes, and their family; George Hege; Linda Neighbors; Johnnie Pearson; Paul Marshall

#### REMEMBER FRIENDS AND FAMILY IN PRAYER

Denise Williams; Lisa Hampton

# THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Amanda will be going on sabbatical starting May 20th and will return to the office on August 11th.

#### **BREAKFAST BUNCH**

May 20th, 9 AM at Carriage House. Please contact Pat George (336) 971-3429 or Linda Smith (336) 978-6082 to RSVP.

#### **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, May 27th.** 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. The link to join the meeting is https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81364100880

#### FINANCIAL DEEP DIVE - JUNE 8TH

On June 8th, following worship, our Finance Committee will have a deep dive session about Calvary's finances in Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be served. We hope you will attend!

#### 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. We will meet until May 28th.

#### MORAVIAN BAND "PLAY-AROUND"

"Did you play an instrument years ago, and do you think you've forgotten how? Here's your opportunity to pick it up again! Are you just getting started and only know a few notes? Come play the ones you know, all in a very "no-stress" environment! Every Wednesday evening beginning June 4, through the summer, join the Moravian band "Play-Around" in the fellowship hall at New Philadelphia Moravian Church! We'll gather and play from 7 to 8 pm each week, with a different leader each week. I promise you, nobody's listening to your faltering pitch or missed notes! Nobody's judging when your lip just flat gives out and you need to sit a couple out and rest! We're all in this together, just playing tunes in the green and blue books, developing skills, keeping fresh, and enjoying the fellowship and music. Come and join us!

#### SAVE THE DATE: COFFEE WITH THE PASTORS

On the first Sunday morning of each month at 9:45 AM, we will be having a time of coffee & fellowship in the Parlor. Our next one will be on June 1st. We hope you'll join us!

#### FORSYTH DETENTION CENTER CLOTHING DRIVE

The Forsyth Detention Center is in desperate need of men's clothing: pants, shirts, and underwear. Sweatpants and t-shirts are preferable. They've requested medium to large pants, shirts, and underwear. If you have any used, clean clothing that you can donate, please leave them at the bottom of the main stairwell and we will take them to the detention center. Thank you!

#### SAVE THE DATE: CHURCH-WIDE RETREAT!

We have our Church-wide retreat scheduled for August 29th-31st with an option to stay until September 1st at Laurel Ridge. This is Labor Day Weekend. Make sure you mark this on your calendars!

# Sunday Mornings at Calvary Moravian

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 — 1st Floor Diener Room

10:30 AM Adult Chancel Choir Rehearsal

11AM Worship

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#### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday-Thursday 8 AM-4 PM Lunch Hour: 12:30-1:30 PM Closed on Fridays

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