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Psalm 23 (John August Swanson)

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 15TH, 2026



CONGREGATIONAL WATCHWORD FOR 2026

“For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly.” (Titus 2:11-12)

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

David Holston, *Preaching*

The Rev. Dr. Chaz Snider, *Pastor*

Amanda Schumpert, *Director of Music*

Mary Louise Kapp Peeples, *Organist*

Alexander Stultz, *Violinist*

Dr. Mark Biggam, *Oboist*

Trey Blackburn, *Lay Reader*

Brian Lott, *Band Director*

The Calvary Chancel Choir

The Calvary Band

Spencer Davis, Gene Sharp, & Zach Routh, *Ushers*

Mary Douglas Mendenhall & Josephine Rose, *Nursery Attendants*

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!

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Descant

5 Long as we live, and when we die, and

1 Come, let us sing the song of songs, with
 2 Slain to re - deem us by his blood, to
 3 To him who suf - fered on the tree our
 4 To him, en - throned by fil - ial right, all

while in heav'n with him we reign, this song, our song of
 hearts and voic - es swell the strain, the hom - age which to
 cleanse from ev - 'ry sin - ful stain, and make us kings and
 souls, at his soul's price, to gain, bless - ing, and praise, and
 pow'r in heav'n and earth pro - claim, hon - or, and maj - es -

songs shall be: "Wor - thy the Lamb! He was slain!"

Christ be - longs: "Wor - thy the Lamb, for he was slain!"
 priests to God; "Wor - thy the Lamb, for he was slain!"
 glo - ry be, "Wor - thy the Lamb, for he was slain!"
 ty, and might; "Wor - thy the Lamb, for he was slain!"

5 Long as we live, and when we die,
and while in heaven with him we reign,
this song, our song of songs shall be:
"Worthy the Lamb, for he was slain!"

Fairest Lord Jesus

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1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus! King of cre - a - tion! Son of
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands, robed in
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light, bright the
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! Lord of the na - tions! Son of

God and Son of man! Tru - ly I'd love thee,
flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er,
spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er,
God and Son of man! Glo - ry and hon - or,

tru - ly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
Je - sus is pur - er; he makes our sor-r'wing spir - it sing.
Je - sus shines pur - er than all the an - gels in the sky.
praise, ad - o - ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

GENERAL LITURGY 2

Reconciliation

(Standing)

LANCASHIRE (151 M)

With joy - ful - ness and long - ing we look to you, O Lord;
The years have all been crowd - ed with to - kens of your love;

re - ceive us in your mer - cy, and cheer us with your word.
and man - y who have sought you now wor - ship you a - bove.

Crown us with love en - dur - ing and prom - is - es of grace,
But we, O Lord, still need you, our pil - grim feet to stay,

and let your ho - ly bless - ing re - main with - in this place.
for e - vil of - ten tri - umphs as faith to fear gives way.

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

MIT FREUDEN ZART

Sing praise to God, who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but through all grief dis -

a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the
tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay, our

God of our sal - va - tion, with heal - ing balm my soul he fills, and
peace, and joy, and bless - ing, as with a moth - er's ten - der hand, he

ev - 'ry faith - less mur - mur stills. To God all praise and glo - ry!
leads his own, his cho - sen band. To God all praise and glo - ry!

(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.

EASTHAM

O then what rap-tured greet-ings on Ca-naan's hap-py shore;
Bring near your great sal-va-tion, O Lamb for sin-ners slain;

what knit-ting sev-ered friend-ships up, where part-ings are no more!
fill up the roll of your e-lect, then take your power, and reign!

Then eyes with joy shall spar-kle that brimmed with tears of late, no
Ap-pear, De-sire of na-tions, your ex-iles long for home; show

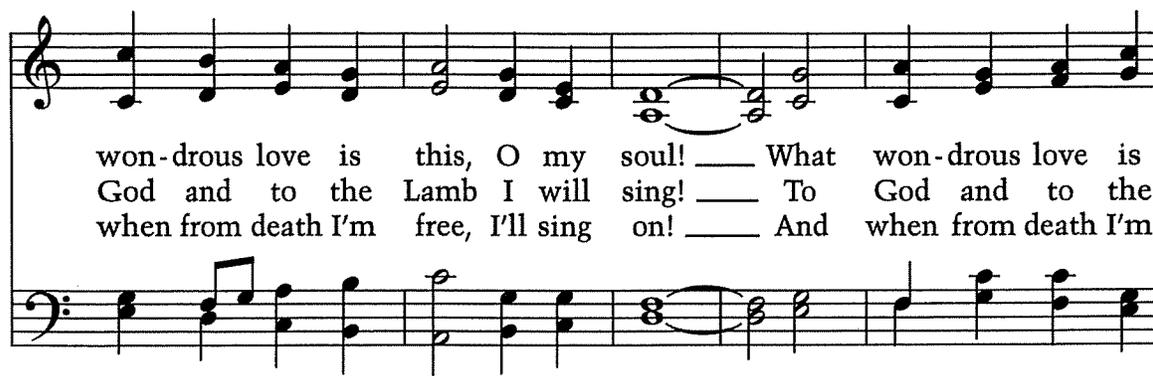
or-phans left with-out a home, nor mourn-ers des-o-late.
in the heav'n your prom-ised sign; great Prince and Sav-ior, come. A-men.

What Wondrous Love Is This

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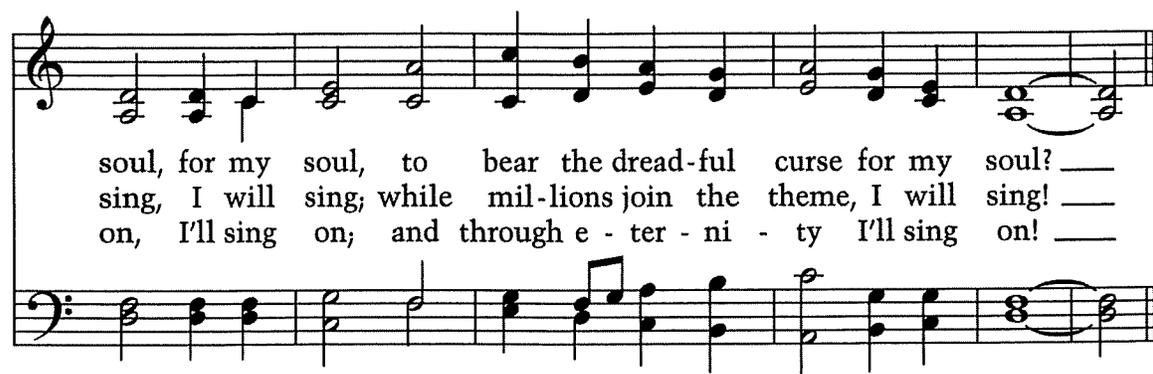
1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to
 3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and



won-drous love is this, O my soul! — What won-drous love is
 God and to the Lamb I will sing! — To God and to the
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on! — And when from death I'm



this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
 Lamb, who is the great "I Am," while mil-lions join the theme, I will
 free, I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul? —
 sing, I will sing; while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing! —
 on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on! —

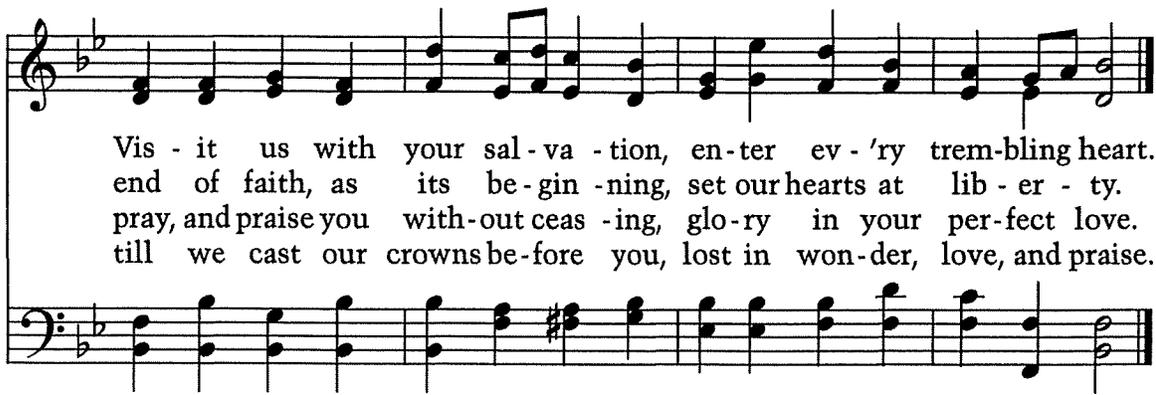
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1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, joy of heav'n, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe your lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
 3 Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all your
 4 Fin - ish, then, your new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down! Fix in us your hum - ble dwell - ing,
 trou - bled breast; let us all in you in - her - it,
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er,
 let us be; let us see your great sal - va - tion

all your faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, you are
 let us find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the
 nev - er more your tem - ple leave. You we would be
 per - fect - ly re - stored and free. Changed from glo - ry

all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love im - part!
 love of sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
 al - ways bless - ing, serve you as your hosts a - bove,
 in - to glo - ry, till in heav'n we take our place,

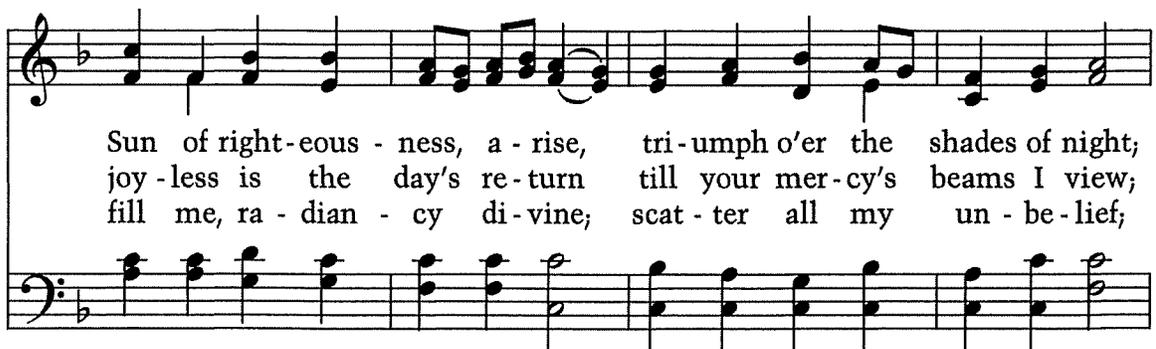


Vis - it us with your sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
end of faith, as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
pray, and praise you with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in your per - fect love.
till we cast our crowns be - fore you, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies 475



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,
2 Dark and cheer - less is the morn un - ac - com - pa - nied by you;
3 Vis - it, then, this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief,



Sun of right - eous - ness, a - rise, tri - umph o'er the shades of night;
joy - less is the day's re - turn till your mer - cy's beams I view;
fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



day - spring from on high, be near; day - star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes and warm my heart.
more and more your - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day!

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 Lord my whole life long.*

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

BAND PRELUDE

TRINITY CHIME

ORGAN & OBOE PRELUDE

Arioso — J.S. Bach

WELCOME

PROCLAIMING GOD'S LOVE

***HYMN #469**

Come, Let Us Sing the Song of Songs — WAREHAM

LITURGY OF RECONCILIATION

Pg. 13, Moravian Book of Worship

OFFERTORY

Brother James' Air — Arr. Gordon Jacob

***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

PSALM 23

EPISTLE: EPHESIANS 5:8-14

*GOSPEL: JOHN 9:1-41

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Dona Nobis Pacem — Traditional

Dona Nobis Pacem (Grant us peace)

SHORTER CHURCH LITANY

Pg. 10, Moravian Book of Worship

HYMN #328

What Wondrous Love Is This — WONDROUS LOVE

SERMON

DEEP VALLEYS & GREEN PASTURES

SENDING TO SERVE

***HYMN #474**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling — BEECHER

***BENEDICTION**

ORGAN & OBOE POSTLUDE

Adagio from *Cantata No. 166* — J.S. Bach/Arr. Mark Biggam

TRINITY CHIME

PRAYER REQUESTS

Eddie Johnson; Camilla Williams; Bernard Williams; Misty Hayes and family; Noelle Nichols; Rameth McKnight; Ursula Pierce; Steven Nixa; Gary Willis; Lily Shaw; Patrick Biggam; Lynn Biggam; Tommy & Nancy McKoon; Scott & Elaine Peddycord; Judi Chandler; George Tasedan; Sandra Shugart; Bill & Mary Hampton; Haley and Zelda Covert, Richard Hughes, and their family; George Hege; Linda Neighbors; Denise Williams; Lisa Hampton; Karen Stewart; Holly and Barry Broadstreet; Ellen Steadman (sister of Jane Sofley); William Hughes; Ramona Prestwood; Romaine Poindexter; Joeann Settle; Joel C. Lineback; Patsy Lineback; Virginia Segar; Dallas Prestwood; Jean Fordham; Pat George; the family of Paul Marshall; John Pearson; Johnnie & Mary Anna Pearson; Greg Biggam

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PALM CROSS MAKING & DINNER

On Wednesday, March 25th, at 5 PM, come enjoy dinner together and help us make our traditional palm crosses and prepare for our Palm Sunday worship service.

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 3rd, 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 March 22nd 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.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

We are once again filling shoes racks for our college students to send lot of goodies, cards, and love to them as they begin the final months of their semester. We have 4 college students we are currently supporting through this ministry: Juiliana Davis, Kaden Pristas, Ashlyn Davis, & Kayla Hayes. You can bring items and fill up the shoe rack 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 March 15th - March 29th, and will distribute them on Easter weekend! Thank you for always keeping these children of our congregation in your prayers and close to home, even as they are away studying.

CHICKEN PIES FOR SALE

We are happy to have another round of chicken pies for sale! Small pies are \$12 and larges are \$16. We will be selling them after church or by contacting Jan Bullins (jtbullins@gmail.com).

WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday morning women's Bible study completed their study of Ephesians on the 11th. We will resume meeting Wednesday April 15 for a study of Galatians by Jada Edwards, "Galatians, accepted and free. "

BLOOD DRIVE ON MARCH 17TH

Be part of saving lives at Calvary's Blood Drive this Tuesday, March 17th from 2 to 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall! Every donation matters, and yours could make all the difference. Sign up today at the link below with sponsor code "Moravian." If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please reach out to the church office by email or phone. www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive

BAGGING UP BLESSINGS FOR SUNNYSIDE MINISTRY

During Lent, Calvary will be collecting non-perishable food for Sunnyside Ministry. Please grab a bag to fill from the Narthex or West Lobby and bring them back **the week of March 22nd**. We will coordinate delivery to Sunnyside. Last year, participating churches helped collect more than 15,000 pounds of food during Lent, and together we are hopeful to exceed that milestone again. With back-to-back winter storms, rising food costs, and increased demand at the pantry, the need for this support will be especially critical in the community.

BREAKFAST BUNCH

March 17th, 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. **There will be no prayer meeting on March 24th.** The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 14th. 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>

UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

March 16th, 6:30 PM - Joint Board, Trustees, & Elders Meetings
March 19th, 9:30 AM - Grant Steering Committee Meeting
March 19th, 3:45 PM - Music & Worship Committee

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 Youth (6th-12th grades) — 3rd floor youth room Friendship Adult Class — 1st Floor Diener Room
10:30 AM	Adult Chancel Choir Rehearsal
11 AM	Worship

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