

**Unity. Liberty. Love. Serve.**



*Blessing the Children (Jorge Cocco)*

**ASCENSION OF THE LORD  
CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY**

**MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>, 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

**Carter Nance**, *Preaching*

**The Rev. Dr. Chaz Snider**, *Pastor*

**Amanda Schumpert**, *Director of Music*

**Mary Louise Kapp Peeples**, *Organist*

**Alexander Stultz**, *Violinist*

**Bob Snyder**, *Lay Reader*

**Brian Lott**, *Band Director*

**The Calvary Chancel Choir**

**The Calvary Band**

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

**Josephine Rose & Mary Douglas Mendenhall**, *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!

## Crown Him with Many Crowns 405

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne,  
 2 Crown him the Lord of love, be - hold his hands and side,  
 3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave,  
 4 Crown him the Lord of years, the ris - en Lord sub - lime,

hark, how the heav'n-ly an-them drowns all mu - sic but its own!  
 rich wounds yet vis - i - ble a - bove in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.  
 Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, the Mas - ter of all time.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who set us free,  
 No an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For you have died for me;

and hail him as your match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring and lives that death may die.  
 your praise and glo - ry shall not fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

## 370 Up Through Endless Ranks of Angels

1 Up through end - less ranks of an - gels, cries of tri - umph  
 2 Death - de - stroy - ing, life - re - stor - ing, prov - en e - qual  
 3 To our lives of wan - ton wan - d'ring send your prom - ised  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! O, to breathe the

in his ears, to his heav'n - ly throne as - cend - ing,  
 to our need, now for us be - fore the Fa - ther  
 Spir - it guide; through our lives of fear and fail - ure  
 Spir - it's grace! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

hav - ing van - quished all their fears, Christ looks down up -  
 as our broth - er in - ter - cede; flesh that for our  
 with your pow'r and love a - bide; wel - come us, as  
 O, to see the Fa - ther's face! Al - le - lu - ia,

on his faith - ful, leav - ing them in hap - py tears.  
 world was wound - ed, liv - ing, for the wound - ed plead!  
 you were wel - comed, to an end - less Eas - ter - tide.  
 al - le - lu - ia! O, to feel the Son's em - brace!

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ASCENDED TRIUMPH

## 469 Come, Let Us Sing the Song of Songs

*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!"



Hail the day that sees him rise,  
 glorious, to his native skies!  
 Christ, awhile to mortals given,  
 reascends his native heaven.

Christ, though now in heav'n received,  
 ever loves the earth he leaves.  
 He, returning to his own,  
 calls all humankind his own.

The Father of glory has raised Christ from the dead, and made him to sit at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this world, but in the world to come. God has put all things in subjection under Christ's feet, and made him head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

**To Jesus Christ be the glory and the power forever and ever!**

*(Sitting)*

CASSEL

Jesus hail! Enthroned in glory,  
 there forever to abide!  
 All the heavenly hosts adore you,  
 seated at your Father's side.  
 There for sinners you are pleading,  
 there you now our place prepare,  
 ever for us interceding  
 till in glory you appear.

Jesus said: in my Father's house are many dwelling places. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will receive you unto myself, that where I am, you may also be. I ascend to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.

**If we are risen with Christ, let us seek the things which are above, where Christ is, at the right hand of God.**

O most merciful Savior, as you were raised from the dead,  
**may we also walk in newness of life.**

As you ascended into heaven,  
**may we set our minds on things above.**

As you sit on the throne,  
**may we be confident of final triumph.**

As you make intercession for us,  
**may we rejoice in forgiveness and peace.**

As angels honor you in heaven,  
**may every tongue on earth confess your name.**

And when we see you face to face,  
**may we share your glory.**

DULCE CARMEN

You have raised our human nature  
on the clouds to God's right hand.  
There we sit in heav'nly places,  
there with you in glory stand.  
Jesus reigns adored by angels;  
man with God is on the throne.  
Mighty Lord, in your ascension,  
we by faith behold our own.

*(Standing)*

Seeing that we have a great High Priest who has passed into the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we do not have a High Priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect was tempted as we are, yet without sin.

**We will with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy, and find grace to help us in time of need.**

Thus says the Lord: I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the one who is thirsty I will give freely of the water of life. Those who overcome shall inherit all things; and I will be their God, and they shall be my children.

**Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name, forever praising you, and saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Glory be to you, O Lord most high! Amen.**

LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN

Jesus is worthy to receive  
all honor and all praise,  
and blessing, more than we can give,  
let ev'ry nation raise,  
let ev'ry nation raise.

(Adapted from *Hymnal and Liturgies of the Moravian Church*, 1969)

**OFFERTORY**

*Be Thou My Vision* — Arr. Alice Parker

**\*DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**THE HOLY SCRIPTURES**

EPISTLE: ACTS 1:6-14

\*GOSPEL: JOHN 17:1-11

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

**CHILDREN'S 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 & PRAYER**

**HYMN #370**

*Up Through Endless Ranks of Angels* — ASCENDED TRIUMPH

**SERMON**

Carter Nance

**SENDING TO SERVE**

**\*HYMN #469**

*Come, Let Us Sing the Song of Songs* — WAREHAM

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

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.

**ORGAN POSTLUDE** *Thy Majesty, How Vast It Is, Var. No. VI* — Margaret Vardell Sandresky

**TRINITY CHIME**

*We invite everyone to join together for lunch outside in the pavilion.*

# Congratulations to our 2026 Graduates!

## **CATIE OSBORNE**

Daughter of Blair & Tori Osborne  
Granddaughter of Bill & Linda Seippel  
Graduating from Western Carolina University with a BS in Biology

## **RYLEY JONES**

Daughter of Britt & Angie Jones  
Granddaughter of Bill & Linda Seippel  
Graduating from Lassiter HS in Marietta, GA

## **MATTHEW GARR**

Son of Patricia Garr  
Grandson of Romaine Poindexter  
Graduating from North Carolina University School of Medicine  
Going to a residency at Duke University Hospital

## **CARTER NANCE**

Son of Melanie Nance & Brother of Addison Nance  
Graduating from Forsyth Country Day School  
Enlisting in the Marine Corps Reserves

## **MAC SMITH**

Son of Cathy Smith  
Graduating from Western Carolina University  
Attending the graduate program at Boston Architectural College

## **MOLLIE FORDHAM**

Daughter of Trey & Dawn Fordham  
Graduating from Clarkson University's PA Program  
with MS in Physician Assistant Studies  
Accepted a position at Texas Children's Hospital in inpatient pediatric oncology

## **ZACHARY C. HEATH**

Grandson of Nancy Miller  
Graduating from Elon University cum laude with a BS in Exercise Science  
Double minor in Biology & Coaching  
Currently in Physical Therapy program at Elon

## **DAVID LEE JACKSON**

Graduated from Moravian Theological Seminary with a Masters of Divinity  
Currently serving at Macedonia Moravian Church

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Eddie Johnson; Camilla Williams; Bernard Williams; Misty Hayes and family; 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; John Pearson; Johnnie & Mary Anna Pearson; Greg Biggam; Emily Cheek; Mitzi and Charlie Sapp

## THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Amanda will be out of the office from May 18th-31st, traveling as part of a seminary course.

### 2026 LAY READERS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

We are currently looking for people to serve in worship by reading scripture on Sunday mornings. If you would like to sign up for a Sunday to read, please use the Signup Genius link below or scan the QR code. We would love to have you share your gifts with the congregation! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090448AEAF28AAFE3-63652426-2026#/>



### BREAKFAST BUNCH

May 19th, 9 AM at Carriage House. Please contact Pat George (336) 971-3429 or Linda Smith (336) 978-6082 to RSVP.

## **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY AND OPPORTUNITY FOR FELLOWSHIP**

Our Wednesday morning women's Bible study meets from 10-11:30 AM in the Burke Room. We will be reading a study of Galatians by Jada Edwards, "Galatians, accepted and free." It is not necessary to attend every week. Feel free to attend when you can and bring a friend if you'd like. This study is available via Zoom as well using this link [us02web.zoom.us/j/87629578107?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87629578107?pwd=RjMk6W3M9wN9dpBk7QUUNUyh0qXpNC.1)

[pwd=RjMk6W3M9wN9dpBk7QUUNUyh0qXpNC.1](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87629578107?pwd=RjMk6W3M9wN9dpBk7QUUNUyh0qXpNC.1) (Password 453527 if needed)

For any questions, you can contact Bette Peterson (321-403-1707

or [bettepeterson@icloud.com](mailto:bettepeterson@icloud.com)) Our last session for the season will be this week, May 20th.

## **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 26th. 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**

May 18th, 6:30 PM - Joint Board, Trustees, & Elders Committees

May 21st, 3:45 PM - Music & Worship Committee Meeting

### **Donations May 3rd-8th, 2026**

Pledges & plate	\$5,159.00
Roof & Steeple	\$18,300.00
Other	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$23,459.00</b>

**Attendance 5/10: 108**



# Save Our Steeple



An update to keep you informed of the progress so far and prospects for the future!

**Total contributions: \$218,478.30**

Our restoration continues to move forward! Structural engineers were lifted to Calvary's roof to evaluate our roof and steeple. A report will be forthcoming.

On Tuesday, April 21, a team from the National Fund for Historic Places visited Calvary. They were given a tour of our building and met with Calvary staff and lay leaders throughout the day. The visit was positive and enlightening.

The members of the grant steering committee have identified additional grants. We are researching these and will apply when we know the cost of restoration and repairs.

Our committee members are encouraged by the progress that has been made, and we are grateful to our church family, friends of Calvary, and the community for their support and participation in this effort.

**Stepping out in faith leads to positive results. We are called to step out in faith and to trust God to provide.** Calvary Moravian Church is loved by this community, and the future is bright!

## 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 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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