

TODAY'S THEME

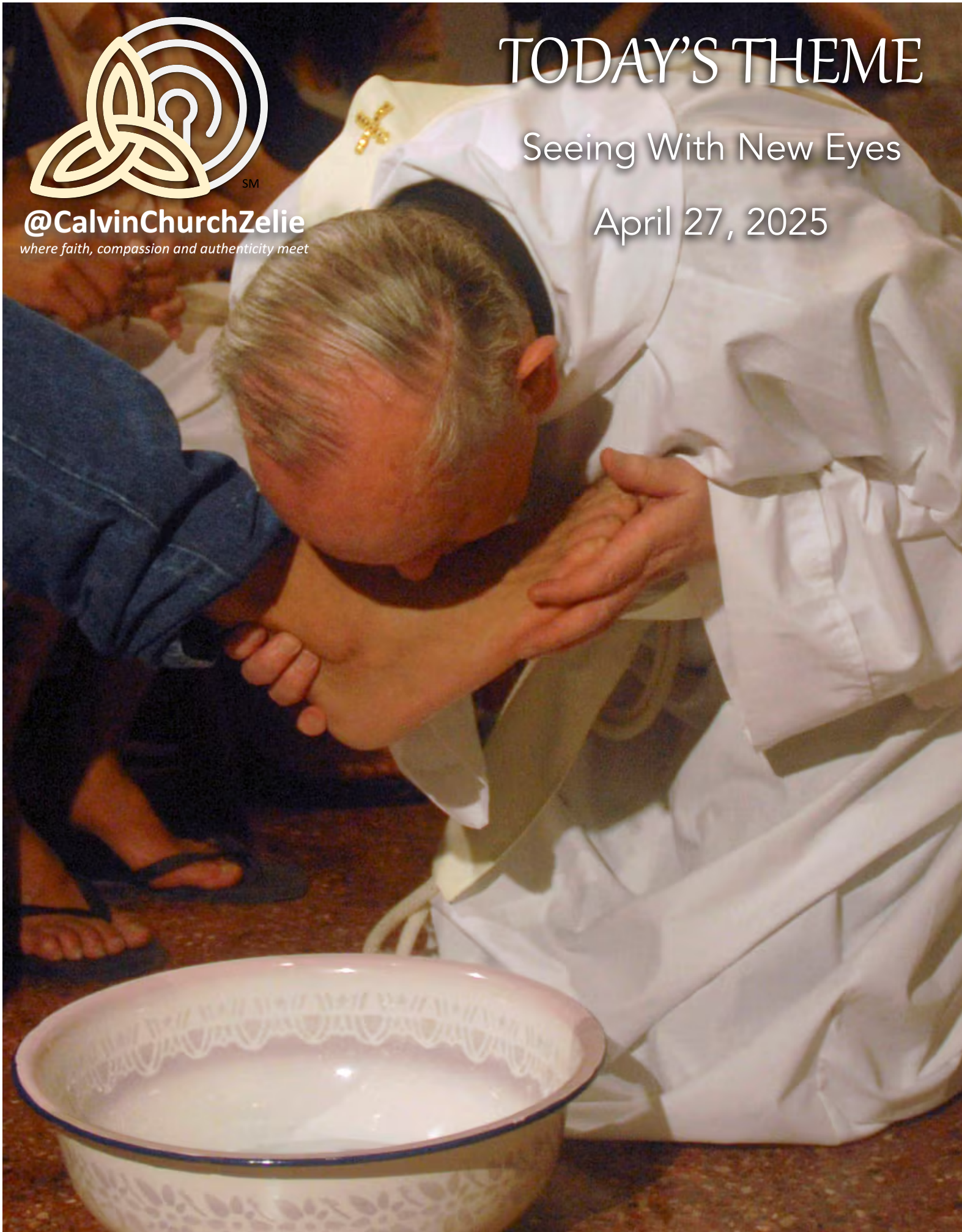
Seeing With New Eyes

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Quiet Meditation

"Sisters, brothers, in the wonder of the Easter faith,
carrying in our hearts every expectation of peace and liberation we can say:
With You O Lord, everything is new.
With you O Lord, everything begins again."
~ The final prayer Pope Francis wrote for Sunday, April 20th Easter Mass



Enter to Worship – Depart To Serve

*Gathering Hymn

"Easter Song"

Welcome, Time of Quiet Prayer and Centering Breath

Opening Chant (#240)

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name*

Scripture

John 20:19-31 (NRSVUE)

David Shidemantle

P: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Humility

David Shidemantle

L: Let us pray.

All: *Holy Rising Up One,*

How many times have we

forgotten God's prophetic promises,

and the power of Perfect Love and Persistent Justice?

How many times do we

react with disbelief to who we see as less powerful,

and who know oppression best?

How many times will we

dismiss the visions and wisdom of marginalized voices

and fail to recognize a new abundant future for all?

Hear us now as we offer you our silent confessions...

Prayer of Humility Response

Sing praise and bless the Lord,

Sing praise and bless the Lord, Peoples, nations, alleluia!

Assurance of God's Love

L. Friends: Believe the Good News of the Gospel

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*Congregational Response (#606)

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below;

Praise him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

Children's Sermon

Rev. Cynthia Irene Jackson

Anthem

Sermon

"To Be Witnesses of Resurrections"

Rev. Cynthia Irene Jackson

Musical Meditation

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: *We lift them up to the Lord our God.*

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Prayer

Communion Song:

Heal us, Lord. Heal us, Lord.

On this thirsty ground, may your love flow down.

Come and heal our hearts, O Lord.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

*Presentation of Gifts

*Hymn

"We Walk By Faith"

Hymnal #817

*Blessing and Benediction

*Response

Amen, amen, amen, amen.

*Postlude

Serving This Week and Next Week

❖ Greeters this week: Wallace & Barb Christy

❖ Greeters next week: Jennifer & Tim Richart

Coffee Hour

Please join us after the service for coffee and fellowship.

❖ This Week: Becky Wright

❖ Next Week: Kay Tilton

Prayer Ministers

Every Sunday after worship service , prayer ministers are available at the back of the sanctuary to offer confidential prayers.

❖ Today's Prayer Minister: Rosemary Shirley

* Additional pages with Announcements and other information available upon request. Please see your greeters.

2nd Sunday of Easter

Lectionary Texts

Acts 5:27-32 • Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150 • Revelation 1:4-8 • John 20:19-31

Theme

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Calvin 2Gether:

1. **FIND:** someone you don't know as well as others and introduce yourself, or discuss with your family around the dinner table.
2. **DISCUSS:** *Where does your own life feel free and abundant, and how can you offer that freedom to others?*
3. **PRAYER COVENANT:** to pray for each other daily, by name until you meet again (the prayer to the right is offered as a suggestion).

St. Francis of Assisi

"Lord, make _____ and me instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us show love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O divine master let us not so much seek to be consoled as to console, understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen"

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Prayer Concerns

Please offer God prayers for the different ministries & activities of Calvin Church

Especially pray for

- * Calvin Church Staff
- * Caroline Baker, who graduated from seminary and is discerning next steps

Prayers for the World

- * For Calvin Church's partnership with Oti Presbytery - Ghana
- * For first responders and front line medical workers
- * Our congressmen, senators, governor and president
- * Josh Heikkila, our missionary in Ghana
- * For people across the world who are victims of terrorism
- * For Syria refugees and for the Syrian conflict
- * The people of Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, and their liaison, Ron Cotner
- * Ukraine, Palestine and Israel during this time of war
- * All those affected in the south by Hurricanes Helene and Milton
- * All those affected by the wildfires in California

Please pray for these members of Calvin Church

- ~ Jane Klimasauskas, who recently had eye surgery
- ~ Bob Van Ingen, continued prayers
- ~ Vickie and Tom Baker, continued prayers
- ~ Ken Weaver, for continued healing
- ~ Wayne Brinda, for continued healing

If you would like to include someone in these weekly prayers, please contact the church office at 724-452-7560, office.admin@calvinchurchzelie.org or place a note in the offering plate.