

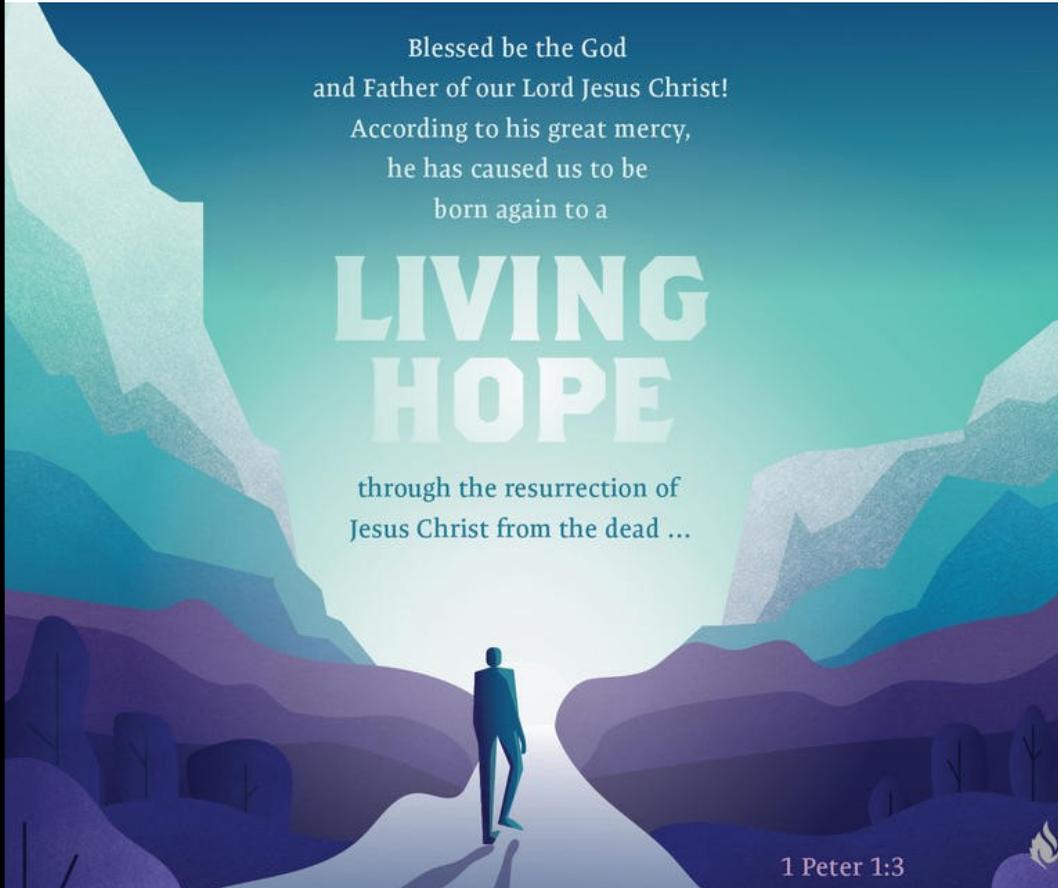


The Calvary Chronicle

“To know Jesus and to make him known, faithfully, boldly, and excellently.”

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LOOKING AHEAD

Today (4/19)	8:00a & 11:00a.....	Worship
	9:30a.....	Family Bible Hour
Sunday (4/26)	8:00a & 11:00a.....	Worship
	9:30a.....	Family Bible Hour

'No Reason to Fear

Revelation 1:17-18 "When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: 'Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.'"



Does anything about these words strike you as ironic? Jesus tells John not to be afraid. We understand the reason for this from so many other encounters between men and heavenly beings in Scripture. John has glimpsed Jesus' heavenly majesty. Its light unavoidably fixes his attention on his own sinful inadequacies and shortcomings. A heart-pounding terror seizes him as the contrast between him and Christ reminds him of the hell he deserves.

So Jesus tells John not to be afraid, and then he lists the reasons why. That is what strikes me as ironic. Reason One: **"I am the First and the Last."** Doesn't that highlight the magnificence, the unboundedness, the limitless greatness of Jesus even more? Doesn't that emphasize how small and insignificant John is by comparison? Doesn't that inspire the small, shrinking feeling you get when you look into the expanse of a star-filled sky, only magnified a thousand times over?

Reason Two: **"I was dead, and now look, I am alive."** How many scary books and movies are about the dead coming back to life! We have ghosts, and mummies, and Frankenstein, and Jason, and Freddy Krueger.

Reason Three: **"I hold the keys of death and Hades."** Jesus is more than an ancient being unlimited by the passage of time who has come back from the dead. He also has the power to open or close hell to you. Doesn't that sound scary? As Jesus' reasons not to be afraid progress, to an outsider it might be difficult to see the progress.

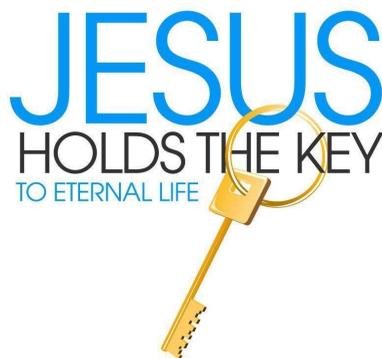
Bits of Bread

Only in Jesus' mouth could these words make it better for John...or for us. Only in Jesus' mouth are these concepts tinged with love and loaded with peace. Jesus is the First and the Last, the eternal God who does not change, without beginning or end. He will not go away. That applies to his grace as much as to his power. Jesus may look awesome, even foreboding, in John's vision, but he is still who he has always been. He is still, and always will be, the one who came into the world not to condemn it, but to save it. He is still, and always will be, the one who takes pleasure in the death of no one, but that they would repent and live. In addition to all the other ways in which he is magnificent, there is this magnificent monotony of being a God who saves—from Eden to Judgment Day, from First to Last.

Jesus was dead and is alive again because he died our death for sin. He doesn't live as some freak of nature or undead zombie. He lives as proof that sin has been stripped of its power to tear our bodies and souls apart, only to allow them back together later for an eternity of corruption and misery. He lives as proof that no matter what your best life now might look like, it isn't worth comparing to the one that waits on the other side of death.

Jesus holds the key. This ancient being, unlimited by the passage of time, has come back from the dead to close hell for you and me. By the forgiveness of sins he has opened heaven. The keys to eternal life are safe in his hands.

Jesus' resurrection means that we don't have to be afraid. We don't have to be afraid of him. We don't have to be afraid of the present. We don't have to be afraid of the future. We don't have to be afraid if he is eternal, alive, or holding the key to our future. And he is.



Important Announcements

COVID-19 UPDATES: Access up-to-date information and announcements from Calvary Lutheran Church & School at <https://calvarydallas.org/covid-19-updates/>



WORSHIP SERVICES: While this lasts, everyone is encouraged to join us online on our LiveStream page at <https://calvarydallas.org/church/resources/live-stream/> for our regular **Sunday Morning worship at 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM, Bible Study at 9:30 AM**, as well as **Holy Week Worship Services**.



MORNINGS WITH MOMMY: Has been suspended. Please, be on the lookout for dates on when we will be able to start up again!

MEETINGS: The **School Board** will meet **Thursday, April 16th at 7:00PM**. The **Endowment Fund Committee** will meet **Saturday, April 18th at 10:00AM**. Both will be via Google Hangouts. Please, refer to emails for more information on how to connect.



BIBLE STUDIES: Have been suspended until further notice. Please stay up to date on all our email and website communications to find out when we will host again and be directed to alternative Bible Studies to do at home.

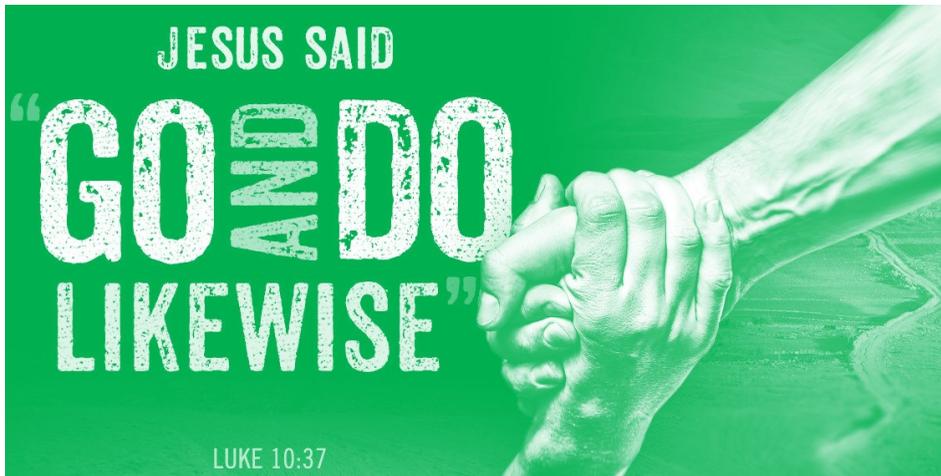
NAME BADGES: Are available now! Please send a note to the church office - churchsec@calvarydallas.org to be added to the list. We need at least 10 names before they can be made. The cost is \$10.00, payable upon delivery.

GARDENERS NEEDED: Have you ever built a raised bed garden? We would like to put in one or more raised bed gardens on church property. **We obtained seed money from Thrivent to support the effort, but are in need of volunteers to build the raised beds.** Why you might ask? Not only to add some color and plants to the property, but also have a learning opportunity for the kids. Pioneers will be planting a Pollinator Garden in late April and the school would have the ability to expand Science related activities. **If you have questions or would like to volunteer, contact Lee Witt at 214-336-9488 or leeawitt@gmail.com.**



Stacey Jackson, Church Secretary ~ Email - churchsec@calvarydallas.org

Good Samaritan Fund



In Luke chapter 10, a teacher of the law asks Jesus the question,
"And who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29)

Jesus replies with the parable of the Good Samaritan,
which ends with the question, "Which of these three do you think was a
neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" (Luke 10:36)

The teacher of the law correctly responds,
"The one who had mercy on him."

Jesus then tells him, "Go and do likewise." (Luke 10:37)

In the same way, Jesus also calls us to have compassion
and mercy on our neighbors.

**Calvary has a Good Samaritan fund available for those in need.
After helping many of our neighbors, it is now low in funds.**

**Please consider making a donation by marking your checks/envelopes
for the Good Samaritan Fund.**

Beckie Koelpin, School Secretary ~ Email - schoolsec@calvarydallas.org

Forward in Faith Fund

An inside look at...



Since its very beginning in 1972, Calvary Lutheran School has been committed to providing children a high-quality education rooted in the truth of God's Word.

THE CHALLENGE

The cost of education is rising rapidly. This presents challenges for both Calvary Lutheran School and student families. Calvary struggles to sustain ministry while remaining *affordable* and *excellent*. Families struggle to afford the rising cost of tuition.



THE OPPORTUNITY

Forward in Faith is base of Difference-Makers who use their blessings from the Lord to give the gift of Christian education to the next generation. This committed base supports ministry, invests in excellence and growth, and paves the way for *all* children seeking to be a part of the Calvary Lutheran School family.

YOU can make a difference through Forward in Faith!

*Looking for more information about Forward in Faith?
Visit our web page at <https://calvarydallas.org/school/fif>
and join the movement!*

Today in Sunday School



Build on the Rock

Bible Reading: [Matthew 7:24-29](#)

Key Point: Build on Jesus by hearing his Word and obeying it. He is our strong foundation. When trouble comes, we are safe and secure in Him.

Memory Verse: *"Your word is a lamp for my feet, and a light on my path."* Psalm 119:105

Prayer: Dear Jesus, Your Word gives me everything I need. You teach me what is right and good. Your Word gives life and salvation. Help me to listen to your Word all the days of my life! Amen.



**& Birthdays
Anniversaries**

Debbie Horneber	4/19
Florence Monrovia	4/19
Jack Roson	4/20
Mason Pringle	4/21
Jon Walker	4/22
Matt Barbour	4/24
Josh Ramsey	4/24
Asher Greenwald	4/24

Charlie & Theresa Beauchamp

April 25th, 2001

Our Response To the Word

IN TIME AND GIFTS:

Worshippers:

Maundy Thursday.....	118 Online
Good Friday.....	141 Online
Sunrise.....	76 Online
Festival Worship.....	149 Online
Easter Hymn Sing.....	54 Online
Given to the Glory of God for March 2020.....	\$77,432
Needed monthly for God's Work.....	\$81,251

IN TALENTS THIS WEEKEND:

Liturgist/Preacher.....	Pastor John Koelpin
Pianist.....	Dawn Aswege or Sarah Schemm
Audio/Visual.....	Rick Jackson and John McCarthy

Inside Cleaning:

4/25.....	Reifel/Sticker/Read
5/2.....	Gross/Pringle
5/9.....	Summers/Hubbard/Ihms
5/16.....	Rust/Newbold/Kliebert
5/23.....	Barbour/Volkert/Bertram

Mowing Crew:

4/25.....	Beavan Team
5/2.....	Barbour Team
5/9.....	David Team
5/16.....	Henrickson Team
5/23.....	Kliebert Team

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

First Lesson.....	Acts 2:14a, 36-47
Psalm.....	67
Second Lesson.....	1 Peter 1:17-21
Gospel Reading.....	Luke 24:13-35