

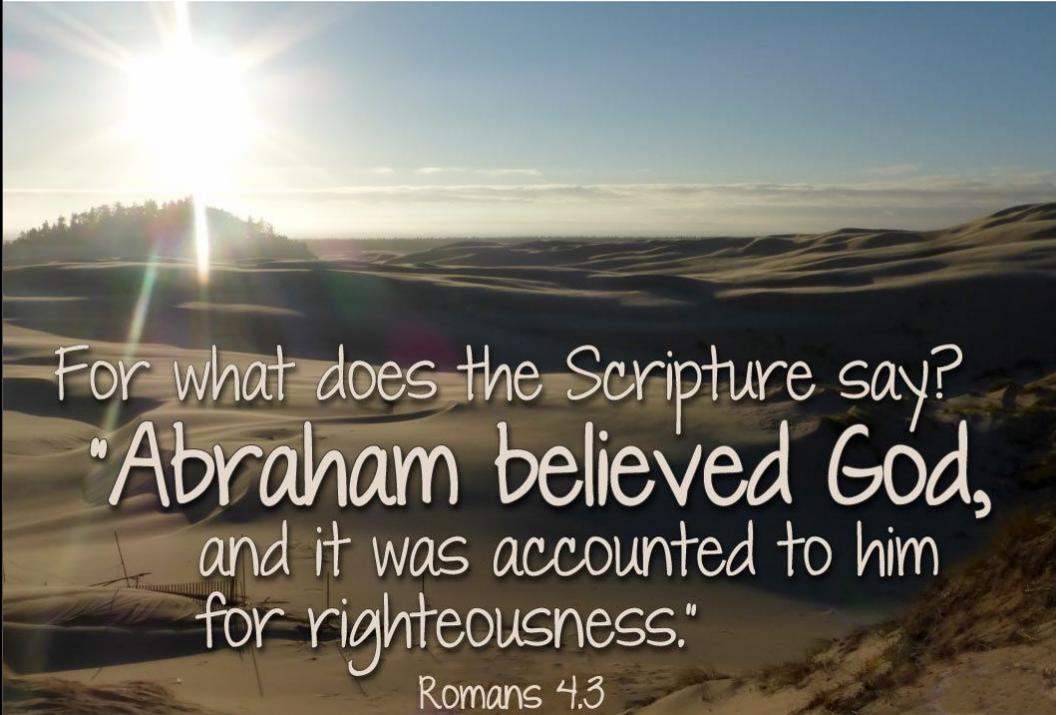


# The Calvary Chronicle

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

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For what does the Scripture say?  
"Abraham believed God,  
and it was accounted to him  
for righteousness."  
Romans 4.3

## LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday (6/21)	9:30a.....	Worship/C
	11:00a.....	Worship/C
Saturday (6/27)	6:00p.....	Worship
Sunday (6/28)	9:30a.....	Worship
	11:00a.....	Worship
	12:00p.....	Voter's Meeting

# 'Not a Paycheck'

*Romans 4:4-5 "Now when a man works, his wages are not credited to him as a gift, but as an obligation. However, to the man who does not work but trusts God who justifies the wicked, his faith is credited as righteousness."*

Anyone who has had a job can understand the illustration Paul is using here. Even a child who has done some babysitting or lawn mowing can see the point. No one considers a paycheck a special favor received from your employer. We may be inclined to think that our employers don't pay us enough for our work. We are always happy for more. Maybe we have even lobbied for it. But we are fully convinced that we deserve our paycheck and that our employer is fully obligated to pay us every penny. You might be offended if your paycheck came gift wrapped as though you were receiving something you were not owed. You would be outraged if your paycheck was never issued at all, and your employer had no intention of giving it to you in the future.

It is notable, then, that you don't find the Lord using this kind of employer-employee language in his dealing with our salvation. He doesn't "employ" us. He rescues us. He doesn't pay us a wage. He gives us a gift. He doesn't honor a contract. He keeps a promise, because he loves us unconditionally.

There is a place where God does pay wages, Paul later points out, but that is only the wages of sin. The amount marked on that paycheck is spelled D-E-A-T-H, death. No one is eager for that payday to come.

But someone might object that Jesus does use the servant-master picture in a number of his parables. And it is true. But this is never about earning our salvation. It is about the life we live in response to the one who has rescued us from our sins. Even then, Jesus later tells his disciples, *"I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I have learned from my Father I have made known to you."*

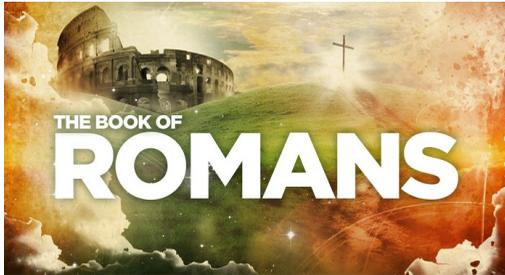
The terminology of work and wages, then, simply cannot be made to fit what God has done to forgive our sins and consider us his righteous, guiltless people. The terminology of love and gift-giving fits it to a tee. The picture of a merciful Judge, and a courtroom acquittal of a criminal everyone knows is guilty, fits the Biblical accounts and Paul's argument. He can even say that God "justifies the wicked." Perhaps it goes without saying, but the "wicked" are never the "good and godly." They are always the guilty. If God justifies them, then, the not-guilty verdict stuns the courtroom. Maybe it challenges our own belief. But this is precisely what God does in bringing forgiveness to sinners. Paul asserts, *"to the man who does not work but trusts God who justifies the wicked, his faith is credited as righteousness."* The terminology of the gospel demands an understanding like this.

Like us, Paul was a sinner looking for certainty and comfort. He discovered that a gracious God does not wait for us to stop falling into sin, or expect us to work off the heavy debt we have incurred. He paid sin's debt himself with the blood of his Son. He receives us because he forgives us. His promise enables us to receive it all by faith.

f Employee's address and ZIP code	
15 State Employer's state ID number	16 State wages, tips, etc.

Form **W-2** Wage and Tax Statement  
Copy B - To Be Filed With Employee's FEDERAL Tax Return.  
This information is being furnished to the Internal Revenue Service.

# Pentecost Sermon Series



## The Christian Faith, One Word at a Time

Paul's letter to the Romans is a theological masterpiece. In anticipation of a visit to Rome – a stopping point on Paul's journey westward – Paul outlined the main points of Christian doctrine, presumably to confirm the unity of faith and confession

between Paul and the Christians in Rome. The book of Romans is as close to a "Bible Information Class" or "Bible 101 Course" as there is in the New Testament.

During the first sixteen weeks of the Pentecost Season (after the celebrations that occur on the first two weeks of the season; Pentecost Day and Holy Trinity) Year A of the liturgical calendar follows a series of readings through Paul's letter to the Romans.

The lessons read like a curriculum for instruction in Christian doctrine and provide the congregation an excellent opportunity to walk through the basics, one word at a time.

Throughout the summer months and into the fall of the year, our sermons will delve into the foundational teachings of the Christian Faith as explained by Paul in Romans. It is "The Christian Faith, One Word at a Time".

Pentecost 2 (6/14)	Atonement	Pentecost 10 (8/9)	Chosen
Pentecost 3 (6/21)	Righteousness	Pentecost 11 (8/16)	Inseparable
Pentecost 4 (6/28)	Reconciliation	Pentecost 12 (8/23)	Roots
Pentecost 5 (7/5)	Reversal	Pentecost 13 (8/30)	Grafted
Pentecost 6 (7/12)	Buried	Pentecost 14 (9/6)	Awe
Pentecost 7 (7/19)	Battling	Pentecost 15 (9/13)	Sacrifice
Pentecost 8 (7/26)	Longing	Pentecost 16 (9/20)	Love
Pentecost 9 (8/2)	Praying	Pentecost 17 (9/27)	Freedom

**Practical Tip for Personal Preparation:** Stay ahead of the liturgical calendar! Begin reading through the Book of Romans today, taking a chapter each week. In sixteen weeks, you will be finished. By starting now, you will be able to anticipate what each week's message is about. Use the liturgical calendar on page 163 of Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal to re-read each weeks lesson and consider how the above words capture the theme of the lesson.

# Taste and See

The WELS Missions office is partnering with the [Lutheran Women's Missionary Society \(LWMS\)](#) to host an online event called Taste and See from June 27-July 11. This first-of-its-kind FREE event will combine the very best of Taste of Missions and the LWMS convention to provide all WELS members an opportunity to be an important part of gospel outreach occurring in our synod.

We invite you to join us! Taste and See will provide opportunities for you to learn about WELS home and world mission work through various livestreamed events, presentations, daily devotions, and more. Participate in family-friendly scavenger hunts, download coloring pages for kids, and try your hand at making ethnic recipes shares by our missionaries.



We have launched a new website, [welstasteandsee.com](http://welstasteandsee.com), that will host all of the videos and activities for the two-week event. **Visit the website today to register to participate and subscribe for e-mail updates regarding online festivities.** Anyone who registers will be entered to win a gift certificate for the 2021 LWMS convention in Cincinnati, Ohio (a \$195 value). The certificate can also be gifted to someone if the winner is not able to attend.

Save the dates for the following livestreamed events, which provide opportunities for WELS members to come together and encourage one another. Join on the [WELS Missions](#) or [LWMS](#) Facebook pages or on the Taste and See website at the following times:

- ♦ **Saturday, June 27, 11 a.m. Central:** Opening worship service immediately followed by the LWMS flag presentation
- ♦ **Wednesday, July 1, 7 p.m. Central:** Home Missions Q&A panel
- ♦ **Wednesday, July 8, 7 p.m. Central:** World Missions Q&A panel
- ♦ **Saturday, July 11, 6 p.m. Central:** Closing worship service featuring the commissioning of three world missionaries and one home missionary, immediately followed by a Q&A panel with the newly commissioned missionaries

The LWMS Awareness Committee has put together [ideas and resources](#) that people can use to host Taste and See watch parties at their congregations, LWMS circuit gatherings, or even in their homes.

WELS Home and World Missions and LWMS are excited to join with you and other brothers and sisters around the world as we together say, "Taste and see that the Lord is good"

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# Confirmands & Graduates

## Confirmands:

*Gabriella Cecile Hamilton*

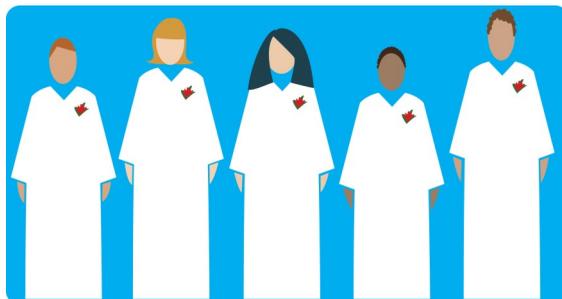
*Lorelei Denise Jackson*

*Noah Alexander Koelpin*

*Matthew Raymond Machaj*

*Jessica Renee Quam*

*Rachael Riya Singh*



**Kudos to Our Confirmands**



## Graduates:

**Cadman Jackson** graduated from Lake Highlands High School on June 5, 2020. Cadman intends to continue his studies at a community college as he works towards becoming a lawyer.

**Josiah Koelpin** graduated from Luther Preparatory School in a virtual ceremony on May 23, 2020. Upon graduation, he was awarded the MLC Messenger Scholarship, the Anne Hahm Scholarship, the Arnold O. and Esther J. Lehmann Music Award, and a Christ

Lutheran Pastoral Grant. Josiah intends on continuing his studies at Martin Luther College in New Ulm, MN in the pastoral studies program.

**Tyler Pringle** graduated high school from Dallas Lutheran School as the Salutatorian on May 30th. He was a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, DLS Ambassadors, student council, and received Math Excellence Award and Spanish Department Award. Tyler's college plans are to attend Richland and Collin Community College to work towards an Associates degree in Fire Science and attend Fire Academy.

*If we missed your graduation, please let us know so we can celebrate with you!*

Beckie Koelpin, School Secretary ~ Email - [schoolsec@calvarydallas.org](mailto:schoolsec@calvarydallas.org)

# Ways to Give

**OFFERINGS:** Our ministry is supported through the offerings of God's people. Traditionally these offerings are placed into an offering plate passed during each worship service. God does not need your money. It's all His already. However, He loves the generosity of giving as part of a joyful response to His generous love for us. **Today we have many opportunities to give our offerings:**

**Online:** Click the "GIVE" button at the top of the webpage at [calvarydallas.org](http://calvarydallas.org), then click the red "Give Now" button. You can sign up for one-time or recurring gifts.



**Mail:** Mail a check to Calvary Lutheran, **9807 Church Rd. Dallas, TX 75238**. We are still gathering and depositing these gifts weekly.



**App:** Download the [Give Plus app](#) and search with 75238 as the zip code. Select Calvary Lutheran in Dallas as your church and sign up for one-time or recurring gifts.

**Text:** Send a text **833-948-2221** with the dollar amount you want to give. Receive a text back with simple set-up instructions. All gifts go directly to Calvary.

If you need assistance with any of these giving methods, please contact the Church Secretary at [churchsec@calvarydallas.org](mailto:churchsec@calvarydallas.org).

For those interested in the current financial situation: **We have seen a decrease in offerings as we have to more online worship and decreased attendance.** Calvary does need continued support to operate in the same manner. All of the above options are excellent ways to provide that support.

*"But just as you excel in everything in complete earnestness and in your love for us - see that you also excel in this grace of giving."*

**2 Corinthians 8:7**



# Today in Sunday School



Ruth and Boaz

Bible Reading: [Ruth 4:1-17](#)

Key Point: God loves the world.

Memory Verse: *“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16*

Prayer: Dear Father in heaven, we know that you love us because you sent Jesus to forgive the sins of everyone. Give us opportunities to share that love with others. Amen.



Jamie Caudle	6/22
Savanna Roson	6/23
Josiah Koelplin	6/23
Luke Walker	6/23
Peter Schumacher	6/25
Cody Tucker	6/26
Samuel Jones	6/27
Jonathan Rust	6/28

*Ted & Debbie Horneber ~ June 25<sup>th</sup>, 1978*

*Jim & Joyce Plumlee ~ June 26<sup>th</sup>, 1993*

# Our Response To the Word

## IN TIME AND GIFTS:

Worshippers Last Weekend.....	112 Present & 48 Online
Given to the Glory of God for May 2020.....	\$72,216
Needed monthly for God's Work.....	\$64,723

## IN TALENTS THIS WEEKEND:

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

### Elders & Ushers:

Saturday.....	Rick Jackson
9:30am.....	Wally Gutzmer & Gary Quam
11:00am.....	Dale Burgdorf & Don Canning

### Mowing Crew:

6/27.....	Kliebert Team
7/4.....	Beavan Team
7/11.....	Skip Week
7/18.....	Barbour Team
7/25.....	Skip Week

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

First Lesson.....	Exodus 19:2-8a
Psalm.....	100
Second Lesson.....	Romans 5:6-11
Gospel Reading.....	Matthew 9:35-10:8