

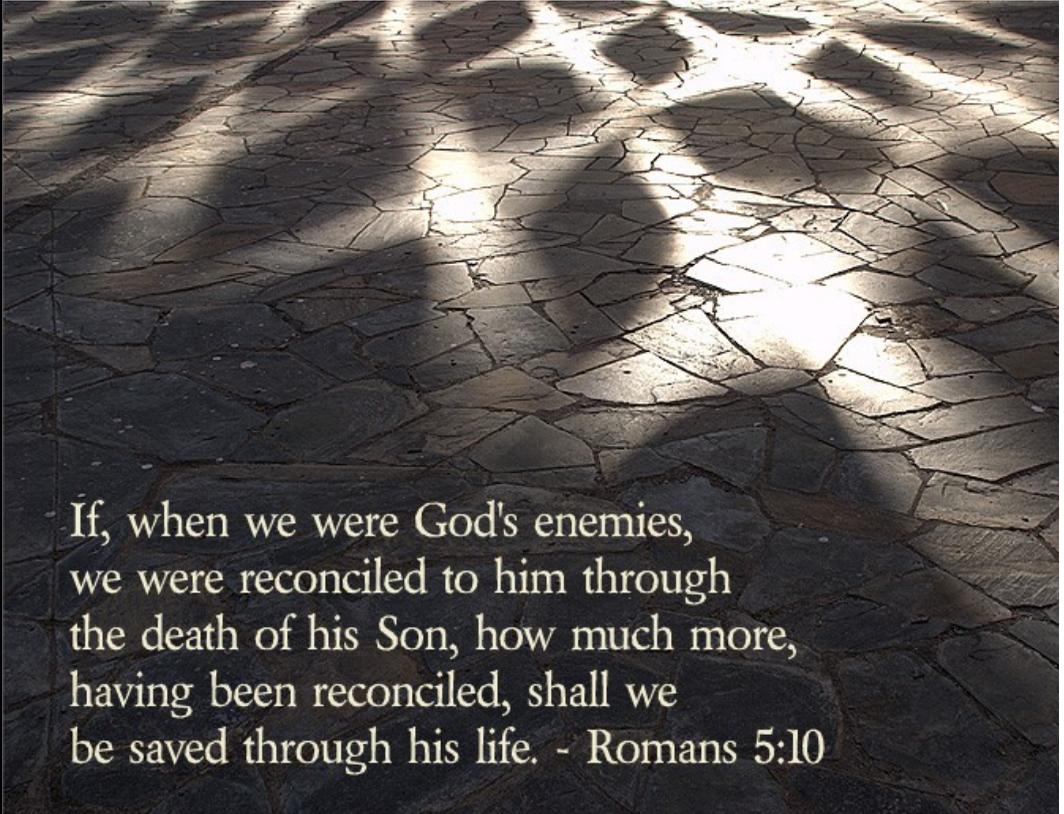


# The Calvary Chronicle

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

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If, when we were God's enemies,  
we were reconciled to him through  
the death of his Son, how much more,  
having been reconciled, shall we  
be saved through his life. - Romans 5:10

## LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday (6/28)	9:30a.....	Worship
	11:00a.....	Worship
	12:00p.....	Voter's Meeting
Saturday (7/4)	6:00p.....	Worship
Sunday (7/5)	9:30a.....	Worship/C
	11:00a.....	Worship/C

# 'Reconciliation Requires Forgiveness'

*Genesis 50:16-19 "... 'I ask you to forgive your brothers the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father.' When their message came to him, Joseph wept. His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. 'We are your slaves,' they said. But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God?"*



Take a moment to think through your own relationships. Do you have any in which forgiveness is missing from the picture, either because it hasn't been communicated clearly, or because you haven't offered it? How does the picture look? Tense? Hurt? Suspicious? Angry? Cold? Silent? What are the prospects for reconciliation?

Maybe we feel we are justified in holding a grudge, in withholding the olive branch, because we were wounded deeply. It wasn't just a one-time insult. It wasn't a single confidence betrayed. It wasn't an accidental attack on my reputation. Maybe we aren't convinced they even want our forgiveness. They haven't come to us to ask for it yet.

But living in unforgiveness is a miserable way to live, isn't it? It's like going around with an emotional open wound. The pain is always present. It always runs the risk of getting dirt in it, getting infected, and festering up into something inflamed and ugly.

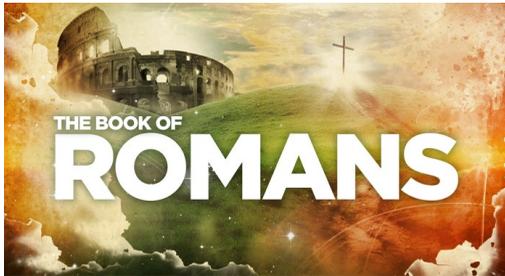
We can't force others to desire or receive our forgiveness. But God does expect us to desire to give it. It's right there in the Lord's Prayer, "...as we forgive those who trespass against us." Our relationship with him is the other and greater relationship we need to consider when people we know need to be forgiven. Jesus once said it just this plainly: "...if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins" (Matthew 6:15). With him, too, reconciliation requires forgiveness.

Joseph knew that his brothers needed more than *his* word of forgiveness. "Am I in the place of God?" He put this in the form of a question, but the answer is obvious. It was not right for Joseph to stand in judgment over these men who were sincerely sorry. God himself forgave them. Our world may make too much of the "who are you to judge others?" question. It uses it to excuse or defend things that are selfish and hurtful, as though there were no standards of right and wrong.

But there is a proper time for us to be reminded that God is the ultimate judge. When someone offers sincere regret and apology, where there is genuine repentance, it is not for us to conclude the offense was too great to be forgiven. We can't claim moral superiority or control someone else's fate. Like Joseph, we are not in the place of God.

Actually, the opposite is true. We are not in the place of God. But God did stand in the place of us. He stood in our place, not as judge, but as sinner. When Jesus went to the cross, God was in the place of each one of us, being judged for the sins that we have committed. The judgment on our sin has been given and the sentence served. The Lord is intent on us knowing that all has been forgiven just so that we don't end up living under the kind of fear and insecurity toward God that Joseph's brothers had toward him. Our Lord has purchased and given the forgiveness that not only reconciled him to us. It gives us faith in place of fear, and reconciles us to him. That's the comfort of forgiveness given.

# 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"

# Confirmands & Graduates

## Confirmands:

*Gabriella Cecile Hamilton*

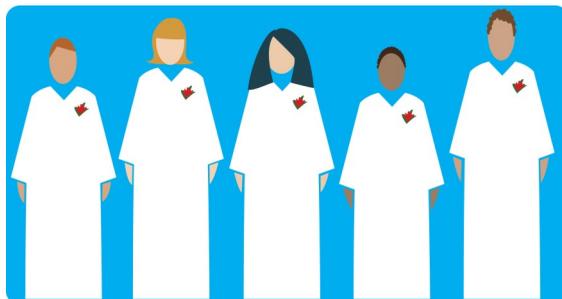
*Lorelei Denise Jackson*

*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

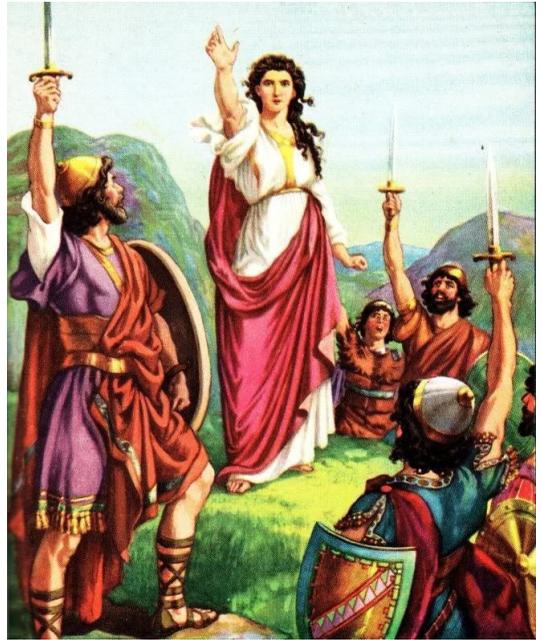
## Deborah and Barak

Bible Reading: [Judges 4:1-16](#)

Key Point: God saves his people.

Memory Verse: *"The LORD is my light  
and my salvation - whom shall I fear?"*  
*Psalm 27:1*

Prayer: Dear Father in heaven,  
we know that our sins separated us  
from you, but you have saved us from  
our sins by forgiving us in Jesus,  
our Savior. Make our faith and love  
for Jesus stronger every day. Amen.



## *Birthdays &*



## *Anniversaries*

Jonathan Rust 6/28

Amanda Blanc 6/29

Tina Beavan 6/30

Sandi Adair 7/03

Lynette Ramsey 7/03

Melanie Dodson 7/03

Carissa Horton 7/04

Jim & Patti Henrickson ~ June 28<sup>th</sup>, 1986

Ron & Barbara Read ~ June 30<sup>th</sup>, 1984

# Our Response To the Word

## IN TIME AND GIFTS:

Worshippers Last Weekend.....	124 Present & 59 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:

7/4.....	Beavan Team
7/11.....	Skip Week
7/18.....	Barbour Team
7/25.....	Skip Week
8/1.....	Skip Week

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

First Lesson.....	Jeremiah 20:7-13
Psalm.....	31
Second Lesson.....	Romans 5:12-15
Gospel Reading.....	Matthew 10:24-42