



# The Calvary Chronicle

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

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...through one man [Adam]  
sin entered the world,  
and death through sin,  
and thus death spread to all men,  
because all sinned

— Romans 5:12

## LOOKING AHEAD

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| Sunday (7/5)    | 9:30a.....  | Worship/C |
|                 | 11:00a..... | Worship/C |
| Saturday (7/11) | 6:00p.....  | Worship   |
| Sunday (7/12)   | 9:30a.....  | Worship   |
|                 | 11:00a..... | Worship   |

# 'See Yourself. Then See Jesus'

*John 9:13-15 "They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath. Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. 'He put mud on my eyes,' the man replied, 'and I washed, and now I see.' Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.' But others asked, 'How can a sinner do such miraculous signs?' So they were divided."*



The title "Pharisee" was once worn as a badge of honor. For us it's an insult. Yet each of us knows their sin by experience. Self-righteousness and legalism plague us every day, and there are so many subtleties to these sins. There is the explicit self-righteousness of those who keep their own list of man-made rules with the idea that it gives them a higher level of spirituality. We see it when some Christian considers himself superior because he doesn't drink alcohol, or play cards, or get married, or eat certain foods. Even in our own churches we are tempted to make rules that regulate every minute detail of congregational life. That is easier than doing the hard work of teaching people to live by Christian principals and confronting them when they fail to do so.

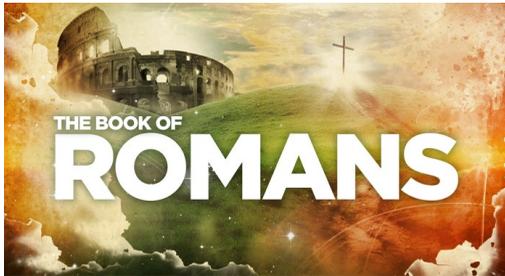
But those are the easy examples to spot. There is also such thing as a "reverse Phariseeism." I once read of a pastor who was talking about legalism in his Bible class. As an example he mentioned the fact that he attended a Bible college where they strictly enforced rules against beards or mustaches, and no hair could be worn below the ears. Yet everyday the students walked past a hundred year old painting of the college's founder, with a beard, and mustache, and hair below his ears. While most people in the class laughed, one member pointed out that now they were the ones who were self-righteous—considering themselves better and more spiritual than those "legalistic Pharisees" as they talked behind their backs and laughed at them. It's one thing to recognize self-righteousness. We become guilty of it when we use someone else's failing to elevate ourselves.

The problem lies in our hearts. We are sorely tempted to make ourselves—not the Word, not our Savior—the standard by which everyone else should be judged. We fall into a mindset that says, "This church would be a lot better off if everyone else were more like me." The truth is, the church would be in big trouble if everyone were more like me. The church would be better off if everyone were more like Jesus. That's something only Jesus can make you see.

The Pharisees' self-righteousness and legalism made them blind. They couldn't see the truth. They couldn't see themselves. They couldn't see their Savior even when he made a blind man see. Jesus later called them blind guides and blind fools. That is the danger self-righteousness poses. It blinds us when confronted by the Savior.

Every day of our lives we get beat by our sinful nature. But Jesus helps us see when he draws us to look at him, and watch and follow him. Our vision fails when we look away to ourselves, our works, our ways, and our world. But when we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus—his perfect life, his suffering on the cross, his payment for sin, his forgiveness—our blindness is gone, our spiritual vision 20/20, and our path through life to heaven clearly lit. That view is bright with God's love for us. In it we see that his solution for our sin doesn't include anything we have to do. Jesus has done it all, and that is also something that only he can make you see.

# 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".

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| 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*

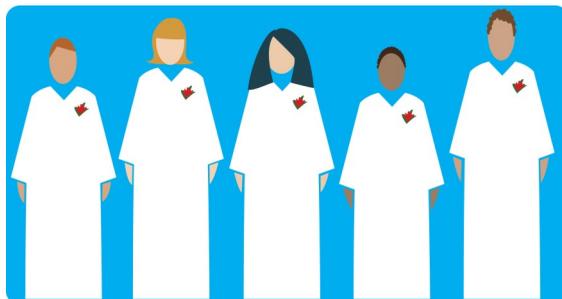
*Lorelei Denise Jackson*

*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).

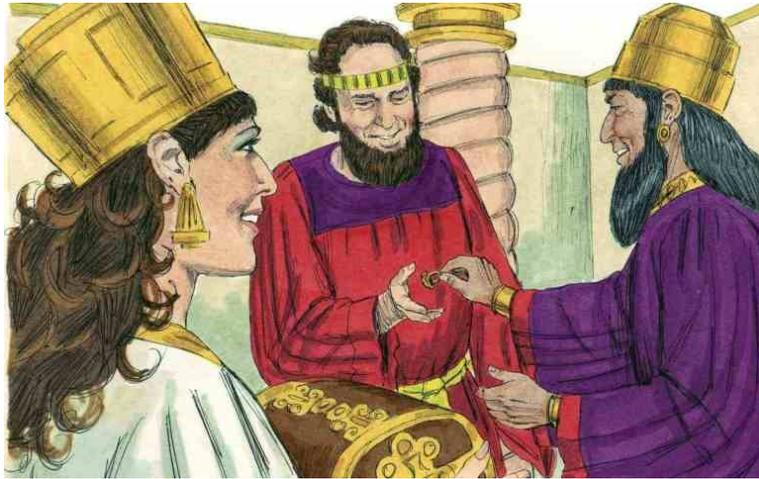
For those interested in the current financial situation: **We have seen a decrease in offerings as we have to more online worship and decreased attendance.** Calvary does need continued support to operate in the same manner. All of the above options are excellent ways to provide that support.

*"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



## Esther and Mordecai

Bible Reading: [Esther 3:1-15; 9:1-18](#)

Key Point: God is faithful to his promises.

Memory Verse: ***"Do not fear, for I am with you."*** *Isaiah 41:10*

Prayer: Heavenly Father, you have promised to give us what we need for our lives on earth and for our eternity in heaven. Thank you for always fulfilling your promises to us. Help us to trust your promises everyday. Amen.



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| Russell Caudle    | 7/05 |
| Anna Wallander    | 7/05 |
| Eric Ramsey       | 7/05 |
| Angela Bell       | 7/06 |
| Macayla Hodgson   | 7/07 |
| Christian Krontz  | 7/10 |
| Michelle Schwerin | 7/10 |
| Gideon Krakovsky  | 7/11 |

*Joshua & Lynette Ramsey ~ July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009*

# Our Response To the Word

## IN TIME AND GIFTS:

Worshippers Last Weekend.....123 Present & 72 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.....David Ramsey & Isaac Wallander  
11:00am.....Mark Mattes & Tony Reifel

### Mowing Crew:

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

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

First Lesson.....Jeremiah 28:5-9  
Psalm.....89  
Second Lesson.....Romans 6:1b-11  
Gospel Reading.....Matthew 10:34-42