



The Calvary Chronicle

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

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LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday (8/9)	9:30a.....	Worship
	11:00a.....	Worship
Saturday (8/15)	8:00a.....	Men’s Bible Study
	6:00p.....	Worship/C
Sunday (8/16)	9:30a.....	Worship/C
	11:00a.....	Worship/C

'The Preacher's Temptation'

"For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine.

Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around themselves a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardships, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry."

2 Timothy 4:3-5

Who are these people with "itching ears"? It is tempting for us to see them only in those churches which have most obviously caved into the sinful culture in which we live. We think of the liberal churches, which have publicly changed God's teaching about godly morals to avoid offending anybody. Maybe we think these are the people in the big and popular churches, which haven't necessarily changed their teachings. They just don't talk much about the unpopular ones so that they can concentrate on topics people consider "relevant." They don't "change" the sound doctrine. They simply hide it. That way they can tell people what they want to hear.

Can Bible-believing, conservative Christians also be guilty of itching ears? I don't like change so much the older I get. It makes me tired. Does it really make things better? Look at all the examples of bad changes we can identify. Maybe we can make some rules and policies that prevent change. Maybe we can find other people in the church who agree with us. Maybe we can convince the pastor we are right, or find another one who will take our side.



You see where this is going. Before long we are adding our rules to God's. We make a law where God gave freedom. We do it all to suit our own personal tastes. It is another variation on gathering "a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear." Legalism is an attack on the gospel, as much as immorality. Preachers and laypeople have a solemn duty to oppose them both.

Bits of Bread

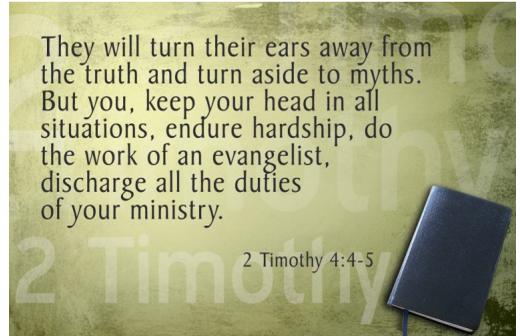
In contrast to modifying the message to make us feel comfortable, Paul urges: “But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.”

A preacher’s work is not just about the things he says. It is also about the way he lives his life. God expects calm, steady, self-control. “Keep your head.” When things aren’t going well for a congregation, it won’t do to have the pastor in a panic. He, of all people, needs to live by faith and trust that God has it under control. If others are opposing him, it won’t work to have him explode in anger. And if things are humming along the way they should, who wants a cocky pastor?

Paul is also realistic about the kind of life to expect. “Endure hardship.” That’s not to say that ministry is all hardship. There are many pleasant things, many blessings that come to those who serve God’s people. But if a man’s ministry is only about making life comfortable for himself and his family, or doing what is popular, or taking the easy road, something isn’t right. You can’t parent that way. You can’t expect any other calling in life to work that way. Of all people, the pastor needs to carry the cross that comes with the work God has called him to do.

But the heart of God’s expectation is in the phrase, “Do the work of an evangelist.” Don’t think of a person who serves on a committee that visits people in your neighborhood. Paul is calling on Timothy to do his work in an evangelical way. The gospel—the good news about Jesus’ saving work, the love of God in his grace and forgiveness, the seeking of souls and the building of faith—this flavors the ministry that is fulfilling the solemn duty God has given. All preaching and teaching, visiting and confronting, pleading and counseling wants to lead us back to the gospel. There we see that our sins are all pardoned, God is our Father, and heaven is our home.

That is what our ears need to hear.



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, 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.

GIVE+

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.

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



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Forward in Faith Fund

An inside look at...



Since it's 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.



THE OPPORTUNITY

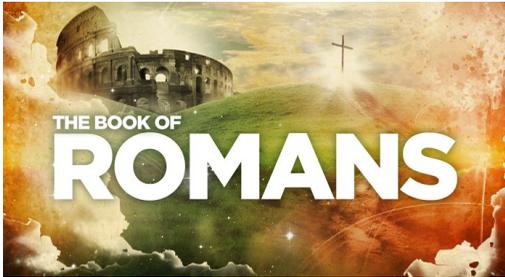
Forward in Faith is base of Difference-Makers who use their blessings from the Lord to give the gift of Christian education to the next generation. This committed base supports ministry,

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!*

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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 week's lesson and consider how the above words capture the theme of the lesson.

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Today in Sunday School



Paul and His Traveling Companions

Bible Reading: [Acts 13,14](#); [15:36-18:22](#); [19-21:14](#)

Key Point: Make Disciples of All Nations

Memory Verse: *"All authority in heaven and on earth has been give to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations." Matthew 28:28,29*

Prayer: Dear Father in heaven, you love us even though we are sinners. You showed that love when you sent Jesus to be our Savior. Help us everyday to love and believe in you an in your mercy. Amen.



Carrie Allen	8/09
Vernon Bell	8/11
Matthew Ramsey	8/11
Tom Greenwald	8/12
Anthony Emoghene	8/13
Rita Kliebert	8/13
Nathan Schemm	8/13
Aron Allen	8/15

David & Cathy Slater ~ August 9th, 1980

Ted & Lois Burgdorf ~ August 14th, 1951

Ted & Lois Burgdorf ~ August 15th, 1981

Our Response To the Word

IN TIME AND GIFTS:

Worshippers Last Weekend.....119 Present & 54 Online
Given to the Glory of God for June 2020.....\$64,607
Needed monthly for God's Work.....\$71,428

IN TALENTS THIS WEEKEND:

Preacher.....Pastor John Koelpin
Liturgist.....Saturday - Rick Jackson; 9:30a - David Ramsey; 11:00a - Mark Mattes
Pianist.....Saturday - Sue Ellen Jackson; Sunday - Dawn Aswege
Audio/Visual.....Rick Jackson and John McCarthy

Elders & Ushers:

Saturday.....Rick Jackson
9:30am.....David Bertram & David Schallert
11:00am.....Larry Gray & Tony Reifel

Mowing Crew:

8/15.....Henrickson Team
8/22.....Skip Week
8/29.....Kliebert Team
9/5.....Beavan Team
9/12.....Barbour Team

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

First Lesson.....Isaiah 55:1-5
Psalm.....42-43
Second Lesson.....Romans 8:35-39
Gospel Reading.....Matthew 14:13-21