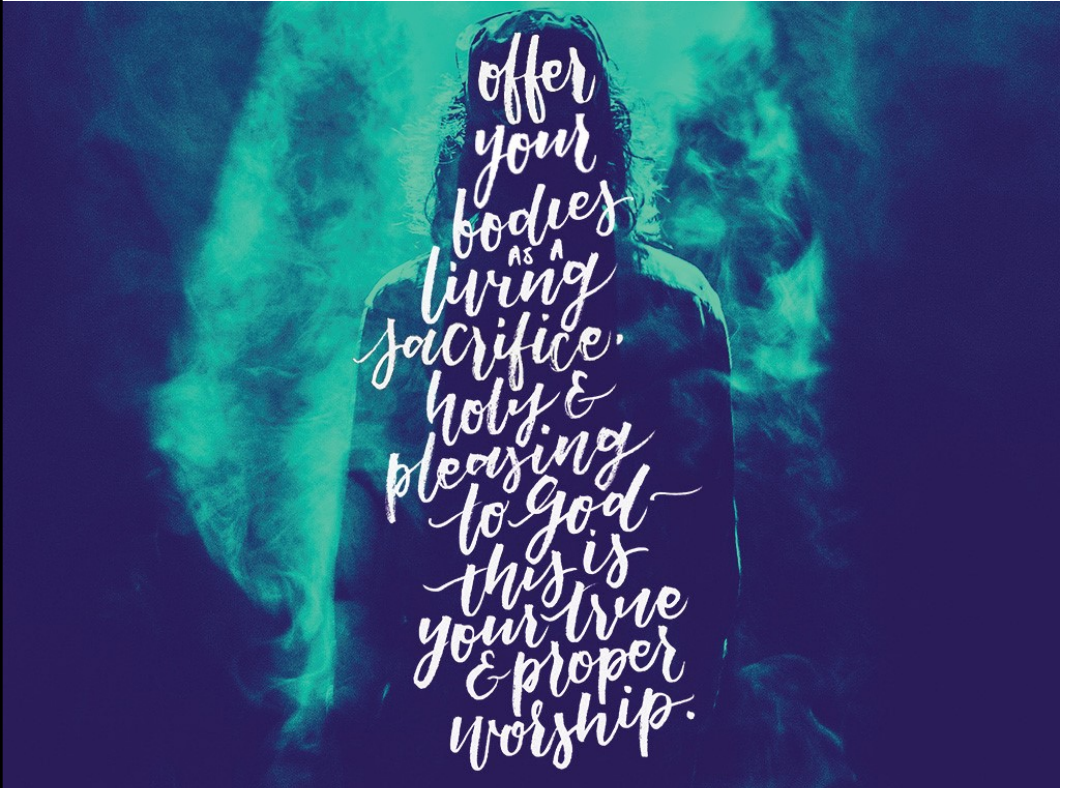




# The Calvary Chronicle

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

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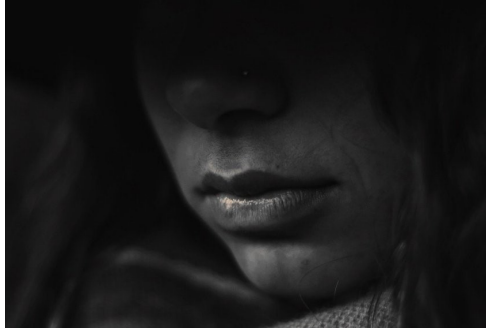


## LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday (9/13)	8:00a & 11:00a.....	Worship
	9:30a.....	Family Bible Hour
Saturday (9/19)	8:00a.....	Men's Bible Study
	6:00p.....	Worship
Sunday (9/20)	8:00a & 11:00a.....	Worship/C
	9:30a.....	Family Bible Hour

# 'Accepting the Life I Get'

*"Now I want you to know, brothers,  
that what has happened to me has really  
served to advance the gospel."  
Philippians 1:12*



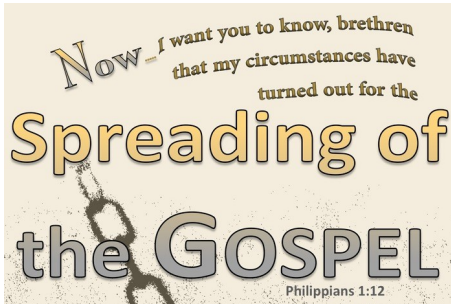
What happened to Paul was this: He was arrested for inciting a riot in Jerusalem that was started by others. Because of false charges and a corrupt justice system he waited for two years in prison for the opportunity to clear his name before the emperor. Now he was sitting under house arrest in Rome, 1400 miles away, and it appears that he had testified in at least one hearing.

This was not a situation Paul had sought. He didn't go looking for trouble. But he did accept that, for two years, this was his life. Later he writes to these same Christians in Philippi that he had learned to be content in any and every situation. The Lord had even sent a prophet to inform Paul ahead of time that he would end up in chains if he visited Jerusalem. But Paul was convinced that God had called him to make this trip to Jerusalem. If that meant arrest and prison, Paul was willing to accept it. It wouldn't be the first time that preaching the gospel got him into trouble with the law.

What can you say about the place that Jesus and his love had taken in Paul's heart? Here was a man who had really let go of the world for his faith. He wasn't worried about how his retirement savings were doing, updating the kitchens and bathrooms in his house, whether his favorite team was going to make the playoffs, or how popular he was at school. He had one great love: his Lord Jesus Christ. He had one great goal: introducing everyone he could to Jesus and his saving sacrifice. If problems, and even prison, meant progress for this gospel—if it meant more people heard that Jesus was their Savior from sin—he was ready to say, "Bring it on!"

We have our own problems happening to us. You didn't sign up for yours, did you? If someone said to you, "Stand in this line, and when you get to the front they will give you cancer, or diabetes, or high blood pressure," you wouldn't be volunteering yourself for that. If you were told, "Get in line here and receive a broken home complete with petty fights, unreasonable demands, unfair blame, and cruel insults," you

# Bits of Bread



aren't a willing customer. You aren't going to plunk your money down for the book on how to be a socially awkward. You aren't going to respond to the ad for less than average looks, where people might still say nice things about you, but "pretty" or "good-looking" is never going to be one of them.

You and I aren't signing up for this stuff. But they still might be our reality. Can we be content like this? Even more, can we **embrace** our reality if this is what God has given us?

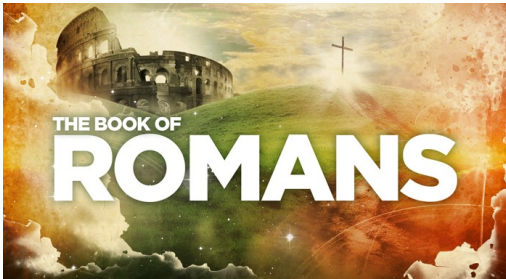
In order to see past our problems, and embrace the life that God has given us, whatever it is, we need to see that we can trust God implicitly. We need to believe that he loved us so much that we can trust him even if we don't understand why he lets all these problems happen.

Isn't that exactly what we have in the gospel? Here we learn that in spite of our sin, God has never stopped loving us. He didn't just look at our life from far away and shake his head. He came and shared it. In the person of Jesus, he transformed himself into one of us. He struggled with our problems. He experienced our temptations, even to the point of suffering with them. And he overcame. He lived a joyful life, a holy life, a giving and loving life through it all. Credit for this victory is his first gift to us.

Then he paid for the suffering we deserved. Like the Apostle Paul, he knew that the city of Jerusalem had bad things waiting for him. But Jesus embraced God's will for his life, even if it meant suffering. He embraced the cross and death by crucifixion because this is how he rescued us from sin and hell. This is how forgiveness can come flowing from heaven in a stream so constant, so deep, and so wide that every sin we commit no matter how big or small is swallowed up and disappears under the river of God's eternal grace. When Jesus rose from the dead on the third day his new life promised us a new and perfected life to come where our problems, no matter how large they look now, aren't even a memory anymore.

This is reason enough to trust God with the way he runs our lives.

# 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.

# Calvary Kids

## What is Calvary Kids?

Calvary Kids is an interactive Bible experience for children on Sunday mornings.

- ◆ We know that
- ◆ God's Word is active
- ◆ God's Word is powerful
- ◆ God's Word saves
- ◆ God's Word is for KIDS!



At Calvary Kids we celebrate this truth as we dive into God's Word together and grow in God's amazing grace!

- ◆ Each week Calvary Kids connects children to their Savior, Jesus, through:
- ◆ Kid-friendly Bible lessons
- ◆ Upbeat music
- ◆ Creative crafts
- ◆ Engaging activities

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen." 2 Peter 3:18

## The Details:

**Who:** Kids! We offer lessons and activities for 2-year-old tots through 6<sup>th</sup> grade

**When:** Sunday mornings from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM

**Where:** Calvary Lutheran Church

Join the fun at Calvary Kids any time! No registration is required.

We use [KidCheck](#) to ensure the safety of all our participants. Learn more about KidCheck and create your free account here: <https://www.kidcheck.com/signup/>

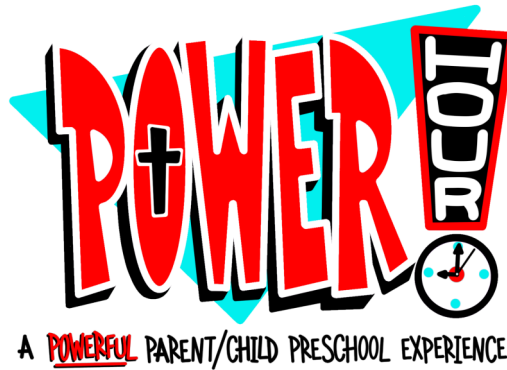
## Sunday Schedule:

- ◆ 9:00 and 9:30 AM: Calvary Kid drop-off and flex time fun
- ◆ 9:30 to 10:30 AM: Lessons, crafts, and activities!
- ◆ 10:30 and 10:40 AM: Calvary Kid pick-up

# Power Hour ... To Go!

Calvary's Early Childhood Ministry is launching a NEW program this fall called **Power Hour!** Power Hour is the next-step learning program from Mornings with Mommy for 2-5 year-olds and their caregivers.

The goal of Power Hour is to share Jesus with all the friends we've made in our community through Mornings with Mommy and to offer them a unique place where they can "practice preschool" with their children, building knowledge and confidence for their school-years.



The Power Hour curriculum has a strong academic core, focusing on mathematics, literacy, fine motor development, science, and social studies. These learning concepts are experienced through music, crafts, and activities. Every Power Hour lesson is centered on a Bible story. Our goal is for every child to know how special they are to their Savior, Jesus.

With COVID concerns still high, the fall term of Power Hour will follow a to-go model similar to the VBS Tots program we did this summer. What a blessing!

## Here's how you can get involved:

- ◆ Pray for the Lord's blessing and guidance for all who are teaching and learning at Power Hour this fall!
- ◆ Register your little ones for the fall term and share the news with other young families!
- ◆ Volunteer to help with material prep (contact Amy David at [tadavid05@hotmail.com](mailto:tadavid05@hotmail.com) or 214-450-5506).
- ◆ Donate items for this project from the attached list or from our [Amazon wish list](#).

Learn more on our webpage at <https://calvarydallas.org/power-hour/>

Stacey Jackson, Church Secretary ~ Email - [churchsec@calvarydallas.org](mailto:churchsec@calvarydallas.org)

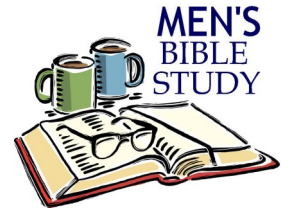
# Important Announcements

**RETURN  
to  
REGULAR  
WORSHIP  
TIMES**



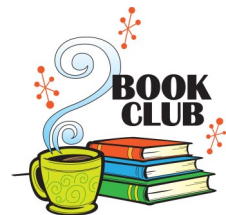
**REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE:** We have returned to our regular worship schedule. Sunday morning worship is at 8:00am and 11:00am and Family Bible Hour is at 9:30am. Saturday worship is at 6:00pm every Saturday evening and will continue to remain our Extra Care Service with a shorter service and less singing.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** Men are encouraged to join Pastor for Bible Study on **Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:00AM.** Bring your Bible and a friend!



**BIBLE STUDY:** Women are invited to continue our study on *enough for now* by Sharla Fritz on **Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM.** In person, with masks and social distancing, a zoom option will also be available. Due to COVID-19 food and drink will *not* be provided.

**BOOK CLUB:** Will meet **Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>** to discuss *Summer of '69* by Elin Hilderbrand at 10:00 AM via Zoom.



**COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE:** Calvary will sponsor a fall blood drive on **Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am - 2:00pm.** Visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and search using sponsor code "calvalrylcs" to schedule an appointment.

# 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*



# 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.



## 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!*

# 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.**

# Today in Sunday School



## Moses and the Burning Bush

**Read:** Exodus 3:1-4:17

**In This Passage:** Moses is tending his sheep when he sees a strange sight: a bush that's on fire but not burning up. When he goes to investigate, he hears God speak to him and sees God give clear signs of who he is. Moses' encounter makes it clear that God is real.

**Bible Point:** God is real.

**Summary Verse:** "O Lord, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth! Your glory is higher than the heavens" (Psalm 8:1).



## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Ashley Ball	9/14
Ted Burgdorf	9/15
Ryan Hallford	9/15
Patti Scherf	9/18
Clara David	9/18

Alan & Dawn Hunt ~ September 17, 1994  
Ronny & Cindi Jackson September 17, 1994

# Our Response To the Word

## IN TIME AND GIFTS:

Worshippers Last Weekend.....	126 Present & 75 Online
Given to the Glory of God for July 2020.....	\$60,950
Needed monthly for God's Work.....	\$111,461

## IN TALENTS THIS WEEKEND:

Preacher/Liturgist.....	Pastor John Koelpin
Pianist.....	Saturday - Sue Ellen Jackson; Sunday - Peter Schumacher
Cantor.....	8:00a - Kari Barksdale; 11:00a - Nathan Schemm
Audio/Visual.....	Rick Jackson and John McCarthy

### Elders:

Saturday.....	Rick Jackson
9:30am.....	Dale Burgdorf
11:00am.....	Gary Quam

### Mowing Crew:

9/19.....	David Team
9/26.....	Henrickson Team
10/3.....	Kliebert Team
10/10.....	Beavan Team

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

First Lesson.....	Ezekiel 33:7-11
Psalm.....	51a
Second Lesson.....	Romans 13:1-10
Gospel Reading.....	Matthew 18:15-20