



The Calvary Chronicle

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

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FOR *from through to*
HIM & HIM & HIM ARE
ALL THINGS.

TO HIM BE GLORY
forever.
AMEN.

ROMANS 11:36

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday (9/6)	9:30a.....	Worship/C
	11:00a.....	Worship/C
Monday (9/7)	Labor Day.....	No School
Saturday (9/12)	9:30a.....	Women’s Bible Study
	6:00p.....	Worship
Sunday (9/13)	8:00a.....	Worship
	9:30a.....	Family Bible Hour
	11:00a.....	Worship

‘No Reason to Fear’

Revelation 1:17-18 “When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: ‘Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.’”



Does anything about these words strike you as ironic? Jesus tells John not to be afraid. We understand the reason for this from so many other encounters between men and heavenly beings in Scripture. John has glimpsed Jesus’ heavenly majesty. Its light unavoidably fixes his attention on his own sinful inadequacies and shortcomings. A heart-pounding terror seizes him as the contrast between him and Christ reminds him of the hell he deserves.

So Jesus tells John not to be afraid, and then he lists the reasons why. That is what strikes me as ironic. Reason One: “I am the First and the Last.” Doesn’t that highlight the magnificence, the unboundedness, the limitless greatness of Jesus even more? Doesn’t that emphasize how small and insignificant John is by comparison? Doesn’t that inspire the small, shrinking feeling you get when you look into the expanse of a star-filled sky, only magnified a thousand times over?

Reason Two: “I was dead, and now look, I am alive.” How many scary books and movies are about the dead coming back to life! We have ghosts, and mummies, and Frankenstein, and Jason, and Freddy Krueger.

Reason Three: “I hold the keys of death and Hades.” Jesus is more than an ancient being unlimited by the passage of time who has come back from the dead. He also has the power to open or close hell to you. Doesn’t that sound scary? As Jesus’ reasons not to be afraid progress, to an outsider it might be difficult to see the progress.

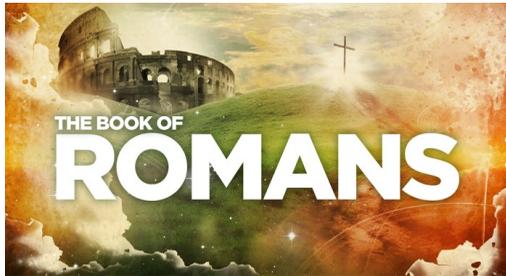
Only in Jesus’ mouth could these words make it better for John...or for us. Only in Jesus’ mouth are these concepts tinged with love and loaded with peace. Jesus is the First and the Last, the eternal God who does not change, without beginning or end. He will not go away. That applies to his grace as much as to his power. Jesus may look awesome, even foreboding, in John’s vision, but he is still who he has always been. He is still, and always will be, the one who came into the world not to condemn it, but to save it. He is still, and always will be, the one who takes pleasure in the death of no one, but that they would repent and live. In addition to all the other ways in which he is magnificent, there is this magnificent monotony of being a God who saves—from Eden to Judgment Day, from First to Last.

Jesus was dead and is alive again because he died our death for sin. He doesn’t live as some freak of nature or undead zombie. He lives as proof that sin has been stripped of its power to tear our bodies and souls apart, only to allow them back together later for an eternity of corruption and misery. He lives as proof that no matter what your best life now might look like, it isn’t worth comparing to the one that waits on the other side of death.

Jesus holds the key. This ancient being, unlimited by the passage of time, has come back from the dead to close hell for you and me. By the forgiveness of sins he has opened heaven. The keys to eternal life are safe in his hands.

Jesus’ resurrection means that we don’t have to be afraid. We don’t have to be afraid of him. We don’t have to be afraid of the present. We don’t have to be afraid of the future. We don’t have to be afraid if he is eternal, alive, or holding the key to our future. And he is.

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.

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 or 214-450-5506).
- ◆ Donate items for this project from the attached list or from our [Amazon wish list](#).

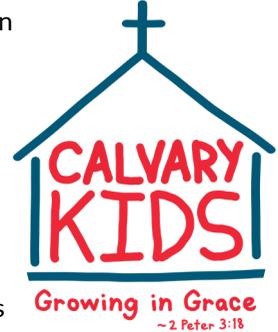
Learn more on our webpage at <https://calvarydallas.org/power-hour/>

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 6th 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

Anniversary Recognition



Ms. Dawn Aswege - 41 Years

I was blessed to grow up in a Christian home where my parents shared the Word of God daily. My mother was a Lutheran school teacher, and my parents encouraged me to become a teacher. After Lutheran Prep high school, I attended Martin Luther College. My first calling was teaching the lower grades in a rural town near LaCrosse, WI. Three years later, I accepted a new position in Watertown, SD teaching 5th and 6th grade. In 1986,

I was called to teach Grades 4-6 at Calvary Lutheran in Dallas, TX and have been teaching 5th and 6th graders ever since. My greatest joy in teaching is to share Jesus each day with my students. The love of Jesus is unconditional and total. I want all my students to know Jesus as their loving Savior. Watching former students grow into Christian adults over the years has been a wondrous treasure!

Ms. Jan Fritz - 40 Years

It is so hard to believe that I am starting my 40th year already! 40 summers ago I took my first plane journey to a state I had never even visited. Texas has become my home. But more than Texas, Calvary has become my home and my family. God has blessed me with wonderful children to love and parents that have become my friends. He has allowed me to share Jesus' saving work with children from grades K-4 and learn more about Him and his love through the same children. Praise God for all His love and benefits gifted to me through these 40 years.



Mrs. Patti Henrickson

I attended a one-room grade school, St. John's, in rural Peshtigo, WI, for grades 1-8. My favorite memory is when our teacher would have students stand in front of the class and retell the Bible lessons. I couldn't wait for my turn to do this, and I'd add in lots of details and even do some character voices. I think I was hooked on teaching! Since then I've had opportunities to teach lots of different subjects and grade levels: kindergarten and gr.

1-2 in Torrance, CA, and first preschool and later gr. 7-9/7-8 here in Dallas, TX. God has truly blessed me over the past decades with an amazing family, "Dream Team" faculties, and a wonderful church family of believers.

Important Announcements



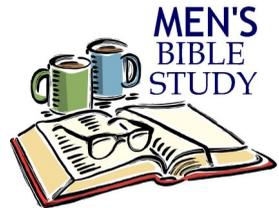
Staff Recognition Spotlight

TEACHING MINISTRY ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION:

On **Sunday, August 30**, called workers **Dawn Aswege, Jan Fritz, and Patti Henrickson** will be recognized for their many years of service in the teaching ministry. **A Box will be available in the narthex, if you would like to leave individual gifts for them.**

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Men are encouraged to join Pastor for Bible Study on **Saturday, September 5th at 8:00AM.**

Bring your Bible and a friend!



**MEN'S
BIBLE
STUDY**



Saturday evening and will continue to remain our Extra Care Service with a shorter service and less singing.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE: **September**

6th is the LAST SUNDAY for the Summer Worship schedule. The following **Sunday, September 13**, we will return 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

BIBLE STUDY: Women are invited to continue our study on Chapter 4, Enough Food, from *enough for now* by Sharla Fritz on **Saturday, September 12th 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.



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.



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*



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.



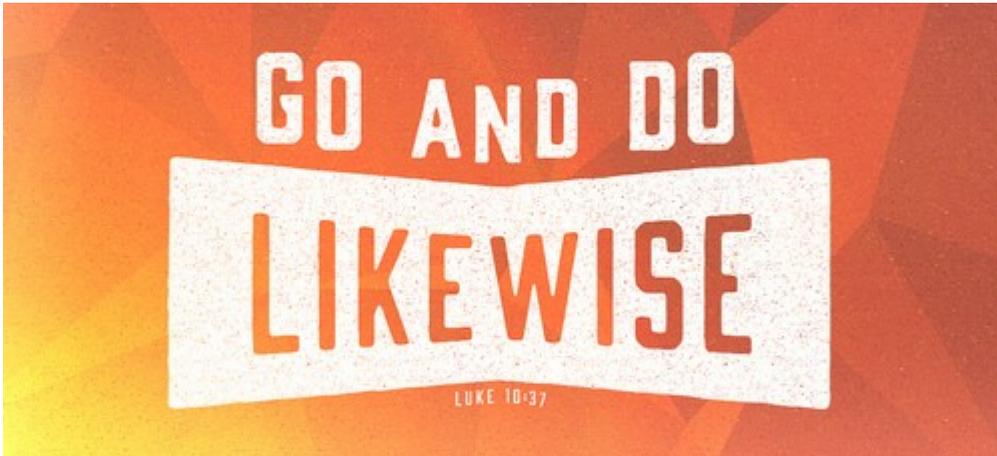
THE OPPORTUNITY

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

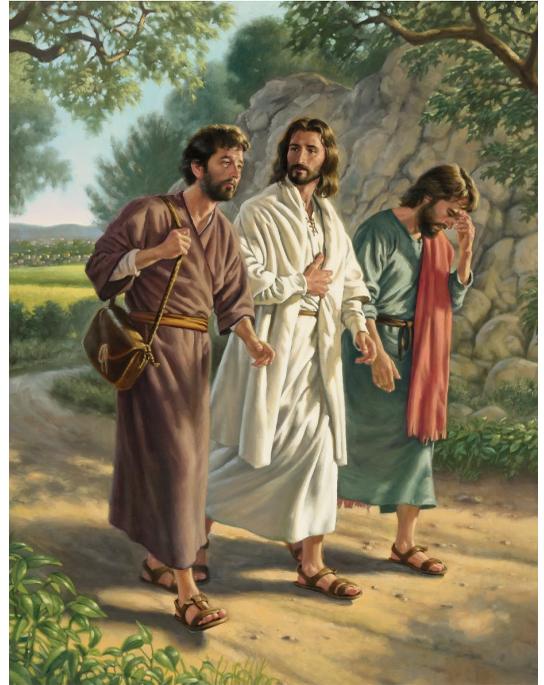
Two Disciples on the Road to Emmaus

Bible Reading: [Luke 24:13-35](#)

Key Point: Jesus is Alive!

Memory Verse: *{Jesus} stay with us.*
Luke 24:29

Prayer: Dear Jesus, on the day you rose from the dead you walked with the Emmaus disciples and explained to them why you, the Savior, had to suffer, die, and rise again. We are filled with joy that you have explained that same thing to us in the Bible and now we know you have forgiven us all our sins. Give us opportunities to tell others so they can also love and trust in you. Amen.



Hazel Stricker	9/06
Matthew Quam	9/07
Jonathan Roson	9/08
Adam Wilkins	9/08
Michael Krontz	9/12
Nuria Arroyo	9/12
Ashley Newbold	9/12

Our Response To the Word

IN TIME AND GIFTS:

Worshippers Last Weekend.....	214 Present & 57 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/Liturgist.....	Pastor John Koelpin
Pianist.....	Saturday - Sarah Schemm; Sunday - Peter Schumacher
Audio/Visual.....	Rick Jackson and John McCarthy

Elders & Ushers:

Saturday.....	Rick Jackson
9:30am.....	Wally Gutzmer & David Schallert
11:00am.....	Mark Mattes & Hans Voss

Mowing Crew:

9/12.....	Barbour Team
9/19.....	David Team
9/26.....	Henrickson Team
10/3.....	Kliebert Team
10/10.....	Beavan Team

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

First Lesson.....	Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalm.....	121
Second Lesson.....	Romans 12:1-8
Gospel Reading.....	Matthew 16:21-26