

Our Response To the Word

IN TIME AND GIFTS:

Worshippers Last Weekend.....	206 (8 Online)
Adult Bible Class/Sunday School.....	60/28
Given to the Glory of God for January 2020.....	\$100,964
Needed monthly for God's Work.....	\$86,791

IN TALENTS THIS WEEKEND:

Liturgist/Preacher.....	Pastor John Koelpin
Organists.....	Dawn Aswege
Wednesday.....	Dawn Aswege
Next Week.....	Saturday - Dawn Aswege; Sunday - Peter Schumacher
Duty Elders.....	8:00a - Larry Gray; 11:00a - Rick Jackson
Next Month.....	8:00a - Brian Miller; 11:00a - David Bertram
Altar.....	NA - Lent
Next Week.....	NA - Lent
Greeters.....	8:00a - D. Ramsey/S. Gross; 11:00a - Volkert Family
Next Sunday.....	8:00a - B. Read/H. Ciejka; 11:00a - Newbold Family
Inside Cleaning:	
3/28.....	David/Strange/Edet
4/4.....	Witt/Hamilton/Aswege
4/11.....	Schemm/Fritz/Perkins

THIS SUNDAY AFTER WORSHIP:

Pre-K- Grade 6/Classrooms.....	The Lord's Supper
Sanctuary.....	Starting Point Class

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

First Lesson.....	Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalms.....	116
Second Lesson.....	Romans 8:11-19
Gospel Reading.....	John 11:17-27,38-45

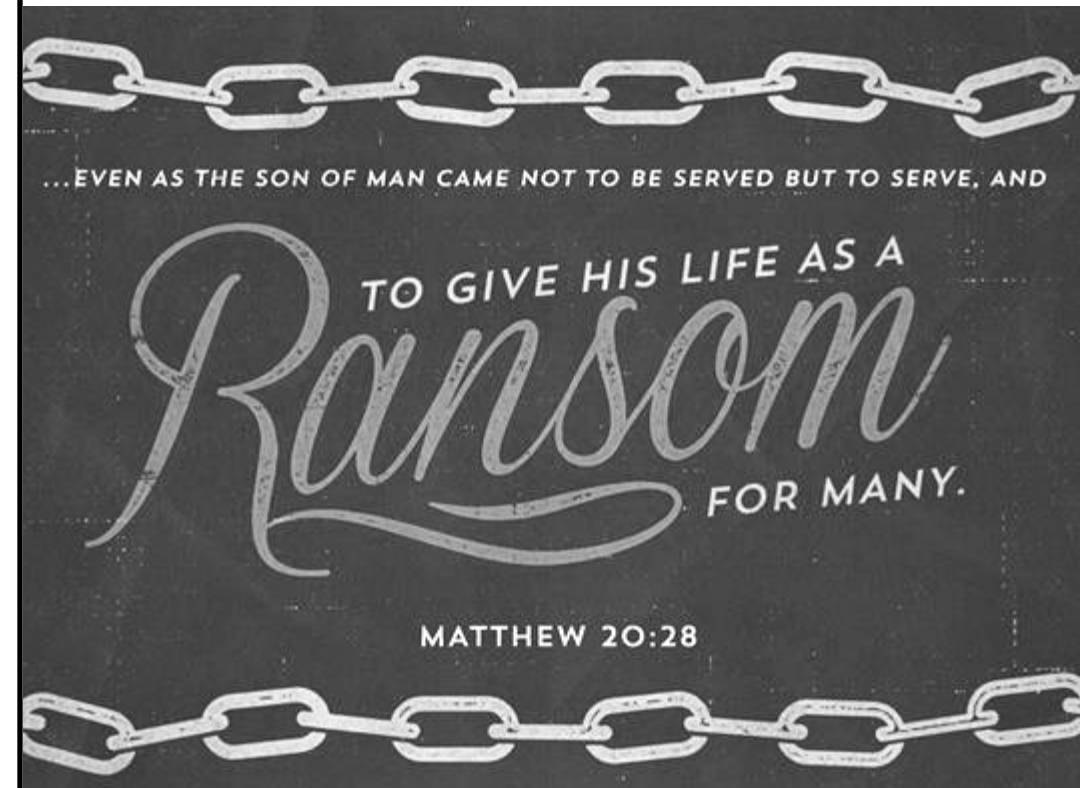


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LOOKING AT THE WEEK AHEAD

(ALL MEETINGS ONLINE)

Today (3/22)	8:00a & 11:00a.....	Worship
	9:30a.....	Family Bible Hour
Wednesday (3/25)	7:00p.....	Lent Worship
Thursday (3/26)	7:00p.....	School Board Meeting
Saturday (3/28)	10:00a.....	Leadership Council Meeting
	6:00p.....	Worship

'Stronger Hearts'

1 Thessalonians 3:13 "May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones."

Do you like to exercise? I have reached the age when doing something that uses muscles I don't use while sitting at my desk leads to feeling it in my back, my shoulders, or in my legs the next day. In order to get into better shape, I need to expand what I do. But in order to stay in shape I also need to repeat what I do. Exercise those muscles just one time, and they won't become so strong. They will merely be sore.



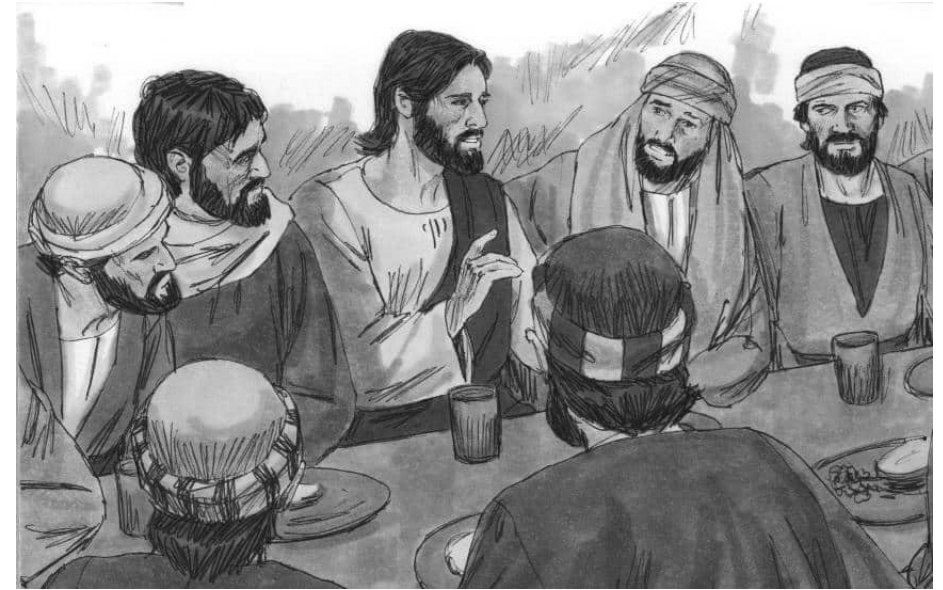
Doesn't the strengthening of the faith in our hearts call for a similar plan? We need to expand our exposure to God's word, and hear facets of the gospel we hadn't heard before. We need to gain new insights into his great love for us. As Paul wrote the Ephesians, "May (you) have power together with all the saints to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge..." Then our faith grows broader.

But we also need to drive it deeper. We need to repeat those things we already know about God's love. Using the same muscle over and over makes it strong. Hearing the same gospel over and over makes faith strong. This is how God answers our prayer to strengthen our hearts.

Even a little, wavering, struggling faith is a saving faith. But Paul didn't want the Thessalonians to stagger to the finish line with a faith that barely got them through life. He wanted them to have a strong faith that lived in full confidence of God's grace. He wanted there to be no doubt they would stand before God on the day of Jesus' return, "blameless and holy," washed from every spot of sin by Jesus' blood received by faith.

I pray the same for you. I would like you to accomplish great things for God. I would like you to be shining examples of Christian faith to the people around you. But more than anything, I pray that God will strengthen your hearts so that you will make it all the way, and you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

Today in Sunday School



The children learned about "The Lord's Supper" (Luke 22:1-23) in Sunday School today. In your family discussion ask, "What benefits and blessings do we receive in the Lord's Supper?"



**& Birthdays
Anniversaries**

Elijah Koelpin	3/22
Marvin Zoch	3/24
Lisa Larson	3/25
Daniel Ramsey	3/25
Dawn Hunt	3/29
Cadman Jackson	3/29

*Ed & Tina Beavan
March 24th, 2001*

Tentative Holy Week Worship



Palm Sunday, April 5th

8:00 AM & 11:00 AM - Worship with Communion

Maundy Thursday, April 9th
7:00 PM - Worship with Communion

Good Friday, April 10th
7:00 PM - Tenebrae Service



Saturday, April 11th
6:00 PM - Evening Worship

Easter Sunday, April 12th
6:30 AM - Sunrise Worship
8:30 AM & 11:00 AM -
Festival Worship with Communion



Also, join us for **Breakfast at 7:30 AM**
Meat, Eggs, and Juice/Coffee will be provided.
You are invited to bring fruit
or pastries to share.



9:45 AM - Egg Hunt and Hymn Sing

Donations needed: Candy, trinkets, stickers, etc.
that are no larger than a regular size egg
(NO LOLLIPOPS) can be placed in the large
donation box in the Narthex.



Close Encounters with the Christ



The Lenten season offers a mixture of solemn and celebratory. Traditionally, the Church has gathered during the week (Wednesday evenings) to follow Jesus along the path of his passion (used in its root meaning of "suffering"). However, on Sundays the readings foreshadow the great victory of Jesus over sin, death and the devil accomplished by Jesus' death and resurrection.

The "mid-week" walk of Jesus in Lent is solemn. The "week-end" pace of Jesus in Lent is celebratory. Already we can see the end of the story as Jesus proves successful against every challenge or challenger. One challenger is Satan, others are people Jesus meets on the way, another is a person no longer alive. These instances aren't Jesus speaking to the crowds, but they are **Close Encounters with the Christ**. In each case, the Christ is victorious, anticipating his great victory on Easter.

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| First Sunday in Lent: | Christ and Satan |
| Second Sunday in Lent: | Christ and The Sinner |
| Third Sunday in Lent: | Christ and The Blind Man |
| Fourth Sunday in Lent: | Christ and the Arrogant Disciples |
| Fifth Sunday in Lent: | Christ and A Dead Man |

Practical Tip for Personal Preparation: The life of Jesus is recorded by the four evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. A combination of their stories is called a "harmony". Various Harmonies of the Gospel exist in print and digital formats. Find a Harmony of Jesus' Passion History and use it as a supplement to your devotional readings during Lent. You can find examples at the following sites:

<http://wartburgproject.org/resources/passion-histories/>

<http://www.wlsessays.net/bitstream/handle/123456789/2969/LawrenzSufferings.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y>

<http://www.goodshepherd.nb.ca/Seasonal/Lent/BugenhagenPassionHarmony-FRONT.pdf> <http://www.goodshepherd.nb.ca/Seasonal/Lent/BugenhagenPassionHarmony-BACK.pdf>

Important...

COVID-19 UPDATES: Access up-to-date information and announcements from Calvary Lutheran Church & School at <https://calvarydallas.org/covid-19-updates/>



WORSHIP SERVICES: While this lasts, everyone is encouraged to join us online on our LiveStream page at <https://calvarydallas.org/church/resources/live-stream/> for our regular **Sunday Morning** worship at 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM, **Bible Study** at 9:30 AM, as well as **Midweek Lent Worship Service** at 7:00 PM.



MORNINGS WITH MOMMY: Has been suspended. Please, be on the lookout for dates on when we will be able to start up again!

MEETINGS: The **School Board** will meet **Thursday, March 26th at 7:00PM.**

The **Leadership Council** will meet **Saturday, March 28th at 10:00AM.** Both will be via Google Hangouts. Please, refer to emails for more information on how to connect.



MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES: Have been suspended until further notice. Please stay up to date on all our email and website communications to find out when we will host again and be directed to alternative Bible Studies to do at home.

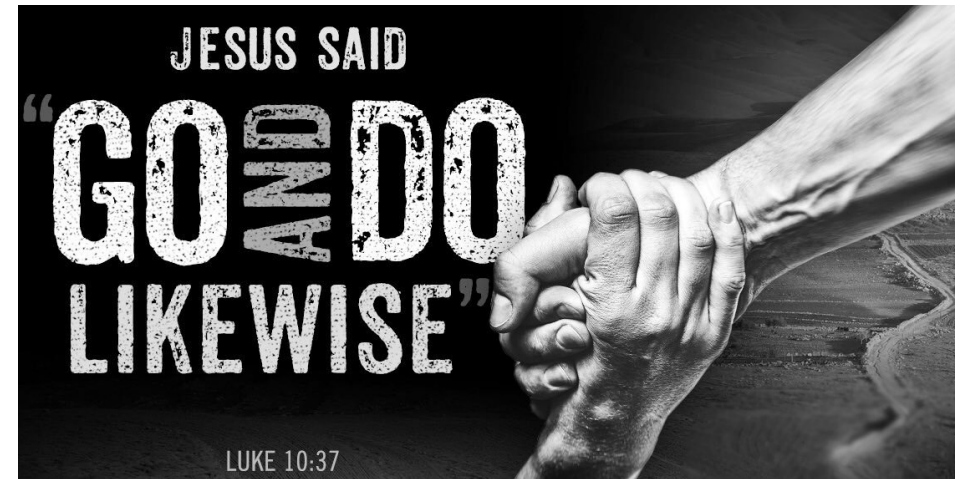
ONLINE GIVING: Visit www.calvarydallas.org. Set up one-time or recurring gifts using the "Give" button on the main menu. Or, download the "Give+ Church" for free from the App Store.



GARDENERS NEEDED: Have you ever built a raised bed garden? We would like to put in one or more raised bed gardens on church property. **We obtained seed money from Thrivent to support the effort, but are in need of volunteers to build the raised beds.** Why you might ask? Not only to add some color and plants to the property, but also have a learning opportunity for the kids. Pioneers will be planting a Pollinator Garden in late April and the school would have the ability to expand Science related activities. **If you have questions or would like to volunteer, contact Lee Witt at 214-336-9488 or leeawitt@gmail.com.**

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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.

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