



Calvary

LUTHERAN CHURCH + SCHOOL

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In these uncertain and changing times, Romans 8 gives us powerful encouragement and hope. In particular it reminds us that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. We have a solid foundation of knowing that Christ has won the victory for us. By grace, through faith, we have certainty in the love of Christ and our future is secure in His loving arms.

We are aware of the declaration of the public health emergency in Dallas County. Everyone is aware of the impact that Covid-19 is having in the world. For Calvary, as long as we are able, we will remain open for worship. We gather as believers to be strengthened by word and sacrament and to encourage each other all the more. Additional precautions will be taken to minimize health risks as we gather together. Some examples include the use of gloves during wafer distribution, discontinuation of the common cup, and increased availability of hand sanitizer. We will continue to evaluate processes, procedures, and events as we know more for the health and safety of all.

We do have live streaming available and encourage those uncomfortable or in an at-risk group to participate in worship in this fashion. <https://calvarydallas.org/church/resources/live-stream/>

We encourage everyone to follow guidelines provided by the CDC below.

It is wise to remember, especially now, to exercise best practices when it comes to hygiene to help prevent the spread of the virus, including staying home when ill or at risk. Seek medical attention as needed if you are feeling ill. If you are in a high-risk group such as older adults or have underlying medical conditions it is recommended you stay at home.

- The CDC has provided some tips to help prevent the spread of COVID-19:
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough/sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.

Most of all, please stay in God's word, continue in prayer, and trust in God. As you connect with others remember to share the Gospel message with them. God has won the victory; God holds the future and God loves us.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13.