



The Calvary Chronicle

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

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AND THEY
WERE ALL FILLED
WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

AND BEGAN TO SPEAK IN OTHER
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THEM UTTERANCE.

ACTS 2:4

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday (5/31)	8:00a.....	Worship
	9:30a.....	Worship
	11:00a.....	Worship
Saturday (6/6)	6:00p.....	Worship/C
Sunday (6/7)	8:00a.....	Worship/C
	9:30a.....	Worship/C
	11:00a.....	Worship/C

'You Will Receive Power'

Acts 1:8 "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

When you hear a promise of power here, don't think just "miracles." Certainly the Holy Spirit enabled the disciples to do miracles when he came to them at Pentecost. They could speak in foreign languages they never studied. How I have wished for that ability in my ministry! Many times my work as a pastor has led to conversations (or attempts to converse) with Spanish-speaking people. For almost a decade I worked with congregations in Scandinavia. I know just enough Spanish and Swedish to give people the impression I can speak the language, and then say something that makes me look foolish.

Sometimes the Spirit gave healing abilities. Even so, Paul couldn't get rid of his thorn in the flesh, and Timothy was supposed to drink wine for his stomach problems, not ask the elders to come and lay hands on him for miraculous healing.

When you hear **"You will receive power,"** also think "abilities." Think "can-do." Why would the disciples receive power from the Holy Spirit? Because **"you will be my witnesses."** So are we. Though not eyewitnesses, we are still witnesses of the forgiveness Jesus purchased for us on the cross and the never ending life he guaranteed by his resurrection from the dead. The flame in our heart can't keep these things to itself. The gospel light shines from that heart to bring light to everyone around us. **"You are the light of the world," Jesus says. "... people (do not) light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on a stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house."** God's Spirit lights that lamp and makes us shine for the people around us to see.

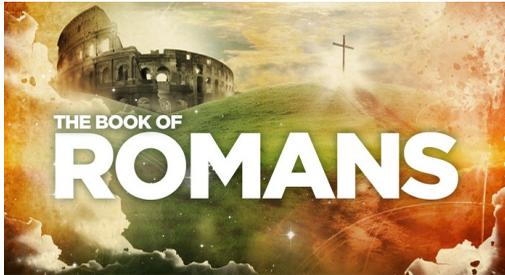
Sometimes that light comes in the form of words. Paul once said, **"This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom, but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words."** Talking about faith is one part of the new life many Christians find most intimidating. It still gives me butterflies. But even if you haven't been gifted with a silver tongue, you can look to the Holy Spirit to help with the words you need.



Sometimes our light shines by the simple power of living a life of love. That, too, is the Spirit's work in us. As he grows the new life in us, our love and kindnesses make it easier for people to see the change the gospel makes. It helps them become more interested in finding out about the gospel for themselves. The growth in faith and love empowering our witness may be subtle, but don't underestimate what it can do.

A man named Hector Avalos has published a book entitled *The End of Biblical Studies*. He doesn't think God's word has any relevance to our world today. It is just a remnant of the way people thought thousands of years ago. That doesn't change the value of the gifts Jesus gives through his Spirit. It just means that the gospel is a gem this man doesn't own for himself. Thank God for giving us his Spirit and the gifts that empower a new life each day.

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.

Important Announcements

SCHOOL VIRTUAL TOUR: Though the desks at Calvary currently sit empty, they won't say that way! While the 2019-2020 school year winds down, preparations for the 2020-2021 school year are ramping up. **Who will fill the desks at Calvary in the fall?**

By God's grace, many of our current families are returning to do just that. But there are more desks to fill. More room for eager learners. More opportunities for others to build on the Rock of God's Word.

Consider telling your friends about Calvary Lutheran School.

Invite them to visit our website and take our virtual tour. We want more children to be part of our special Calvary family next year! Thank you for your partnership and support!



Link: <https://calvarydallas.org/virtual-tour/>



SAVE THE DATES: The WELS Missions office is excited to partner with our friends at the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) to host an online event called Taste and See! This first-of-its-kind event will combine the very best of Taste of Missions and LWMS Convention to provide all WELS members an opportunity to be an important

part of gospel outreach occurring in our synod. **Tune in beginning on Saturday, June 27,** to watch livestreamed opening worship service with brothers and sisters around the world. **From June 28 - July 10, learn** about Missions through keynote presentations, recorded workshops, mission-minded daily devotions, and more. Participate in family-friendly scavenger hunts, try your hand at making ethnic recipes shared by our missionaries, and ask questions during live Q&A sessions with Home and World Missions representatives. We will wrap up the online festivities with the livestreamed commissioning of new missionaries on **Saturday, July 11.**

Learn more: <https://wels.net/event/taste-and-see>

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VBS To Go!



We're packing all the fun of VBS into a little bag so you can enjoy VBS fun at home!

Who: Children from 2 through 12 years-old. We have a VBS Tots program tailored for little learners and a VBS Kids program tailored for the older kids!

When: June 22nd-26th

Cost: \$5 per child

Registration: Advanced online registration is required by June 8th.

Each take-home VBS kit includes a full week of:

- Lesson leaflets
- Crafts, supplies, and instruction cards
- A fun bonus activity for each day
- Pre-packaged snacks and drinks

Daily lessons, music, and VBS cheers will be presented by our team of teachers via an emailed video link.



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Way 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 reoccurring 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 reoccurring 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



Today in Sunday School



Pentecost

Bible Reading: [Acts 2:1-12](#)

Key Point: The Holy Spirit works faith in our hearts so we can share God's Word.

Verse: *"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God."* Isaiah 41:10

Prayer: Dear Holy Spirit, thank you for giving us faith in Jesus. Strengthen our faith so that we can share the good news of salvation with those around us. Amen.



Madeline Prelesnik	5/31
Jessenia Perkins	5/31
Derrick Hahn	6/02
Matthew Koelpin	6/02
Michelle Krontz	6/03
Lolo Enabulele	6/03
Andreas Schwerin	6/06

Greg & Holly Hamilton ~ May 31st, 2002

Aron & Carrie Allen ~ May 31st, 2014

John & Beckie Koelpin ~ June 2nd, 1991

Ed & Judy Grimes ~ June 3rd, 1969

Our Response To the Word

IN TIME AND GIFTS:

Worshippers Last Weekend.....75 Present (Online Unavailable)
Given to the Glory of God for April 2020.....\$84,879
Needed monthly for God's Work.....\$72,586

IN TALENTS THIS WEEKEND:

Preacher/Liturgist.....Pastor John Koelpin
Pianist.....Dawn Aswege or Sarah Schemm
Audio/Visual.....Rick Jackson and John McCarthy

Elders & Ushers:

Saturday.....Rick Jackson & Mark Mattes
8:00am.....Larry Gray & Derrick Hahn
9:30am.....David Bertram & David Schallert
11:00am.....John Newbold & Tony Reifel/Bill Ball

Altar.....Lee Witt

Next Week.....Lee Witt

Mowing Crew:

6/6.....Barbour Team

6/13.....David Team

6/20.....Henrickson Team

6/27.....Kliebert Team

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

First Lesson.....Genesis 1:1-2:3

Psalm.....150

Second Lesson.....2 Corinthians 13:11-14

Gospel Reading.....Matthew 28:16-20