NOVEMBER 1, 2020

Welcome & Announcements

#201 THE LOVE OF GOD

Confession of Sin

Scripture Reading
Genesis 16:1-10, p. 14

Congregational Prayer Time

Sermon

#277 HERE, O MY LORD

Communion Service

Today we will be offering communion in the pews. An usher or the pastor will bring prepackaged communion items to you.

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Threefold Amen

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

Wednesday, 11/4
11 AM Nominating Com Meeting
7 PM CSM
7 PM Adult Bible Study

Friday, 11/6 7 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast

Sunday, 11/8
Food Shelf Sunday
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship & Live Stream

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Two unstaffed nursery rooms are available throughout the service for parents who may need them (past the kitchen on the north end of the building).



We have assisted hearing devices for the hearing impaired. Please inquire at the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary. Audio recordings of the sermons are available at calvaryfergusfalls.org

Slavery or Freedom

Galatians 4:21-5:1, p.1238 Pastor Jim Johnson November 1, 2020

- 1. The facts of h_____
- 2. The s_____reality
 - a. Paul's use of a_____

b. The truth that is p

- 3. The call to I in freedom
 - a. The b_____ stated

b. Paul's c

4. P_____

PRAYER CONCERNS

- Praise God that all who are in Christ are declared to be "children of promise" (Galatians 4:28).
- > Nation: for safety and truth in the election process.
- Pray for guidance for the Calvary Nominating Committee and for people to be open to God's call to ministry.
- > World Missions: John and Hannah Lee, on furlough in the US – pray for safety and provision as they travel and raise support, and pray for their scheduled return to Brazil February 2021.
- Home Missions: Lutheran Church of Hope, Loveland, CO, Pastor Greg Schram – pray for deacon Lee Kurth and family whose home was destroyed in the Cameron Peak wildfire in Colorado last weekend.
- > AFLC: Seminary Dean, Pastor James Molstre
- > Additional Requests:

OPPORTUNITIES

FOR GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP

Thank You

Calvary Family,

Words can't express our thanks for your generous gifts and gracious words in connection with Pastor Appreciation Sunday. It's a privilege and blessing to serve here at Calvary. We are overwhelmed by your continued support and prayers.

- Jim and Marsha Johnson

Thank you for all of the cards and gifts for Pastor Appreciation Sunday. We loved the kind words expressed at the service as well. This has been a difficult season to be sure, so your encouragement and blessing are needed and appreciated.

- Eric, Rachel, and Family

Operation Christmas Child

Remember to fill a shoebox online or pick up a box in the narthex this week.

ASPIRE Women's Event Join us for a girl's night out! WMF is offering FREE tickets to this one-night event of laughter, learning, stories & music. Contact Tausha Bolluyt for tickets and more info!

Friday, November 6 in Wahpeton, ND

Election Day

How do you look at election day this Tuesday? It has undoubtedly been one of the most unique years leading up to this day. Little did our elected officials know what they were signing up for when they put their hat in the ring! As we look to the future, no human knows what they will face in their coming term.

When we look back through the course of history, we see many of our brothers and sisters in the faith faced unique days also. Hebrews 11:33-40 gives an amazing contrast of men and women of faith. Some were powerful in battle and experienced miracles, but others were tortured, imprisoned, and killed. Yet verse 39 says: "These were all commended for their faith."

As political parties vie for supremacy, I am grateful that every person resting in the finished work of Jesus on the cross can have confidence that our God is ruling from an unelected position in the heavens.

I am thankful for the many sinners who have been brought to faith in Jesus throughout history and have left us an example of living by faith in the God who made the heavens and the earth. The saints who have gone before us, those trusting in Christ, have left a powerful witness for us living in "the new normal." They also did not know what they would face, but were able to say with king Jehoshaphat, "O Lord, . . . You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations" (II Chronicles 20:6). When he was faced with news of invading armies, he went to the Lord for help.

I want to encourage you to go to the Lord on your knees as you face the future and wonder what political party will have "supremacy." King Jehoshaphat continued, "Power and might are in Your hand so that no one can stand against You" (v.6). I love that confession, and I need the confidence of that confession. Whatever happens in earthly elections, we know Who is ruling in the heavens.

Pastor Lyndon Korhonen AFLC President Plymouth, Minnesota

AFLC Promotion for November is All Ministries

