



CALVARY COURIER

Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church

October 2026

Upcoming Events

Oct. 6th – Mornings with Mommy – “All About Me!”

Oct. 25th – Sunday School Picnic/New Member Welcome Potluck

Let us draw near ... with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith ... Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess.

Hebrews 10:22-23



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I Need More...FAITH

“I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!” (Mark 9:24)

“I Need More FAITH.” I can’t imagine any honest Christian who wouldn’t say a hearty “Amen” to that statement. Because of the common weakness of our sinful, human nature, the fervent request that a greatly distressed father made to Jesus with regard to his son’s great need and his own weakness of faith has often struck a chord: **“I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!”** (Mark 9:24)

Notice how that statement is punctuated with only a semicolon with regard to his faith, but an exclamation point with regard to his unbelief. Unfortunately, that’s the reality of the faith-life of God’s people. We wish our own “lives were punctuated with an exclamation mark or at least a simple period. But we know a question mark suggesting uncertainty or doubt gets in there way too often.

Just about every Sunday the worshipers in our churches make a confession of faith with the Apostles’ or Nicene Creed. The key truths of the Christian faith are very briefly and yet adequately summarized in those statements. There are no exclamation points in either of those great, ancient creeds—just commas and periods that acknowledge the basic scriptural facts. That’s an important aspect about saving faith: knowing the truth about the true God and the Savior he has given us.

Since this faith is totally a gift, we need to keep going to the Lord with this request, **“Lord, I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!”** We keep having a problem with unbelief because it’s such a “natural” part of us. Faith is a supernatural thing, and it is kept alive and strong only with the supernatural Word of our supernatural God.

The most important thing to remember about faith is that it derives all of its strength from its object, that on which it rests. As a famous preacher once said, “It is not your hold on Christ that saves you; it is Christ. It is not your joy in Christ that saves you; it is Christ. It is not even your faith in Christ that saves you, though that be the instrument. It is Christ’s blood and merit.” There might indeed be many instances where our trusting faith is shaky, but the Savior and his promises are rock solid. With this subject of faith, it’s most important to hear him speak with exclamation points, “I love you! I have saved you! I will never let you go!”

Pastor Martin Spaude



The Lord has blessed our beloved program with seven wonderful years! We are grateful to God for this incredible continued blessing. We would also like to thank the members of Calvary for their support, time, donations and prayers.

Our next session "All About Me!" will be on Tuesday, October 6th at 10AM.

If you or someone you know would like to volunteer, please speak with our Director, Bridget Spaude.



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Calvary's Mission Statement

As members of this congregation, our constant aim is to share the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ with all people based on the inspired, infallible Holy Scriptures and to exemplify our faith through Christian living commissioned by our Savior.



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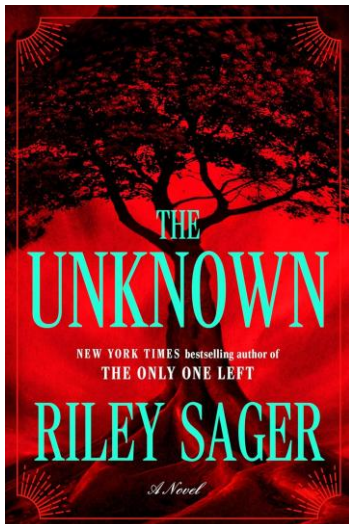
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Worship: 6PM Saturday/9AM Sunday

October Worship

Use this Schedule to Prepare Yourself

October 3 & 4	Pentecost 19
Theme: It doesn't matter how powerful the enemies of God are. God persists in speaking his truth and drawing our eyes to his Son, who will help us persevere to the end and speak truth to power. Liturgy: Service of the Word & Sacrament Psalm 80 vs. 3 & 4 in the blue hymnal Lessons: Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 3:12-21; Matthew 21:33-43 Hymns: Blue: 876, 862, 890, 853 Red: 457, 203, 214, 417 (note that verse 3 is omitted in the blue)	
October 10 & 11	Pentecost 20
Theme: Through his powerful Word God calls us and all people to believe and to rejoice. Liturgy: Service of the Word Psalm 84 Lessons: Isaiah 25:6-9; Romans 1:16-17; Matthew 22:1-14 Hymns: Blue: 568, 902, 573, 644 Red: ---, ---, 376, 324	
October 17 & 18	Pentecost 21
Theme: God has established the authorities. We give honor and obedience to our government as we use our freedoms to proclaim the saving Gospel. Liturgy: The Common Service with Communion Psalm: 96 Lessons: Daniel 1:3-21; Romans 13:1-7; Matthew 22:15-22 Hymns: Blue: 775, 619, 705, 774 Red: 618, 235, 462, 619	
October 24 & 25	Reformation
Liturgy: Special Service Theme: We are saved by grace alone, through faith in Jesus alone. All that we believe is founded on Scripture alone. Hymns: Blue: ---, 877, 863, 510, 582 Red: 199, ---, 200, 752, 392	



***The Unknown* by Riley Sager**

Book club: In 1926, five women disappeared from a Vermont island in the middle of a remote lake. One hundred years later, a movie is being made about this event and when the cast arrives on the island to immerse themselves in the location, they begin to disappear. Find out what's really going on in this atmospheric novel and join us October 25, 2026, at 3PM.

Pam Abbe is hosting and you can contact her at 480-434-1163 with any questions.

Stewardship Tools

It's in the Way that You Use It

Consider the humble baseball bat. It is a simple tool designed for a complex task. The batter needs a tool that can consistently deliver force to a small ball which may be thrown at over 100 miles per hour, but which might also come slanting across the plate as a slow curve. For a game like this, the founders of baseball had to redesign the old cricket bat, which is more of a flat paddle. The tool had to fit the job.

But even a specially designed tool can be used for a different purpose. It turns out that some years ago in England, the home of cricket, baseball bats suddenly started selling like hotcakes. What were folks across the pond doing with all those baseball bats? Using them as clubs in riots!

A tool can be used, and it can be misused. It's all in the way that you use it.

The same is true with the things of God. The Second Commandment states that we should "not misuse the name of the Lord." In the Small Catechism, Luther goes on to tell us exactly what this misuse is, as well as the proper use: "We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks." (SC I)

The Lord has given us his name: He has placed it upon us in Holy Baptism, and he has invited us to pray to him as our Father. In this sense, the Lord's name is something for us to use. We should not misuse it ... and we should not fail to use it. The Pharisees of old were so afraid of misusing the name of God that they decided to simply never say the name of God (YHWH, Yahweh) at all! This non-use is just as bad as misuse. The Lord gives his gifts for our use.

A Christian steward is one who is called to use all of God's gifts for his purposes. This includes things like the Name of God, the Sacraments and the Word, and it also includes things like our family and friends, our talents and skills, our money and resources. Everything that God has given to you, he has given to you so that you may be blessed to use it for his kingdom.

It's all in the way that you use it!

From Calvary's Stewardship Committee

Update on the 50th Anniversary Special Projects

Update on the 50th Anniversary Special Projects:

The renovation of the **Fellowship Hall, Kitchen and Sanctuary** is complete. We thank all who helped with this with their time, talents and treasures. We especially give thanks to the Converse, Gannon and Warskow clans for all their work designing and renovation.

The 50th Anniversary Worship Service will be held on Sunday, January 31, 2027, at 4PM with Pastor Daniel Pautz from Emmanuel in Tempe preaching. Pastor Pautz was integral in getting the first group of people together for Calvary to begin. There will be a dinner served following the service.

Lutheran Women's Mission Society Circuit Rally – Saturday, October 10, 2026

Grace Lutheran Church – Glendale, Arizona

Rev. Paul Horn, speaker

Registration begins at 8:15AM

Grace is located at 5600 W. Palmar Avenue
Glendale, AZ 85301
623-937-2010

October Worship

Our worship services in October will follow this pattern:

October 3 & 4: Pentecost 19	<i>I Speak Truth to Power</i>
October 10 & 11: Pentecost 20	<i>Invite the Unworthy</i>
October 17 & 18: Pentecost 21	<i>Give to God What Is God's</i>
October 24 & 25: Reformation	<i>Stay Steadfast</i>

The Calvary Columbarium

Calvary Lutheran Church of Chandler, Arizona, has a columbarium on its property for the use of its members and their families. The columbarium offers an economically feasible way to handle the final resting place needs of its members.

The columbarium contains small compartments or “niches” to hold the cremated remains of loved ones. Our columbarium has single niches (which can contain one cinerary urn) and double niches (which can contain two cinerary urns.) Single niches cost \$1,250 and double niches cost \$1,500.

Included in the cost are a brass urn and a granite face plate engraved with the name of the deceased. Payment plans are available. There are funeral arrangement packets in the literature racks above the back counter in the church entryway that contain columbarium order forms. For more information, talk with Pastor Spaude.



The Budget/Election and Voters Meeting is scheduled for Sunday October 25th at 10:20AM.

Lutheran Women's Mission Society is united to serve Jesus by increasing awareness of, interest in, and support of the mission outreach of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. (WELS)

Calvary has been assigned four missionaries in England, Canada and the USA. There are cards on the back counter in the Narthex to write words of encouragement to our missionaries. Please feel free to write on one or four! You can leave it on the counter to be mailed. Thank you!

Any questions, contact Liz Hawkws at 480-309-5490.

Sunday Morning Bible Classes

Sunday Adult Bible Study: Dragons, angels, talking frogs, locusts with scorpion tails, seven-headed monsters, a woman with wings. Oh my. What is this? Characters from the latest sci-fi film? No. They are details from a 2,000-year-old vision the Apostle John received on the Greek island of Patmos. This vision is recorded in the last book of the Bible: *Revelation*. Join our Sunday morning Bible Class for a multi-media Bible study of this fascinating New Testament book. Revelation: Get Pumped for the End.

Wednesday Evening Bible Class



There is no controversy in the scientific community about whether evolution has occurred.” (The National Academy of Sciences)

Are scientists really certain about evolution? Join us for a new Bible study that looks at Creation vs. Evolution. This course will help us learn how to talk with our evolutionist friends in a way that provides opportunities for us to share the gospel message about Jesus. In this way, we can reflect God’s love to others.

Pastor/Teacher Scholarship Fund: Calvary has a special fund to help any of our members who are attending Martin Luther College (MLC) in New Ulm, MN. And Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary at Mequon, WI., preparing to be pastors and teachers in our WELS. Currently the fund has \$3332.00 in it. We do have one member, Tyler Altman, attending MLC in the pastoral track program. Cost for tuition, room and board at MLC is \$25,000.00 per year. Any donations to this fund would be greatly appreciated.

Arizona Christian School Tuition Organization (ACSTO): Christian education is important. Helping our children to grow in their faith in their Savior Jesus is vital for their eternal welfare. Providing an education in a Christian environment where they can learn math, science, history, and all subjects, through the lens of God’s Word will prepare them for living productive, Christ-centered lives in this world.

We are blessed to have Pilgrim Lutheran School in Mesa and Emmanuel Lutheran School in Tempe to help with the Christian education of our children. To help with the cost of this Christian education, Arizona’s Private School Tax Credit Program is incredibly important. Through this program, you can support Christian education. You can participate in the Arizona Christian School Tuition Organization (ACSTO) receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit on your Arizona state taxes. We have some member children who attend Pilgrim Lutheran School that you can recommend for a scholarship with your tax credit donation to ACSTO. The Traudt children attending Pilgrim are Micah, Aaron and Grace. Jenna Traudt attends Arizona Lutheran Academy. You can give using one of the forms at church or online at: ACSTO.org.



How can I be Christ's ambassador?

Consider pursuing one or more of these

Connect: Say "Hello" to one person in church whom you've never met.

Care: Think of a neighbor or co-worker who is struggling. Reach out with an act of kindness and a prayer.

Consider: What is one barrier preventing visitors from feeling comfortable at your church? How might you remove this barrier?

Invite: Invite someone to a worship service or church event such as a Bible class, fellowship activity, moms group, or community volunteer effort.

Remember: The work of the church is Christ's alone, but Christ works through YOU!

East Valley Area WELS Reformation Service

will be held at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Tempe on Sunday, October 25th at 4PM.



Mark your calendars: The Sunday School Picnic and New Member Welcome will be held on Sunday October 25th after Sunday School and the Voters' Meeting.

October Birthdays

Jan Enderle	Oct. 1
James Matter	Oct. 2
Ron Converse	Oct. 5
Jackson Grimm	Oct. 9
Joy Fong	Oct. 9
Piper Burchette	Oct. 12
Parker Tucker	Oct. 16
Mandy Cole	Oct. 17
LaVerne Knepprath	Oct. 19
Lucas Mundt	Oct. 19
Diana Grafakos	Oct. 21
Robert Knox	Oct. 24
Asher Fong	Oct. 25
David Girle	Oct. 26
Liz Hawkes	Oct. 30



If your birthday is not listed, please email the office manager, Randi, at office@calvarychandler.net so your records can be updated.

October

1	Malachi 1-4
2	Matthew 1-4
3	Matthew 5-6
4	Matthew 7-9
5	Matthew 10-11
6	Matthew 12
7	Matthew 13-14
8	Matthew 15-17
9	Matthew 18-20
10	Matthew 21-22
11	Matthew 23-24
12	Matthew 25-26
13	Matthew 27-28
14	Mark 1-3
15	Mark 4-5
16	Mark 6-7
17	Mark 8-9
18	Mark 10-11
19	Mark 12-13
20	Mark 14-16
21	Luke 1
22	Luke 2-3
23	Luke 4-5
24	Luke 6-7
25	Luke 8-9
26	Luke 10-11
27	Luke 12-13
28	Luke 14-16
29	Luke 17-18
30	Luke 19-20
31	Luke 21-22

If you would like to submit information for the monthly Courier, please email it to Randi at office@calvarychandler.net by the **15th** month. Thank you.