



## CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH & SCHOOL

Dear Friends,

Last Sunday Rev. Lecia preached from the 14th chapter of Matthew, telling the story of Jesus walking on water and how, when the disciples saw him, they were afraid. Jesus' response was *"Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."*

So it is with Calvary. God is with us despite the uncertainty we sometimes feel. We should take courage and not be afraid.

There are a few pieces of news I want to share with you. First things first!

### **How do we say goodbye to Rev. Lecia and Matthew?**

With a super Drive-by! On Sunday, August 16, at 5:00 P.M. you are all invited to decorate your cars, blow your horns, and drive by the church on the Travis Street side. Rev. Lecia and Matthew will be in the circle drive to see your smiling faces. We'll provide additional details on traffic flow soon so circle this date on your calendar.

When the time is right, we'll organize a celebration in true Calvary style and Rev. Lecia and Matthew will come back to join us for a proper send-off.

### **What's next? Will Calvary have an Interim Rector?**

Yes. We are working with the Diocese to identify a part-time Interim Rector. This person will lead Sunday worship and assist with Pastoral Care. The Diocese is making calls and will let us know as soon as possible.

If we do not have an Interim Rector by the time Rev. Lecia leaves, we will utilize supply priests for Sunday worship.

### **What is happening with the Search Committee?**

The work of the Search Committee continues as they interview candidates.

Is this a scary time? Of course. Our inclination at Calvary is to laugh together and cry together, and right now we are maintaining isolation and safe distancing. But we are strong. Romans 8 tells us, *"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."*

Even though we are apart, we can work together for good. We can celebrate with Rev. Lecia in her new call to ministry. We can continue to reach out to one another and those who need our prayers. God would have us be hopeful, and faith-led.

Please call me with any questions and concerns. I will share news with you as we have it.

Prayerfully—for your Vestry,

Amber Zentis, Senior Warden