

VBS Sunday



"Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command." John 15:13-14

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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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THE VISION & MISSION OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

“Trinity Lutheran Church is to know Christ
and make Him known.”

“Trinity Lutheran Church is a biblically grounded Christian family
strengthening its members to boldly proclaim the saving good news of
Jesus to our communities and the world.”

WELCOME

We the members of Trinity Lutheran Church **welcome you** this morning
in the Name of our crucified and risen Friend, Lord and Saviour, Jesus
the Christ. We consider it a privilege to greet you as our guest. The
Christ-centered focus of our worship is typical of what you hear at Trinity,
because Jesus is the answer to all of our problems - now and forever.

TODAY IS A SPECIAL SERVICE AS IT CONCLUDES OUR VBS

THEME FROM THE PAST WEEK “FRIENDSHIP TREK”. We at Trinity
are a friendly congregation that enjoys reaching out and meeting new
people. Visitors and Members are asked to take a moment to fill out the
Friendship Register form placed in pews. We invite all to stay and join us
for refreshments and fellowship.

Pew cushions are found on the back pews. If you have a **prayer request**
we invite you to print it out and hand it to an usher early in the service.

All are kindly asked to turn off their cell phones as we focus our
attention in worship on the Lord Jesus Christ.

Our nursery (for pre-school children in need of its solace) as well as
handicapped/nursery washroom and coat rack are located north of the
elevator in the Church entry way.

Order of Worship

AS WE GATHER

Friends are a vital part of our life. Were it not for our friends there would be no one to share the joys in our lives or our sadness. Friends are also a wonderful provider of support during times of trouble. An important part of friendship is loyalty. We treasure our friends that we know are always faithful and loyal; in the same way our friends treasure us when we return that loyalty. However, because of our sinful nature we are not always a perfect loyal friend. **Fortunately we have a “forever friend” who is loyal and perfect; he never lets us down. This past week our children have been learning about our forever friend, Jesus.** Each day they learned about Bible stories that show how Jesus is our perfect loyal friend. As you worship today, meditate on how Jesus is our forever friend and how he laid down his life for us. The theme verse from this past week has been, “Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command.” John 15:13-14. As you meditate on this verse, think of how Jesus has always been your friend and saviour.

Welcome (Don Hindle, Director of Parish Services)

Opening Song “Let’s Get Started”

Invocation

L: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

L: Let us confess our sins to God our Father

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours and friends as ourselves. We just deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our forever friend, have mercy on us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ, our forever friend, was given to die for us and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun the good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

Song "That's Grace"

Day 1 Reading Matthew 9:9-13

L: Jesus says, "You are My friends." Listen to the words Jesus gave His friends in the Bible.

C: Jesus is our Forever Friend!

L: Jesus "saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and He said to him, 'Follow Me.' And he rose and followed Him."

C: Jesus, our friend, reaches out.

L: "And as Jesus reclined at a table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and His disciples."

C: Jesus, our friend, reaches out.

L: "And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to His disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?'"

C: Jesus, our friend, reaches out.

L: "But when [Jesus] heard it, He said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick [do]. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

Story/Puppet Time

Bible Memory Verse 1 Timothy 1:15



L: Jesus, our friend, reaches out.

C: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

L: Jesus called Matthew, who had been a sinner and a tax collector, to be His disciple and friend.

C: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

L: Jesus and His disciples ate a meal with Matthew, other tax collectors, and sinners.

C: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

L: Jesus reaches out to sinners.

C: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

L: Jesus reaches out to us and makes us His friends.

C: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Song "You Are My Friends"

Day 2 Reading Luke 7:1-10

L: Jesus says, “You are My friends.” Listen to the words Jesus gave His friends in the Bible.

C: Jesus is our Forever friend.

L: “After [Jesus] had finished all His sayings in the hearing of the people, He entered Capernaum. Now a centurion had a servant who was sick and at the point of death, who was highly valued by him. When the centurion heard about Jesus, he sent to Him elders of the Jews, asking Him to come and heal his servant.”

C: Jesus, our friend, loves us.

L: “And when they came to Jesus, they pleaded with him earnestly, saying, “He is worthy to have you do this for him, for he loves our nation, and he is the one who built us our synagogue.” And Jesus went with them.”

C: Jesus, our friend, loves us.

L: “When he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends, saying to him, ‘Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof. Therefore I did not presume to come to you. But say the word, and let my servant be healed. For I too am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me: and I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.’”

C: Jesus, our friend, loves us.

L: “When Jesus heard these things, he marvelled at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, said, ‘I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith.’ And when those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the servant well.”

C: Jesus, our friend, loves us.

Story/Puppet Time



Bible Memory Verse 1 John 4:19

L: Jesus loved the centurion and healed his sick servant.

Men: We love Him,

Women: Because He first loved us.

L: Jesus, our friend, loves us. Jesus healed us from the sickness sin causes when He died on the cross.

M: We love Him,

W: Because He first loved us.

L: Jesus, our friend, loves us. Jesus gives all who believe in Him forgiveness of sin, a new life, and a home in heaven.

M: We love Him,

W: Because He first loved us.

L: We love Jesus, our friend, because He loved us first.

M: We love Him,

W: Because He first loved us.

L: Because Jesus, our friend, loves us, we can love others.

M: We love Him,

W: Because He first loved us.

Song “My Risen and Forever Friend”

Day 3 Reading John 9

L: Jesus says, “You are My friends.” Listen to the words Jesus gave His friends in the Bible.

C: Jesus is our Forever Friend.

L: “As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, ‘Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?’ Jesus answered, ‘It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.’”

C: Jesus, our friend, gives gifts.

L: “Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man’s eyes with the mud and said to him, ‘Go, wash in the pool of Siloam’ (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.”

C: Jesus, our friend, gives gifts.

L: “The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, ‘Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?’ Some said, ‘It is he.’ Others said, ‘No, but he is like him.’ He kept saying, ‘I am the man.’ So they said to him, ‘Then how were your eyes opened?’ He answered, ‘The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed and received my sight.’ They said to him, ‘Where is he?’ He said, ‘I do not know.’”

C: Jesus, our friend, gives gifts.

L: “They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, ‘He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.’ Some of the Pharisees said, ‘This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.’ But others said, ‘How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?’ And there was a division among them. So they said again to the blind man, ‘What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?’ He said, ‘He is a prophet.’”

C: Jesus, our friend, gives gifts.

L: “The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight.”

C: Jesus, our friend, gives gifts.

L: “So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, ‘Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.’ He answered, ‘Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.’ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.’ They answered him, ‘You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?’ And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, ‘Do you believe in the Son of Man?’ He answered, ‘And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?’ Jesus said to him, ‘You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.’ He said, ‘Lord, I believe,’ and he worshiped him.”

C: Jesus, our friend, gives gifts.



Story/Puppet Time

Bible Memory Verse Romans 6:23

L: Jesus gave the man born blind two gifts: sight and faith in Him.

Women: The free gift of God

Men: is eternal life in Christ Jesus.

L: Jesus, our friend, gives gifts. These gifts show the work of God in our lives.

W: The free gift of God

M: is eternal life in Christ Jesus.

L: Jesus gives us forgiveness of sins, everlasting love, care, compassion, friendship, and eternal life.

W: The free gift of God

M: is eternal life in Christ Jesus.

L: We can tell our friends about the gifts Jesus gives.

C: The free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus.

Song “Blind Man”

Day 4 Reading John 11:1-45

L: Jesus says, “You are My friends.” Listen to the words Jesus gave His friends in the Bible.”

C: Jesus is our Forever Friend.

L: “Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent to [Jesus], saying, ‘Lord, he whom you love is ill.’ But when Jesus heard it he said, ‘This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that

the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.'"

C: Jesus, our friend, cares.

L: "When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.'"

C: Jesus, our friend, cares.

L: "When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. And he said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?'"

C: Jesus, our friend, cares.

L: Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, 'Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out.' The man who

had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, ‘Unbind him, and let him go.’”

C: Jesus, our friend, cares.



Story/Puppet Time

Bible Memory Verse 1 John 4:18

L: When Jesus’ friend Lazarus died, his sisters and friends felt sad.

C: Perfect love casts out fear.

L: Jesus cared for His friends.

C: Perfect love casts out fear.

L: Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead.

C: Perfect love casts out fear.

L: Jesus cares for each of us. Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die.” We can trust in Jesus’ care at all times.

C: Perfect love casts out fear.

L: We can trust in Jesus’ care at all times.

C: Perfect love casts out fear.

Song “I am the Resurrection and the Life”

Offering [At this time please fill out the “Friendship Register” pad and pass it to the center aisle end of the pew.]

Day 5 Reading Luke 24:36-49

L: Jesus says, “You are My friends.” Listen to the words Jesus gave His friends in the Bible.”

C: Jesus is our Forever Friend.

L: Jesus was crucified for our sins on the cross. On the third day after He died, He rose from the dead. Two disciples on the way to Emmaus saw the risen Christ and returned to Jerusalem to tell the others.

C: Jesus, our friend, shares.

L: “As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, ‘Peace to you!’ But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. And he said to them, ‘Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.’”

C: Jesus, our friend, shares.

L: “And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marvelling, he said to them, ‘Have you anything here to eat?’ They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them.”

C: Jesus, our friend, shares.

L: “Then he said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.’ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.’”

C: Jesus, our friend, shares.



Story/Puppet Time

Bible Memory Verse Galatians 2:20

L: Jesus died on the cross to save us from our sins.

C: Jesus loved me and gave himself for me.

L: Jesus rose from the dead and showed Himself to His friends.

C: Jesus loved me and gave himself for me.

L: Jesus shared the truth about Himself in the Scriptures with His disciples. He gave us the Bible to share that truth with us too.

C: Jesus loved me and gave himself for me.

L: Friends share good things with each other.

C: Jesus loved me and gave himself for me.

L: Jesus helps us share the truth of His death and resurrection with our friends.

C: Jesus loved me and gave himself for me.

Prayers/Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Song “He is Risen”

[A word of thanks to DPS Don Hindle and our young people for leading today's service. Pastor Harold and Beverly are attending a family reunion in Saskatchewan.]



Want to expand your horizons? Have you ever thought of taking some University courses for fun? If so Concordia University College of Alberta has just the thing for you! Currently Concordia offers three classes that can be completed from the comfort of your own home. You can either take these courses as part of the DPS colloquy program or you can just audit them for pure enjoyment. These are the courses that will be available this year:

PS 302 Parish Administration & Team Ministry Faith (fall)

PS 303 History and Practice of Christian Education (fall)

PS 288 Family Life Ministry (winter)

If you are interested in these courses, you can ask Don about them. If you wish to find out more about the colloquy program you can visit www.concordia.ab.ca/programs/churchworkprograms.php

YOUTH BOTTLE DRIVE - Extended to July 31st! To help raise funds for this summer's youth mission trip, the youth would like to return your bottles for you! **Please bring your bottles to the church at the end of each month from now until July 31st. The youth will take care of the sticky details!** If you are unable to get your bottles to us, let me know and we will arrange to have them picked up. Don Hindle

FREE HYMNALS

The old, blue, Lutheran worship Hymnals were an integral part of Trinity's worship services for 25 years (1981 – 2006). If you would like to have a copy of this hymnal for your personal use they are available FREE OF CHARGE. Take as many as you want. They are there for your taking at the entrance to the church.

LIBRARY

With the summer coming could you kindly check around for any Books, Videos, DVDs, and CDs, you may not have returned to the library yet. Please return them as soon as possible to the Church Office. Have a great summer. Thanks, Mrs. E.

Kindergarten Teacher Position for School Year 2008-2009

Zion Lutheran School is looking to fill the position of a Kindergarten Teacher. All interested applicants should forward their resume, with references to: Pastor Jef Koenig, Zion Lutheran Church and School 5950 179 Street Surrey, BC V3S 4J9 or fax 604-576-1399 or email zionlutheran@telus.net

SUNDAY SERVICES and SERMONS are being recorded on CD. See Pastor Harold if you want to borrow or own a copy.

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