

6th Sunday of Easter

May 9th, 2021



TRUE FRIENDSHIP

John 15:13

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

901 Cornwall Crescent

Dawson Creek, BC

OPENING SENTENCES (John 15:12,13 NRSV)

Pastor: Jesus Said: This is my commandment
People: that you love one another as I have loved you

Pastor: No one has greater love than this,
People: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

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AS WE GATHER

The Bible says that the greatest love is the one who gives his life for his friends (John 15:13). Jesus calls us his friends and loves us, even with all our faults. Jesus is the perfect example of friendship revealed in the Bible, because He gave His life to reconcile with God all those who believe in His sacrifice. He died in our place because He is a true friend. Because of Jesus' sacrifice, we can be friends with God. Sin no longer separates the one who is saved, from friendship with God. This means we can have a relationship of true intimacy, unity and love with our Creator.

Announcements

Beginning in June we will have outdoor services at the church (weather permitting). The service will be lead outside the front doors. The congregation is invited to bring a lawn chair and blanket to sit on the grass, or participate in the service from your car. Pastor will change the voice message on the answering machine and post a notice on our website if the outdoor service is cancelled, in which case it will be live streamed and transmitted on FM radio to the parking lot.

Coming Up:

Wed. May 12 7:00pm Spiritual Support Group Meeting
Sun. May 16 11:00am Live Streamed Service with outdoor communion to follow.

Thanks to:

Dorothy Bartlett for recording our hymns for today.
Vawn, Elissa and Caslyn for helping with the live stream service.

Elder next Sunday – Ric (Andrew will Assist)

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The Vocation of Motherhood

Being a mom is perhaps one of the most difficult, thankless, overlooked, and exhausting callings that God has created. And it is also one of the most important callings that there is.

Those little things that you do. Playing Legos. Cutting the sandwich into triangles. Checking on your kids for the tenth time. The extra bed-time story and cuddles. The counseling after a bad day at school. And of course, the little things that are not so glamorous. The changing the diapers. The time-outs. The loading the kids up in the car for a family trip to the grocery store. These little things are sacred!

In the midst of the long and difficult days, these things don't feel like they are sacred but they are. Because God is at work as you do the work of mothering.

God is loving your children, caring for them, protecting them, growing them, and watching over them as you do the work of being a mom. God is at work in the life of your child through the work you do as mom. That's a sacred calling. And as a Christian we are free to do the work of mothering the best we can, not because God needs us to be good mothers in order to earn anything. But simply because our kids need the best mothers.

All the work we do to serve God and one another is sacred. And for mothers that means all those little things - the things you love and the things you dread - are sacred. Motherhood is a holy calling. Parents are the primary influences and disciple-makers for their children and mothers get the opportunity to do this day in and day out as they love, care for, and spend time with their kids.

To all moms and moms to be: Thanks for all you do!