

TOGETHER IN CHRIST



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God Pause Devotional Brought to you by alumni of Luther Seminary

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John 14:1-14

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe

This Week at OSLC

Thursday, April 30th

9:00-12:00pm / Parents’ Morning Out
6:15-7:05pm / Choir Practice
6:30-7:30pm / Christiansburg High School
Spring Concert (Come support Kylene Porter)

Friday, May 1st

8:00-9:00am / Men’s Bible Study (Zoom)

Sunday, May 3rd

8:45am / Adult Sunday School
10:00am / Worship with Eucharist
11:15am / Fellowship After Worship

Tuesday, May 5th

9:00-12:00pm / Parents’ Morning Out
6:30pm / OSLC Executive Committee

Wednesday, May 6th

9:00-12:00pm / Parents’ Morning Out
10:30-12:00pm / Weekly Bible Study

Thursday, May 7th

9:00-12:00pm / Parents’ Morning Out
10:00-12:00pm / The Common Cup
Coffee Hour
6:15-7:05pm / Choir Practice

Friday, May 8th

8:00-9:00am / Men’s Bible Study (Zoom)
4:00-8:00pm / MCEAP 2nd Annual
Fundraiser & Silent Auction @ Eastern
Divide Brewing Company

Sunday, May 10th

8:45am / Adult Sunday School
10:00am / Worship with Eucharist
11:15am / Fellowship After Worship

because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

Devotion:

“Do not let your hearts be troubled” should be words of comfort for us all. But oftentimes we wonder, “How can we not grow anxious in these uncertain and changing times?” In our world today, there are so many people who carry around troubled hearts. It is easy to see how, isn’t it? Surrounded by conflict, economic stresses, illness, hurt and anxiety, the weight of the world can seem very, very heavy at times. Yet Jesus promises us that God’s presence and our future as children of God remains secure. Jesus’ words from John’s Gospel remind us that our faith doesn’t take away the things in life that challenge us, but it helps us to discern how we will respond to those challenges. This is our reminder that Jesus Christ is “the Way, the Truth, and the Life” that guides us in our grace-filled relationship with God. We trust that God will be present with us as we walk through the troubles and the valleys, bringing love, mercy, and hope to all the world.

Prayer:

You are the only Way, O God. You are the house where our faith dwells. We learn from you to respond to all situations with hope, trusting that you are guiding us always. Amen.

OSLC Ministry Corner



**The Common Cup
Coffee Hour**

**Every Thursday
Starting May 7th
10:00-Noon**

Starting May 7th, this group will meet to talk about life’s ups and downs, grief, and build community through warm cups of coffee. This coffee hour is offered as peer support to the people of OSLC and to the surrounding community. Invite a friend, drop in for a few minutes, or stay the entire time each week and enjoy a time of conversation together.



“Everything that is done in this world is done by hope.”
-Martin Luther

For Life’s Ups and Downs

*“Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.”
Psalm 31: 5*

Giving up the charade that we are in control is one of the toughest things we can ever possibly do in life.

To admit that we don’t have all the answers.

To see that there is something’s that we just can’t figure out or possibly understand.

When we make peace with this truth, we truly hand over ourselves into the peace found in Christ.

Knowing that in our makers hands, we are safe.

In the omnipotence of our Lord, we give up our facade of autonomy and commit ourselves to the all encompassing love and care of our God.

-PJ

Want to talk or in need Pastoral Care?



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Always Remember Who and Whose You Are