

# Trinity News

## **Pentecost 17 Conversing with Jesus on the Way**

We have been conversing with Jesus on the Way since we were children. That is in the way of our life. Whether it is in "arrow prayers" as Brother Lawrence noted, in public worship, e.g. in the Lord's Prayer, or in our private devotions to our heavenly Father in the name of Jesus, we are always in conversation with Jesus.

I have written a near-complete book entitled **Conversations with the Stranger from Galilee in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**. I will blog it on the internet to gauge a response before I go near a publisher.

We know that Jesus' prophecy about the manner of his death come true (Mark 9:31). His disciples did not understand and they were afraid to ask him. The Greek word for "fear" used here is the source of the English word phobia. We all have phobias about asking questions when one of our loved ones talks about their death. We don't want to talk about it because we can't bear the thought of losing them. We are even more afraid of having such a conversation with ourselves about our own mortality.

One day, long ago it seems, I overheard my eldest daughter Sharon talking as a little girl with her grandfather, Edward Neils Rodgers Falk, of Danish descent. He said to her, "You will remember your grandfather, won't you?" He wanted to live on in the memory of his grandchildren.

Most of us want to live on in earthly recognition of who we were and what we did. Jesus said that whatever size barns we build or whatever we possess, or how many places are named after us, it all passes.

Jesus had known the presence of Abba as a child. Here he takes small child and sets the little one in their midst as a model of what true greatness is about.

Tell a child about God through example and words and wonder fills their eyes. The miracle of creation in a child is a model of the wonder of God.

We are safe holding a child. We are safe holding and being held by God. The first touch of God in our life was the person who held us moments after we were born.

We received the blessings of the Christ through ACCEPTANCE. Even the Messiah needs to be accepted because he is human like us.

Does my 54 year old beloved daughter remember her grandfather? She sure does!

Do you remember Christ every day? Do you ACCEPT him as you hope beyond hope in the hopeless situations that clamour like anxious little puppies for our attention every day?

We carry our acceptance of Christ and our trust in him in our life and all the way to God at the end. So does a child born too soon to survive carry the memory of being snug inside the mother to the God who accepts all of us who love him.

**Bishop Arthur Jones**

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## **THIS WEEK:**

### **Monday.**

- Finance Committee Meeting, 5:30, Parish Office
- Vestry Meeting, 6:30pm, Rectory.

### **Wednesday.**

- Bible study, 10:00am.
- Group Discussion, 7:30pm, Parish Office

### **Thursday.**

- Midweek Eucharist, 10:00am, Chapel.

**Friday. HOLIDAY.**

## **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**

Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29; Psalm 19; James 4:7-12; Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

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