
Who deserves to be healed?



Immediately following the healing of the Gentile centurion's slave in Capernaum, Jesus is found in the village of Nain, just five miles from his hometown of Nazareth in Upper Galilee. This story takes Jesus' healing ministry up a notch. Here he will heal a dead man, demonstrating that neither illness nor even death have power over his messianic ministry. The progression moves from teaching in the Sermon on the Plain to healing in Capernaum to resuscitation in Nain. And the latter anticipates Jesus' own resurrection to come.

The widow is Jewish and the death of her only son indicates the end of the family line. This woman is now on her own. Her father and husband are gone, and now her son has died. She now will have no family to care for her and will have to depend upon the kindness of her neighbors, since such a woman would have lacked the capacity to provide for her own wellbeing.

Luke describes a traditional funeral procession. The young man was being carried on a bier, a palanquin-like stretcher manned by pallbearers. Jesus and his disciples come upon the scene on their own; they are not summoned as in the previous story of the healing of the centurion's slave. God does not operate out of a formulaic pattern of prayer in order to act with healing effect. Throughout the ministry of Jesus and the mission of the early church we see variations of patterns that include faith or no faith, speaking a word or no words spoken, touching or no touching, intercession of friends or simply the initiative of Jesus or the apostles. We are mercifully left without instructions about technique that could devolve into incantations or rituals, which would vainly proffer entrance into the mystery of God's healing activity. Instead, we see various pictures of the compassion of Christ and the church that invite us to believe in God's presence and power over all that keep us from the fullness of abundant life.

Healing does not always occur when we pray, even if we pray with faith. Human beings are neither guarantors of healing when we do everything "right," nor are we to blame for doing things "wrong" when healing does not come to pass. God's healing power is manifest here and there, and now and then, in the inscrutable wisdom of God that is beyond our control.

Jesus has compassion on this widow, demonstrating that God sees and cares for those who are of no worldly account but are dear to God. Just as Jesus was willing to go to the unclean house of the Gentile centurion in Capernaum in order to heal the slave, he moves to touch the bier on which the body of the dead person lay. Both acts would also have made him ritually unclean. But Jesus' ministry is precisely one of a greater holiness than purity laws would dictate. He came to seek and to save the lost. He came to make clean what was unclean, to include the excluded, and to bring life to the dead.

Jesus commands the young man to rise. While the dead have no ears to hear, the word of God not only speaks but creates the power to respond. This is an encouragement to act. God is responsible for both the initiative and the response, even if we are the human agents as preachers and responders.

The dead man comes alive and is given back to his mother. This shows that the restoration is not just for the young man, but also for his mother. We live in community. Just as illness or death is individual, it is also personal for all who are affected by it. The family and the community come back from the dead, so to speak, when the young man is raised.

What we need to see is that Jesus loved and helped both the centurion and the widow. His love and salvation runs the gamut. He helps those with an active and creative faith and those who can scarcely scrape up any faith at all. He helps those whose faith is energetic. He helps those whose faith is weak. He helps the strong military officer. He helps the broken grieving widow.

Wherever you are, whatever your need, Jesus the Messiah, the One who comes with God's authority to heal and restore and make all things new, and to bring life where there is death, is here for you, for all of us.

This Week at Inca



Special Worship Sunday – June 26

Please mark this date in your calendars! We're planning a few special announcements and activities, and hope we can all share in the celebration before the beginning of summer.

Summer Activity at INCA

A reminder that during the month of July, we'll be joining our friends and worshipping at St. Aidan's church. We welcome them to Incarnation in August!

Parish Council Meeting Sunday June 26, after the 10 service

Please have your reports to Jim Stevens by Friday, June 24



Refugee Family – Update

Our family of 4 is arriving this week!

We are very excited to welcome them to their new home. Thanks to all the volunteers and those of you who made donations - their apartment is now fully furnished and ready for the new family.

Please pray for their safe arrival.



Winds of Change Workshop for Truth and Reconciliation

Saturday June 11th from 9:00am to 12:30 pm, worship area

Following through on the Indian Residential Schools Truth and Reconciliation Commission's recommendations, the workshop will include the Blanket Exercise and a panel of experienced front line activists focusing on the following topics: Teaching about Indian Residential Schools; Murdered and Missing Aboriginal Women and Girls; Aboriginal Youth Suicide. There is no fee to attend, free will offerings are welcomed.



Wine Tasting Evening – Saturday, June 11, 7:00

This Sunday is the last day to purchase tickets! \$45.00 per person

Join us for an evening exploring 6 different wines from Vieni Winery. We'll compare 6 of their wines with 6 wines from the LCBO. Following the tastings, you can enjoy matching the wines at several food stations. A unique fundraising event for Church of the Incarnation. Limited seats available. Tickets must be purchased before the event.

Contact Elvira Rago-Patterson for further details, elvirarago99@gmail.com



Laudato Si' – An Introduction Monday June 13th from 7:30-9pm

Pope Francis has written a document about 'Caring for Our Common Home' that has pleased scientists and inspired Christians of many traditions. Join us for an introduction to Laudato Si', using a complementary video: 'A Canadian Response'.

For further information, please contact Mervyn Russell: forsythe1003@gmail.com



POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Sorry for the late notice, we'll try to contact all those who have signed up and let you know plans for the future.



The Ian Grieve Memorial Croquet Tournament - Sunday, July 16

Hosted by Alan and Winkie Macdougall on July 16th beginning at 4 pm.

Sign-up sheets in the narthex.



Contemplative Fire – Sunday, June 19, 8:00pm.

Are you looking for time to reflect, meditate and recharge your spiritual life? Each meeting begins with a communal sharing of food followed by quiet and intentional reflection in the gathering area. The response to this has been very encouraging. We continue to see new faces at each meeting and look forward to growing this community. For more information, please speak to Michael. All are welcome.



Music News

The last choir rehearsal before our summer hiatus is Wednesday, June 8th.

Please be sure to attend our June 12 service (the final Sunday of our choral season) for a special presentation of "Sit Down, You're Rocking the Boat" from the musical *Guys and Dolls* featuring our own Graham Hughes as "Nicely-Nicely Johnson"!

On Sunday, June 26 we welcome two young singers from St. Michael's Choir School to present special music during our morning service.



Wing and a Prayer – June 23

We meet at 6:30pm at Monaghan's. Cost: \$25 per person including food and drink. RSVP Rob Moniuk (Robert@Moniuk.ca).

Everyone is welcome!



The Youth Group Bike Clinic – this Sunday, June 5th

The INCA YOUTH GROUP will be holding a bike clinic (minor repairs and safety assessment) in cooperation with RollingHorse Community Cycle this Sunday, June 5th, 11:30-1:30.

We welcome anyone/everyone to bring their bikes and get a quick tune-up for the summer season! Food and cold drinks will be served.



St. Luke's Vacation Bible School

August 22nd – 26th at St. Luke's Church

For children in JK through to Grade 5, as of September 2016

Meet new people and have fun while learning about the Christian faith. Application forms are available in the office.

Community News



Halton Green Screens – This Changes Everything

Thursday, June 9 7:00pm at Film.ca cinemas on Speers Road

Halton Green Screens is proud to present the documentary movie *This Changes Everything* based on Naomi Klein's best-selling book that weaves together threads of climate, racial and economic injustices

Adults \$5, Students \$2



Music Through the Decades Concert

Sunday, June 5 at 3:30, Grace Lutheran Church 304 Spruce Street

Free-will offering, raising funds to support our Syrian Refugee campaign

This & That



Buy Good Coffee – Available in the office

Delicious, organic, Arabica coffee grown by women in Peru who are paid above fair trade prices. \$15 for a 1lb bag, \$10 for a 10oz bag.

Remember, 30% of the proceeds will be donated to the missions of Incarnation.



Community Garden News

The R4R Youth group along with the INCA Youth Group will continue construction of the expanded Community Garden t

Look here for updates and watch their progress as they find wellness through community involvement.



Computer Collection

Do you have an old PC you no longer use? Please consider donating it to Ewan Lorimer who will strip the bad parts and sell the good ones. He'll donate 25% of his profits to the church. Ewan can also rebuild old PC's so they run better.



Looking to volunteer?

We have lots of way you can get involved. Positions include: altar prep, greeters, readers, hosts and coffee preparation. **Youth** can gain some volunteer high school hours. Training will be provided. Contact Claudine Boulert, at boulert@rogers.com for more information, or call 905-825-2851.



Our recycling efforts!

Thank you to all our hard-working volunteers who prepare the coffee and help with the set-up and clean-up of our premises. We have some new helpers and we thought it was time for a reminder about what to do with the garbage after each event

- All recycling needs to be emptied after each coffee hour or other event. The large blue recycling bins are located at the back door. Please dump all recycling into the larger bins before leaving the church.
- Green bin liners are located in one of the 3 stacked multi-coloured baskets in the kitchen on the counter by the small sink.
- Please place the green bin outside the back door at the end of coffee hour or any other event. No green bins are to be left in the kitchen after coffee hour



Changes to Order of Service or Bulletin News - Any changes need to be sent to the office by Tuesday, noon. office@incarnationchurch.ca

Nametags let people know who you are and make it helpful for people to put names to faces, especially for newcomers



Receiving Communion

All people at Incarnation are invited to receive the bread and wine at communion. The bread is received from the priest who stands between the servers who offer wine from the common cup; choose whatever side is free. You may choose to receive from an individual wine cups available to the left of the altar. Take one, consume the wine and replace the empty cup in the same spot. We hope this provides an inclusive approach to communion where all are welcome.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	June 5	June 12	June 19
Bread Making	L. Hickey	B. Gowing	A. Moniuk
Altar Prep	W. Macdougall	B. Hanna-Morrison	M. Stevens
Coffee	C. Boulert	B. Saunders	U. Adensamer
Coffee	L. Bird	J. Vanderwater	P. Russell
Host	K. Wilson	E. Lee	J. Smith
Reader 1	B. Stevens	D. Lusby	V. Moniuk
Gospel	M. Stevens	M. Russell	J. Grieve
Prayers	V. Klayh	L. Hickey	S. Curran
Server 1	B. Hanna-Morrison	P. Moffat	K. Pitt
Server 2	A. MacNaughton	A. Turner-Sommer	J. Stevens
Wine Cups	E. Lorimer	C. Boulert	Z. Boulert
Counting	P. Moffat	M. Morrison	J. Lockhart

Please Note: The new volunteer schedule has been emailed. There are a few extra printed copies in the office. If you need to switch dates with someone, please write the change on the master copy pinned to the bulletin board