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## Pastor's Message

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## The Promise of the Holy Spirit — Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, O The-oph'ilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>And while staying<sup>[a]</sup> with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me, <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

Hello Emmanuel Lutheran Church family, friends, Christian neighbors and all those whom Christ has called to love one another, make disciples of all nations and baptize in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 18:28-30). We see in these first verses of the Acts of the Apostles, Jesus himself doing just such things, and calling us to wait upon Him, hear and learn of Him concerning His passion and the many proofs of his resurrection, and then to stay in place, while waiting for the "promise of the Father, which he said, "you heard from me...". This included proofs of His resurrection and the promise of the Holy Spirit and baptism into the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. This is not like John's baptism for repentance solely, "but it is the water included in God's Command with God's Word" (\*Sm. Catechism, pg. 199), and with God's Holy Spirit. Yes, it is very much like our journey in following our Lord. We have been blessed and called, gathered, enlightened and sanctified by God through the Holy Spirit (Luther's Small Catechism, Apostles Creed, Third Article. Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, MO. 1986. Pg. 199; *ibid.* pg. 144).

Are we not asking the very same questions and depending wholly on the very same promise of God for our very faith and vicarious strength in taking obedient steps to follow our Lord? Are we not those very ones now two thousand years later, who ponder in similar confusion, the question, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom of God..."? We see here the searching and yet earnest disciples continuing to learn of Jesus by hearing His Word for guidance, hope and power to believe and remain in Him.

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samar'ia and to the end of the earth." <sup>9</sup>And when he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup>and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." (Acts 1:1-11 RSV)

***Pastor's Message continued.....***

In our life of Christian faith and fellowship and coming together in God's name in Christ our Lord, we may not "know the times or seasons, which the Father has fixed by his own authority" (Acts 1:6); Yet we do know by God's grace through faith, the promise of God's Holy Spirit, of which Jesus spoke. Now, by God's grace, we have the Word of God and the Holy Sacraments and thanks be to God the Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, that this gift of God's Holy Spirit is the very power to believe and be witnesses in every church, home, city, county, state and nation to the end of the earth! Praise be to God, Christ Is Risen!  
 - *Pastor Gary Koutsopoulos*

***In Case You Were Wondering.....***

Or, so I've been told, summer is coming – a time of joy for school kids. But they will be hungry without their school lunches and morning snacks during those long summer days. That is when Emmanuel steps up to the plate! Helping to feed those kids, many of whom would soon be looking forward to returning to those well missed school lunches. However, kids are not the only ones who need food in the summer. Folks of all ages in our community (folks who God loves), need food every day, kinda like breathing. Great ideas for the food cart through summer are bags of apples, potatoes, cold and hot cereal; Soups, tuna, spam, corned beef, vegetables and canned fruits. Peanut butter, pasta meals...the list goes on. We all know food is essential. What you, with love, put into the food cart on First Fruits Sunday will be such a blessing for those who struggle just to survive.  
 Sally, coordinator



***God, Time and History***

Sunday, the Christian day of worship was observed from the beginning of the Christian Church. A radical departure from Judaism, which observed the Sabbath (seventh day) on what we call Saturday. The move to the first day was a reminder of the day Jesus rose from the dead. The central service of worship on Sunday was the "breaking of bread" or, communion. This, was followed with preaching, Bible reading and prayer. Praise and thanksgiving were uppermost. By the middle ages this had been developed to make the eucharist a re-offering of Christ's sacrifice on the cross. When the words of the last supper were repeated or when the Holy Spirit was invoked on the bread and wine, change took place! The "agape" was at first the name given to communion. Later, it was used to describe Christian fellowship meals apart from the Communion.



Larry

“Let God grant what is in your heart and fulfill all your plans.”

***Psalm 20:4***

Congratulations to our High School graduate,

Lillian James!!



## *A Special Day for a Special Family*



Emma and Andrew Atienza, Cub Scouts of Pack 4506 chartered by Peace Lutheran Church of Bremerton, were awarded the God and Me religious award for their faith during services on April 21, 2024, in conjunction with the Sacrament of their First Holy Communion.

"A Scout is reverent" is the 12th point of the Scout Law. A Scout is reverent toward God. They are faithful in their religious duties and respects the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion. (<https://www.scouting.org/awards/religious-awards/>)

To encourage members to grow stronger in their faith, religious groups have developed religious emblems programs. The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) has approved of these programs and allows the emblems to be worn on the official uniform, most often in the form of a special "square knot" patch and/or as a church-designated medal, pin, or medallion.

The National Lutheran Association on Scouting (<https://nlas.org/>) governs the program for the Lutheran Church and has chosen the "God and Me" curriculum for school grades 2-3.

The God and Me curriculum is designed to help children become best friends with Jesus and tell their story of "God and Me" together. It consists of the following Curriculum Goals:

- To provide an opportunity for young people and families to explore their faith together
- To help children realize that God is active in every part of their lives
- To help children know that Jesus is their best friend

To memorize the Lord's Prayer

Emma and Andrew completed the curriculum from February to April 2024, consisting of projects and assignments with the family, and lessons with Judy Armstrong as their designated counselor. Their coursework was reviewed and approved by Pastor Tim on April 7th.



The mission of the BSA is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

*Special Thanks to Dr. Arriel Atienza for the article and Dr. Robert Stroud and Delores Stroud for the pictures.*



## ***Unpardoned Sin –Beyond Hope?***

Who do you think is beyond hope? Is there anyone you feel you should just drop off your prayer list? Our Lord tells us in I Thessalonians 5:17, that we should “pray without ceasing”. Who, in your view, is the most evil person you have ever known? Is there a chance that person can end up in Heaven? Consider Matthew 18: 11-14 (the lost sheep). Nebuchadnezzar was the greatest king of the greatest empire in the ancient world. It was “old Neb” that Saddam Hussein said he wanted to be like. However, this same King who had been a cruel and sinful man, was converted and repented and, wrote down his testimony as a witness to the world. Do you know of someone who though was a terrible person, was converted, became a Christian and had a positive and loving relationship with family and friends? Is there someone you know now who you feel is lost-someone you care about? Consider Luke 15:32. Do you think that for them, there is no hope? If so, you couldn’t be more wrong. The Lord tells us the most important thing we can do for one another is to love one another and never lose our faith. John 13: 34-35.  
Larry



### ***Martha & Mary 2024 Generations of Care Auction***

***May 20-30, 2024***

Proceeds benefit Martha and Mary Kids Early Learning Center in Silverdale.

The Martha and Mary Kids Early Learning Center, located in Silverdale opened in 2002. They have prepared thousands of meals, exercised, crafted, educated and learned, loved, nurtured and played in this building for over 20 years. Now is the time to refurbish this special place. You can help do this by participating in this auction.

Registration is free. There will be over 100 items to bid on and more items will be added.

You will have 11 days (May 20-30) to view the auction items and place your bids.

If you have any questions, please contact them at 360-394-4065 or via email at: [auction@mmhc.org](mailto:auction@mmhc.org)

Thank you for your support!

### ***Two Opportunities to Support Olympic Lutherhaven***

***Bingo Night at McClouds***

***May 19th-4:00 PM***



Cash winnings will go to Lutherhaven

Last time we held this fundraiser it was extremely successful

***Red Robin May 23rd***

***Make sure you mention the Lutherhaven fundraiser to your server!!***

will give 20% of their food sales back to Lutherhaven.



### ***Helping the Trillium Women’s (and Children’s) Center***

The Trillium Women’s (and children) Center is experiencing a shortage for diapers, sizes 4,5 and 7. They also need baby wipes. Our church supports this mission. If you have any questions, please see Rose Link, coordinator.

### Glen Adrig receives National Recognition from the AARP Driver Safety Program

Here at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, we know Glen as a person who is involved in many aspects of our church life. When Hope Lutheran and Emmanuel Lutheran combined into one church body, Glen was chosen as the first Church Council President, and is seated today as a member of the council for the next few years. He is also on the Childcare Board helping to oversee our growing Childcare Center.

As our Church Administrator, Glen has signed and overseen many contracts as we have strived to upgrade or repair our church facility. He oversaw our complete roof and gutter replacement, installation of (now two) heating systems, the new kitchen, installation of our security camera system for the church and childcare, and hopes to soon see the addition of a new bathroom in place of the current food pantry storage. He also backs up our treasurer in writing checks when she is gone for a period of time, regularly runs the Sunday PowerPoint presentations, has both authored and edited and printed our Sunday church bulletins, and coordinates the Men's Fellowship breakfasts .

At Lutherhaven, Glen was responsible for bringing Emmanuel Lutheran back into active membership, and has now served on the Board of Directors for many years.

At Gold Mountain Golf Course, besides being a regular golfer there, Glen is known as a trusted and regular volunteer for many events of both a local and national nature. He has volunteered with events such as the U.S. Junior Amateur Championship, the U.S. Publinx Men's and Women's Championships, and countless numbers of NCAA College Championship Tournaments for both men and women athletes. Many of those he helped can now be found on the Professional Golf Associations Tours.

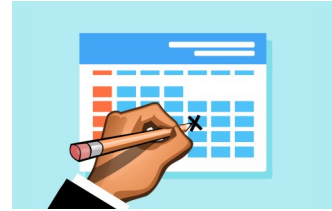
When Glen retired, he attended an AARP Driver Safety Program class to get an insurance discount, but found that the program would be of great value to others. The instructor asked Glen if he would be interested in becoming an instructor, and things progressed from there beginning in early 2005. Within just a short time, he was instructing classes as a valued presenter of the program. His District Coordinator was moving out of state and asked Glen to take over responsibility for the district, which consisted of Kitsap, Mason and a portion of Pierce county which included Gig Harbor. He continued to instruct and oversee the district when the Zone Coordinator retired and asked Glen to now oversee not only his district, but two others as well. So, Glen took over that responsibility too, and now had control over the Olympic Peninsula with Kitsap, Mason, Jefferson, Clallam and all of Pierce County. Along the way he also became an instructor mentor, a marketing/recruitment specialist, deputy state coordinator and a trainer, and a valued member of the state leadership team. He took over as Chief Trainer for Washington State eight years ago, meets regularly with the National Directors and other Chief Trainers from across the nation via Zoom sessions, interviews new prospective instructors using his corporate Zoom account, and ensures that they are properly trained and certified before letting them begin to teach classes on their own.

Glen has received many awards over the last 19 years and was chosen as the 2023 Volunteer of the Year for Washington State Driver Safety. AARP holds their national volunteer awards each April and the states are broken into Summit Groups based on their size and population. Washington is part of Summit Group A which includes all of the large states such as California, Texas, Florida, Illinois, New York, New Jersey etc. All of the Summit Group A volunteers were evaluated by the AARP National Directors, and Glen was given recognition and an award as the 2023 State and Summit Group A- Volunteer of the Year for the AARP Smart Driver Program.

Congratulations are in order for Glen, who likes to say that if you stay involved and active, you're just too busy to get old !

### ***Scheduling and Planning Meeting***

**June 15th at 10 am** there will be a scheduling and planning meeting to assist us in planning our church calendar for the next few month. This meeting is for our Pastor, Council Members, all ministry leaders and key volunteers. In fact it is for any one who would like to help the church in communication and concerted planning to bring people to Jesus of Nazareth. This will be from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm and include lunch and coffee and will need to sign up for the food and clean-up. Please RSVP with Pastor Gary.



### ***“The Means of Grace”***

On June 16th, at 9 am the Sunday Adult Bible Study will begin a four-week course on “The Means of Grace” which will be for all baptized and confirmed members, inquirers, and visitors; those called by the Lord and seeking baptism, and who desire to understand how God has planned to save the world through Christ, and by grace, through faith in Him, according to Scripture. This will be lead by Pastor Gary



### ***Mid-Week Bible Study***

Our mid-week Bible Study continues on Thursday at 10 am. Pastor Rob leads this study. All are welcome.



### ***Children’s Sunday School***

Through the month of May, prior to summer break, a 9:00 am Sunday School is available for all youth. Our teacher, Judy Armstrong and her assistant, Chelette Williams faithfully serve in this capacity.



### ***Did You Know This?***

Andrew was the first person to become a disciple of Jesus. In Christian tradition, he was called Protokletos (Greek for “first called”). Before being called as a disciple of Jesus, Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist. It was in the house Andrew shared with Peter and Peter’s wife, that Jesus healed Peter’s mother-in-law. When more than five thousand people were hungry in the wilderness, it was Andrew who found a boy who had five barley loaves and two fish. Later tradition attributed to Andrew the founding of the Churches in Constantinople and in Russia. -Larry

### ***How Smart Are You?***

A commuter plane develops engine failure.... the Pilot jumps leaving only 3 parachutes left for four people. The Doctor says, “People need me, so I should get one of the chutes.” The Lawyer says, “I’m, one of smartest people in the world, so I should get a chute.” The Priest says, “I’m ready to meet my Lord,” and the little boy says, “don’t worry Father, one of the smartest people in the world just jumped out of the plane with my back pack!”



-Larry

**May Birthdays**

- 1-----Sacajawea Paulus
- 2-----Stephanie Johnson
- 10-----Kaitlyn Armstrong
- 16-----Sally Farner
- 16-----Nancy Kerlee
- 21-----Maurine Simons

**May Anniversaries**

- 1-----Bob & Jo Klempan
- 12-----Arriel & Tina Atienza
- 21-----Loyal & Gail Campbell
- 30-----Mark & Bonnie Stouffer

**June Birthdays**

- 2-----Linda Houlton
- 2-----Pastor Rob Stroud
- 5-----Isabella Paulus
- 6-----Marian Hungerford, Missionary
- 6-----Tina Atienza
- 7-----Loyal Campbell
- 7-----Carol Reece
- 12-----MaKenna Boisjolie
- 13-----Cheryl Fox, Missionary
- 16-----Sharie Adrig
- 19-----Carol Henning
- 21-----Lillian James
- 23-----Steve Armstrong
- 26-----Carverlynn Prothero, Childcare Dir.
- 27-----Owen Johnson
- 27-----Crystal, Childcare staff

**June Anniversaries**

- 10-----Glen & Sharie Adrig
- 13-----Larry & Ida Ficca

If you have any additions or corrections to our birthday or anniversary list please let our editor, Sharie Adrig, know at gadrig@comcast.net

**Helping with Coffee Hour**

I am sure many of you enjoy coffee hour and would like to help in some way. Please talk to Rose Link or Teresa Prange about ways you can help. Thank you two ladies for all you do.

**Members Serving in May**

- Altar Guild-----Teresa Prange
- Reader -----Miki Turowski
- Acolytes- 5, Bella-12, Tiffany-19, Nathan-26, Bella

**Members Serving in June**

- Altar Guild-----Sally Farner
- Reader-----Larry Farner
- Acolytes -2, Tiffany -9, Nathan- 16,Bella-23, Tiffany -30, Nathan

**What's Coming Up?**

*May*

- 15-----12, noon-----Women's Lunch
- 16-----10 am-----Mid-week Bible Study
- 19-----9 am-----Adult & Children's Sunday School
- 19-----10 am -----Worship Service
- 22-----12, noon-----Women's Lunch
- 23-----10 am -----Mid-week Bible Study
- 26-----9 am -----Adult & Children's Sunday School
- 29-----12,noon-----Women's Lunch
- 30-----10 am-----Mid-week Bible Study

*June*

- 2 -----9 am -----Adult & Children's Sunday School
- 2-----10 am -----Worship Service
- 3-----6 pm-----Kitsap Peninsula Knitting Guild, Heart to Heart yarn shop
- 5-----12, noon-----Women's Lunch
- 7-----Lillian Jame's graduation
- June 15th -10 am-Scheduling & Planning Meeting
- June 16th-9am-new Bible study-The Means of Grace

**Men's Fellowship Breakfast**

Men's Fellowship Breakfast is being held at 8:30 am the second Saturday of each month at All Star Lanes in Silverdale. If you would like to receive email updates on this please let Glen Adrig know so that your name and email can be added to the contact list.