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## Pastor's Message

### I. These are My Words that I spoke to you while I was still with you... (Luke 24:44-46)

44 Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, 46 and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead".

He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. How many of you are in Bible study? How many of you come to adult Sunday School, or listen intently during the reading of Scripture during Sunday morning worship services? How many of you have an abiding familiarity with, and love for God's Word in Scripture? How many of you freely share Jesus' love and Good News because you have heard God's Word in a sermon as Law and Gospel, and by God's grace believe in Jesus of Nazareth? Have you heard His calling to follow Him and bring others to hear the Gospel, as well? Do you recognize yourself as on that list of Kingdom members who are called to hear, believe and follow His Great Commandment and Commission? (Matthew 28:16-20; John 13:34 ("Love one another as I have loved you", and "...Go make disciples of all nations..."))

This is the command to love one another as He has loved us, and the commission to make disciples of those who are lost. Matthew chapter 28 is where Jesus says: 18. "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in<sup>[a]</sup> the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)

Jesus was to call them to believe upon Him and await the sending of His promised power from on high (The Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost and Baptism of the believer). This would begin with repentance, and the waiting for the promise of the Father upon them and us:

46 ... "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, 47 and that repentance for<sup>[a]</sup> the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." (John 24:46-49)

## ***Pastor's Report continued.....***

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This Good News, and the proclamation of God's Word, meant that they would have the crucified and Risen Lord, in His Holy Spirit: 36 As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” 37 But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. 38 And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? 39 See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” (Luke 24:36-39) 50 And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. 51 While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. 52 And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, 53 and were continually in the temple blessing God. (Luke 24:44-53 ESV) *When we ask for a “revival” or for more power to see the works of God made manifest because of outreach, we come right back to God's Word – in Christ and by the grace of God through faith in Him, and in accordance with Holy Scripture. Please keep in prayer those whom our Lord Jesus is bringing to us in our Church members and visitors, and our Day Care children and their families. May God bless you all this month of May!*

*Saved by His grace, Pastor Gary Koutsopoulos*



### ***The Great Commission***

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17 And when they saw Him, they worshiped him, but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in<sup>[a]</sup> the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

### ***Believe It or Not!!!***

Summer is coming. And, summer means kids are out of school and hungry! (no school lunches). This then is a great time to go through cupboards and the grocery store aisle and find food treasures that kids, moms, dads and us “older folks”, would love to have on-hand for summer



meals. Canned meats are very important as the food bank has trouble keeping shelves filled in the summer. Breakfast food, canned soups, fruit and veggies will keep our brothers and sisters and kids, especially kids, fed this summer.

-Sally, coordinator

## *Easter Celebration at Emmanuel*



Easter celebrations started out with a special breakfast enjoyed by many!!



Special thanks to those who helped make our breakfast a success!!!



Our beautiful Easter flowers are always a wonderful addition to our Worship Service!

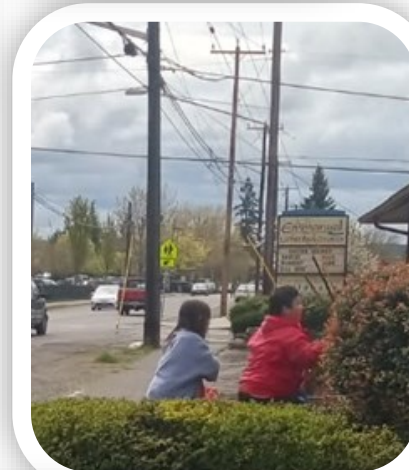
Thanks to those who purchased flowers.







The Easter Egg  
Hunt!!  
A New  
Tradition is  
started!!



Special Thanks to  
Teresa, Rose and  
Stu for planning  
this wonderful  
event!

Thanks to Crystal,  
Jo and Glen for  
taking the pictures!!



## Quiltfolk

If you quilt, would like to quilt or just interested in quilting...I have got a deal for you! Please contact me at Church or give me a call. Larry



## Let's Hear From You

Please E-mail your response to Sharie, Newsletter Editor. (1) What do you do when things don't turn out the way you planned? (2) What celebrity do you most look up to - why? (3) What traditions in your family do you want to pass on to future generations 'why?



## God, Time and History

WRITTEN LITURGIES: With Christian worship evolving, there came a move towards fixed written forms of service during the fourth century. Those forms included fixed wording but also opportunity for prayer. Services were being conducted in Greek, Latin and Syrian. In Egypt, both Coptic and Greek were used. Although there was a gradual move towards fixed forms in worship, languages and regional differences ensured considerable variations from one church to another. The church of Milan for example, practiced ceremonial foot washing—a practice which was unknown in Rome. During the fifth and sixth centuries, the East and the West diverged more sharply. In the East, the ritual tended to become uniform, leaving no room for variation. Only in the Syrian church did the practice of composing eucharistic prayers live on. Today, many of these ritualistic forms of worship are followed in what is commonly referred to as "Liturgical" Churches.

-Larry

## Just for Fun

A bicycle can't stand alone, it is two tired; A will, is a dead giveaway; Time flies like an arrow, fruit flies like a banana. -Larry

## Called

"We may forsake The Work, but The Work will never forsake us. It will fight to keep us, throwing itself into our path, again and again, until at long last, we pay attention, this is what it means to be chosen." (Esmee Roussel.

Has the Holy Spirit been speaking to you? In our Church the Lord has many tasks for us waiting to be filled. Is one of those tasks waiting to be filled by you?

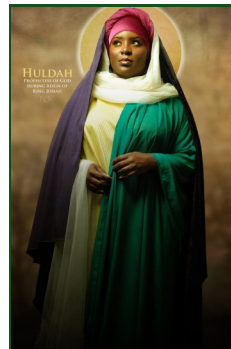
Larry



## Did You Know This?

HULDAH, the wife of King Josiah's wardrobe keeper, was a prophetess of such high repute that the King sought her advice. Huldah foretold that the Lord would "bring evil" on the land and its people, because they had forsaken His law, in less than two decades Jerusalem fell to the Babylonians.

-Larry



## What If?

What if God was on Facebook? It seems to me Facebook has value for lots of people dealing with problems in their lives. Wouldn't it be swell if you could turn on Facebook and share your issues with your Heavenly Father? Well of course, God is not on Facebook. But He is in your heart and mind, and He will listen to your prayers. He will hear your fears and concerns, your hopes and your regrets and He will be with you and comfort you all the days of your life

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  
 4----- 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  
 16----- Sharie Adrig  
 19----- Carol Henning  
 21----- Lillian James  
 23----- Steve Armstrong  
 26----- Carverlynn Prothero, Childcare Dir.  
 27----- Owen Johnson  
 27----- Crystal Short, 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

**Members Serving in May**

Altar Guild-----Jo Klempan  
 Chelette Williams  
 Reader-----Miki Turowski

**Members Serving in June**

Altar Guild-----Sally Farner  
 Reader-----Elli Anderson

**What's Coming Up?****May**

11-----9 am -----Adult & Children's  
 Sunday School  
 12-----6 pm ---Kitsap Peninsula Knitting Guild  
 15-----10-----Midweek Bible Study  
 18-----9-----Adult & Children's  
 Sunday School  
 10 -----Worship Service  
 22-----10-----Midweek Bible Study  
 25-----9-----Adult & Children's  
 Sunday School  
 10-----Worship Service  
 29-----10-----Midweek Bible Study

**June**

1-----9 -----Adult & Children's  
 Sunday School  
 5-----10-----Midweek Bible Study  
 8-----9-----Adult & Children's  
 Sunday School  
 9-----6 pm---Kitsap Peninsula  
 Knitting Group  
 1-----8:30 am---Men's  
 Fellowship Breakfast

**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.

**Men's Fellowship Breakfast**

Second Saturday of the month!

8:30 AM at All Star Lanes

Questions? Ask Glen or Pastor Gary

