



Worship Services

Sunday 10:30 am, Contemporary 4:30pm

Bible Class and Sunday School 9am

Upcoming:

Blessing of the Fleet—May 5

Preschool Prep—May 7, 14, 21

Confirmation Sunday—May 19 @ 10:30am

Family Dinner—May 19

Pastor's Message—

Times and Seasons A time for renewal— a prayer page for May

“To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven.” Eccl. 3:1 It is difficult merely to take care of business in the spring. The earth is bursting forth with new life and all creation seems ready to rejoice over its regeneration. The group of 12 disciples awaiting the Holy Spirit that first Pentecost knew that this was not the time merely to “take care of business.” No dull routine for that committee of 12! God's business of creating new persons would first take care of them, and then they would be commissioned to be regenerators of others. In our business this May let us pray that the same Spirit would use us to share God's new life with others. But first, let him work on you!

A Prayer of Invocation Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blessed, vouchsafe within our souls to rest; come with a grace and heavenly aid. And fill their hearts which Thou hast made.

A Prayer at Pentecost O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, as you sent upon the disciples the promised gift of the Holy Spirit, look upon your church and open our hearts to the power of the Holy Spirit. Kindle in us the fire of your love, and strengthen our lives for service in your kingdom; through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

A Hymn Creator Spirit by Who's Aid
Creator Spirit by who's aid,
the world's foundation first were laid,
Come, visit every humble mind;
come poor Thy joys on humankind.
From sin and sorrow set us free
and make us Thy temples worthy Thee.
O source of uncreated light,
the Father's promised Paraclete
Thrice holy fount, thrice holy fire,
our hearts with heavenly love inspire.
Come and Thy sacred unction bring
to sanctify us while we sing.

Reading about Regeneration

Romans 12:1-2, 9-13

I appeal to you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the Saints, practice hospitality.

A litany of Regeneration Almighty God, you sent your spirit on Pentecost to renew your creation, and to call all people to you.

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(Pastor's Message Continued)

Send now that Spirit upon us who gather to do your work. Come, Holy Ghost. Where there is dullness and lethargy, wake us up and excite us. Where we would seek old answers to new challenges, stir us to creativity. Give us a sense of courage to take risks for your sake, and allow us to know that you would ask of us only faithfulness. Come, Holy Ghost, stir us for you. Come to our congregation. To those who are sick and who suffer. To those who grieve a loss. Come to our young that they might see visions; to our elderly that they might continue to dream. Come, Holy Ghost, stir us for you. Comfort us by your grace. Renew us, Lord. Give us new birth for the work we do for you. Amen.

Make Thou to us the Father known,
teach us the eternal Son to own
And Thee, whose name we ever bless,
of both the Spirit, to confess.



Preschool Happenings—

Hello church family,

Here we are, in Spring! We have been celebrating Easter, learning about how we have hope because Jesus is alive. Our theme this month is all about this season with its new growth and renewal. Like the flowers, these kids have grown so much too!

Coming up next month is our Mother's Day Tea, so we will be preparing our crafts and practicing for our program, and talking about how wonderful our moms are! In May we'll also learn all about animals which will be a blast. Graduation comes fast after that, right before Memorial Day weekend, which will be a fun time of celebration, both of who these little image-bearers are, and all that they have learned this year! We end off the school year with a field trip out to Birch Bay State Park for some beach combing and time with the friends we have made this year.

We are so thankful for your support!

Blessings,
Ms. Sandy

Servants	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
ACOLYTES	Caeden	Caeden	Caeden	Caeden
ALTAR COMMITTEE	Rika & Rafa	Rika & Rafa	Rika & Rafa	Rika & Rafa
SCRIPTURE READERS	Sandie Miller	April Mouw	Joan Gregory	Caeden
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Sandie Miller		Dennis Wildermuth	
USHERS	Jim Higby Dick Johnson	Jay Pukaluk	Jon Huffman Dan Persse	Dick Johnson
PIANIST	Janet Mehus	Janet Mehus	Janet Mehus	Janet Mehus
ORGANIST	Brent Johnson	Brent Johnson	Brent Johnson	Brent Johnson



M·A·Y

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Men's Bible Study 8am
5 9:00 Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 Worship w. communion 4:30 Worship 1:30 Blessing of the Fleet	6 Ladies' Bible Study 7pm	7 Preschool Prep 2pm	8	9	10	11
12 Mother's Day 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 4:30 Worship	13	14 Preschool Prep 2pm	15	16	17	18 Men's Bible Study 8am
19 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship w. communion 4:30 Worship Family Dinner	20 Ladies' Bible Study 7pm	21 Preschool Prep 2pm	22 Music Meeting 2pm	23	24	25
26 9:00 Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 Worship 4:30 Worship	27 Memorial Day Office Closed	28	29	30	31	

BIRTHDAYS

1 Dave Erby	16 Ian MacArthur Ron Leach	31 Becky (Thompson) Baker Andrew Muljat Aoibhinn (Ee'-ven) Johnson
2 Jordan Craig Christine Johnson	19 Carson Cortez	
6 Joan Kempinsky	20 Kelli Hinchey	
7 Patty Berg Regina Bailey	23 Michelle Liebert	
8 Anthony Liebert	26 Ed Ellsworth	
9 Anna Persse	28 Nathan Haslip Aaron Zuch	
10 Matthew Halldorson	29 Katie Nelson Jay Liebert	
12 Stephanie (Smith) Meador	30 Leighton Day	

ANNIVERSARIES

2 Brad & Sarah Weg
15 Brent & Christine Johnson
29 Jeff & Angela Markusen
30 George "Jay" & Shirley Pukaluk

Fill in the horizontal rows using the clues. Then, using the number codes, complete the squares below to read three Beatitudes from Luke 6:20-21, NIV.

Grassy area behind a house

Blooms that have petals

Spring precipitation

Puffy and white in the sky

Soil

Lawn

Must be weeded and tended

Tiptoe through these

Baby sheep

We need food and this

God made this from nothing

A sign of God's promise

These, in April, bring May flowers

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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A House Divided

When President Lincoln declared in 1858, "A house divided against itself cannot stand," he was echoing Jesus. Scribes thought Jesus was casting out demons by Satan's power, so Jesus responded, "How can Satan cast out Satan? ... If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand" (Mark 3:23-25, NIV). There are countless modern examples: Civil wars. Families torn apart. Business partners going separate ways. Even churches splitting.

Jesus used the "house divided" image to point out the nonsense of the scribes' words. It takes someone *other than* the "strong man" (v. 27), or demon, occupying a space to cast that demon out. Evil can't drive out evil. Sin isn't stronger than sin. Hate doesn't solve hate. Violence doesn't end violence. Two wrongs don't make a right.

Jesus came to "bind" evil with goodness, conquer hate with love and teach us the same. Throughout the gospels, Jesus treats *all* people with love — even those who oppose him — so that, in the end, we all will be a house *united* by God's goodness.

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	27	15		61	73	13		4	18	19	30	26	22	49		22	9		
30	63	26		1	47	55	72	78	39	26		60	77	59		5	74	23	
	12	73	70		73	23	40	35	13	56		64	70	75		9	11	65	
5	63	23		75	18	10	47		1	76		72	48	61	27	34	9	44	13
26		1	43	55	72	78	76	24		2	7	13		5	22	23		75	73
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Answers: backyard, flowers, rain, clouds, dirt, grass, garden, tulips, lambs, water, creation, rainbow, showers; "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh."

What does the newly risen Jesus tell his disciples — twice — when he appears in the locked room where they are hiding?

- A. "Love one another as I have loved you."
- B. "Peace be with you."
- C. "The last shall be first and the first shall be last."
- D. "I am risen!"



Answer: (See John 20:19, 21.)

Grace Budget Draft Summary	2024 Actual Jan—March	2024 Budget
Income	79,483	60,712
Expenses	71,871	64,751
Excess Revenue / (Shortfall)	7,612	(4,039)