

Sunday, May 19th
10am - Service with Communion with
Affirmation of Baptism

Wednesday, May 22nd
7pm - Corinthians Bible Study

Thursday, May 24th
6:30pm - Youth Group

Sunday, May 26th
9:30 - Service
9:30 - Sunday School
Coffee Time!
11am - Family Service with Baptism

Mark Your Calendars:
June 2nd - Fishing @ the Mehling's Cabin
June 9th - Church Picnic
June 16th - Worship in the City
June 23rd - Summer Schedule starts

LIBRARY UPDATE

The library is currently closed. It will re-open soon, but the librarians need your help! There is a very large number of books and DVD's that are unaccounted for. **Please bring everything back!** The drop off box is available and if that bin overflows, you can leave your items in the office. Our librarians are working on inventory and are dismayed at the number of books and DVD's that have disappeared without being signed out. A proper inventory hasn't been completed since before the pandemic, so please look through your home collections for anything that belongs in the library.

LET'S STUDY CORINTHIANS!

The study on Paul's letters to the church in Corinth are continuing on Wednesdays at 7pm. All are welcome!

VISITATION

If you are homebound or know of someone who is and would like to receive visits from our Visitation Team or receive communion at home, please call Jen in the office and she'll make sure you are on the list!

COFFEE BREAK

The sign up sheet for spring is up! Please sign up for when you can help out with our coffee time. All the coffee drinkers and goody lovers thank you in advance for your efforts!

WORSHIP NOTES

If you are a guest today, please sign our guest book! Welcome here! We're very glad you came!

Children in Worship: We welcome and encourage children to share in worship. Even very young children see faith in action as we pray and sing and commune together. Children's lessons are available at both entrances, or by checking with any of the ushers.

Communion: If you are unable to reach the serving pastor during communion - they can come to you. Please let an usher know and they will make sure you receive communion.

Hearing Assistance: Devices are available at the sound booth.

Large Print Bulletins are available. Please ask an usher for one for yourself or a loved one!

Cell phones and pagers should be turned to silent.

Washrooms: located in the narthex and Education Wing, upstairs and down.

Elevator: located next to the church office.

Masks are optional at all services.

Drop Box: The drop box at the side entrance nearest to the office remains available for envelopes or small items.

Office Hours: 10am to 2pm, Monday to Friday

CONFIRMATION 2024

Congratulations to these intrepid young men who have studied diligently over the years and have chosen to affirm their baptism in Christ. May God's blessings be upon you now and always.

Maksim Jakob

Parents: Artur & Elli Jakob
Sponsor: Kevin Burton

Xavier Charles Teetaert

Parents: Chris & Shari Teetaert
Sponsor: Calvin Perry

Devon James Wilson

Parents: Kory & Lisa Wilson
Sponsor: Chris Teetaert

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

Jeremiah 29:11

OFFICE INFORMATION

Please have all announcements in to the office by Thursdays at 10am if you want them in the bulletin for the upcoming Sunday. Bulletins are being printed at 11am on Thursdays so don't miss the boat! If you have events or meetings to go on the monthly calendar, get them to the office the Wednesday before the last Sunday of the month.

THANK YOU DEPARTMENT

Thank you to all who have assisted with the service today.



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PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 19TH, 2024

Welcome & Announcements

Processional Hymn:

"Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me" #767

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

L: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn: "Spirit of Gentleness" #396

L: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie - p. 203

Canticle of Praise - p. 204

Prayer of the Day

L: Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world.

C: Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GOD'S WORD *Lisa Wilson*

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked,

"Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." ¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

L: How manifold are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

C: Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.

L: There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

C: All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.

L: You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

C: When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

L: You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

C: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; O LORD, rejoice in all your works.

L: You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.

C: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.

L: May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the LORD.

C: Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: Romans 8:22-27

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia" - p. 205

**Alleluia! Lord and Saviour,
open now your saving word.
Let it burn like fire within us;
speak until our hearts are stirred.
Alleluia! Lord, we sing,
for the good news that you bring.**

HOLY GOSPEL: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ²⁶"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. ^{16:4b}"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. ¹²"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Hymn of the Day

"Holy Spirit Truth Divine" #398

Affirmation of Baptism

Hymn: "The Summons" #798

Prayers of the People

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Doxology - #884

Offering Prayer:

L: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit.

C: May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer - p. 208

Invitation to Communion

L: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

Communion Hymns

"Lamb of God" #336

"There is a Redeemer"

"How Deep the Father's Love For Us"

"In Christ Alone"

"As the Deer"

"How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds" #620

"The Love of God"

"My Saviour's Love"

"To the River"

Post-Communion Prayer

L: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

C: Amen.

The Blessing

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

L: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope bless you now and always.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Spirit of God Descend Upon my Heart"

Dismissal

L: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

PRAYER REMINDERS

In your prayers this week, please remember: Cari Doerksen, Adelaide Freund, Lorna Freund, Chris Funk, Janet Harder, Tina Heckert, Herta Kihn, Marlene Klassen, Ruby Myran, Helmuth Renz, Marlene Suderman and Khrista Vogt.

FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar have been placed by the parents of the confirmands in their honour.

The flowers on the organ have been placed in loving memory of **Norman Holme** (May 16, 2020) from loving wife June Holme and his family. *"As time unfolds another year, memories keep you ever near."*

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

We have received a memorial donation in loving memory of **Marie Malkoske** (April 27, 2024) from Ray & Flora Schalla.

"Until we meet again, find peace and love with our Lord above." We have also received a memorial donation from Emily Klassen and family in loving memory of husband, dad and papa **Ben Klassen** (May 16, 2023). *"Gone from us but leaving memories death can never take away. Memories that will always linger while upon this earth we stay."*

OUR QUILTING GROUP

A big THANK YOU to our great ladies that came every week, from January to April. We were able to make 78 quilts for charity. Cheryl Andres, Jackie Goertzen, June Holme, Val Kehler, Laurette Kihn, Crystal Lawrence, Karen Mantie, Val Martin, Sandra McSweeney, Glorian Mehling, Angelina Mensch, Linda Sawatzky, Tina Schalla, Ingrid Schubert, Kathy Sobering, Ruth Topnik, Mary Wiebe, Dianne Woroniuk, and Denise Yestrau. We were able to send 41 quilts to The Urban in Winnipeg, which were delivered by Gary Kletke (a big Thank You to him), and 15 quilts to Ukraine families in the area. God bless all of you for the donations we get, from material, sheets and pillow cases. We have been able to make all these beautiful quilts because of you. See you all next year!

ATTENDANCE: May 12, 2024

Traditional - 92

Family - 68

Sunday School - not reported

OFFERING: \$3147