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Our vision for ministry ...

"God calls us to reach out and to grow in Christ's love"



5 Easter

Announcements and Parish Concerns

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Let's stand and join in praising the risen Lord Jesus!

Hymn ELW (red book) **810** "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

**¹O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
remain forever near me, my master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.**

**²Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ever near.
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, then draw nearer to shield my soul from sin.**

**³Oh, let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.
Now speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
now speak and make me listen, O Guardian of my soul.**

**⁴O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you
that where you are in glory your servant shall be too.
And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
oh, give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.**

Easter Acclamation

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise Tune: ELW **376** "Thine is the Glory"

**Glory and Honor!
Risen, conquering Son
Now the feast of victory,
Sing for God has won!
Power, riches, wisdom,
Worthy is the Lamb**

**Honor, blessing, glory
Sing to Christ again!
Glory to Jesus!
Risen Conquering Son
Endless is the victory
You o'er death have won!**

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray together: **Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

You may be seated

First Lesson: Acts 7:55-60 Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died. NRSVue

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:2-10 Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer

spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” and “A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. NRSVue

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Response Tune: ELW (red book) 385 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing"

**Alleluia! Let praises ring to Jesus Christ, our risen King!
Glory and praise forever sing: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Gospel Lesson: The Good News of Our Lord Jesus Christ!

The Good News according to St. John the 14th Chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

John 14:1-14 [Jesus said to the disciples:] “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.” NRSVue

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

You may be seated

Sermon: Pastor Rachel Hacker

Hymn ELW (red book) 758 “You Are the Way”

**¹You are the way; to you alone from sin and death we flee;
all those who search for God, you find and by your grace set free.**

**²You are the truth; your word alone true wisdom can impart;
you only can inform the mind and purify the heart.**

**³You are the life; the rending tomb proclaims your conqu’ring arm;
and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.**

**⁴You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys eternal flow.**

Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb! **Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

The risen Christ stood among the disciples and said, "Peace be with you."

The peace of the risen Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please greet one another in the name of the Lord, shaking hands or embracing and saying "The Peace of the Lord be with you" After sharing God's peace, you may be seated.

Musical Offering: "The Call" Ralph Vaughan Williams arr. Allen Percival
Adult Choir

Offering

Offertory Response Please stand and sing

**Let the vines be fruitful, Lord, fill our cup of blessing.
Gather harvest from the seeds, feed us bread for living.
Gather hopes and dreams of all with the prayers we offer;
Foretaste of the feast to come, grace our table now Lord.**

Offertory Prayer

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

Preface to Communion

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right and good join their unending hymn.

Sanctus Tune ELW (red book) 369 "Christ The Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia"
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and God of might!
Heaven and earth your Glory adore;
Hail, Hosanna, God of light!
Blessed be our Savior, King! Alleluia!
Heaven and earth rejoice and sing. Alleluia!

The Great Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and
the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Invitation to the Table

Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

You may be seated

You are invited to Commune at our Table

Emmanuel's Church practices open communion, inviting all who are baptized and believe in the presence of Christ in the bread and wine to come to receive communion here.

Instructions for Today's Communion (Continuous Intinction)

One side of the sanctuary will be communed at a time. When your pew is released by the usher please move to the side aisle. The wafer will be given with the words "The body of Christ, given for you". Gluten free wafers are available upon request. Please hold the wafer and proceed to the server with the cup. As the server offers the cup, please dip (intinct) the edge of the wafer into the wine and place it in your mouth as the server says, "The blood of Christ, shed for you". Grape juice is also available in leu of wine. When you have finished communing, please move to your pew via the center aisle.

Children are Welcome, Too!

Children who have not received instruction for first Holy Communion are welcome to come to the altar to receive a blessing.

Hymns During Communion: ELW 462, ELW 449

After all have communed, at the Pastor's invitation: Please stand

Post-Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

Benediction

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn ELW 389 "Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing"

**¹Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

**²Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,
But saving, healing, here and now, and touching ev'ry place and time.**

³In ev'ry insult, rift, and war, where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.

⁴Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

⁵Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and ev'ry age,
till, earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

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Sending Forth to Serve

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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