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Our vision for ministry ...

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



19 Pentecost

Announcements and Parish Concerns

This is the day that the Lord has made. **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Let's join in praising the risen Lord Jesus!

Hymn ELW (red book) **832** "My Lord of Light"

**¹ My Lord of light who made the worlds, in wisdom you have spoken;
but those who heard your wise commands / your holy law have broken.**

**² My Lord of love who knew no sin, a sinner's death enduring:
for us you wore a crown of thorns, a crown of life securing.**

**³ My Lord of life who came in fire / when Christ was high ascended:
your burning love is now released, our days of fear are ended.**

**⁴ My Lord of lords, one Trinity, to your pure name be given
all glory now and evermore, all praise in earth and heaven.**

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Greeting

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: Joyful, Joyful LBW (green book) **551**

**Glory be to God in heaven; Peace, goodwill to all you bring;
Mighty God of all creation, Praises now to you we sing.
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, In the heavenly splendor bright.
For the grace that we inherit, Glory be to God on high.**

Prayer of the Day

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

Let us pray together: **Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

You may be seated

First Lesson: Isaiah 5:1-7 I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield rotten grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished garden; he expected justice but saw bloodshed; righteousness but heard a cry! NRSVue

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

Second Lesson: Philippians 3:4b-14 [Paul writes:] If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and

the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. NRSVue

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

Response Tune: LBW 250 "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

**Alleluia! Lord and Savior; 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.**

Gospel Lesson: The Good News of Our Lord Jesus Christ!
The Good News according to St. Matthew the 21st Chapter.
Glory to You, O Lord.

Matthew 21:33-46 [Jesus said:] "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. Then he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?" "Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet. NRSVue

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

You may be seated

Sermon: Pastor Rachel Hacker

Hymn ACS (purple book) 927 "Christ Is the Life"

**¹ Christ is the life of all that is, God's pure creative Word,
whose power beyond and through all space the worlds to Being stirred.
Christ is the life beyond all time, creation's birth and breath,
whose labor brings all things to be and brings all things to death.**

**² Christ is the death of all that is; a broad and beckoning tomb,
who welcomes us from well-worn ways to darkness of the womb.
Christ is the death, the sinking down past all desire and fear,
whose promise in the gentle dark bids newness to appear.**

**³ Christ is the death of all that is, a bright, consuming fire,
whose flames require our prior self as kindling for the pyre,
Christ is the death of dusty days of uncreative strife,
for out from fire we tread upon the threshold of new life.**

**⁴ Christ is the life of all that is, Beginning and the End;
creative force, most peaceful death, transforming burning brand.
Christ is the life, in whose wise love creation lives and dies
and thus forevermore shall bless the Source, the living Christ.**

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

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection

Compassionate God, **we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ✠ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the 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: "Christians, Join to Sing" Patti Drennan
Adult Choir

Offering

Offertory Response Tune: WOV 799 "The Singer And The Song"

**Oh, what shall I render in thanks to my Lord
for all the good gifts by which I am restored?
No treasure I tender could ever repay
God's mercy and faithfulness, new every day.**

**My hands take the cup of salvation you give;
I'll praise you, O God, for as long as I live.
My thanks will rise up as I call on your name,
with all of your people your goodness proclaim.**

Offertory Prayer

God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. **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: "Praise, My Soul" LBW 549 "Holy, Holy, Lord Most Holy"

**Holy, holy, Lord most holy, God of pow'r and God of might:
Heav'n and earth reveal your glory. Hail, hosanna, Lord of light!
Blessed be the coming Savior. Hail, hosanna, Lord of light!**

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

Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

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 769, ELW 7494

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

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

Benediction

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of grace ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn ELW (red book) 835 "All Creatures, Worship God Most High!"

**¹All creatures, worship God most high!
Sound ev'ry voice in earth and sky: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright;**

**sing, sister moon and stars of night:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**²Sing, brother wind; with clouds and rain
you grow the gifts of fruit and grain: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear sister water, useful, clear,
make music for your Lord to hear:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**³Sing, brother fire, so mirthful, strong,
drive far the shadows, join the throng: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear mother earth, so rich in care,
praise God in colors bright and rare:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**⁴All who for love of God forgive,
all who in pain and sorrow grieve: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;
still make your song amid the tears:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**⁵And you, most gentle sister death,
waiting to hush our final breath: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
fair is the night that leads us home.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**⁶O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart: Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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Sending Forth to Serve

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace. **Thanks be to God.**

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