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Our vision for ministry …

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



# 24 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) **655** "Son of God, Eternal Savior"

[1]**Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace,**
**Word made flesh, whose birth among us hallows all our human race,**
**you our head, who, throned in glory, for your own will ever plead:**
**fill us with your love and pity, heal our wrong, and help our need.**

[2]**As you, Lord, have lived for others, so may we for others live.**
**Freely have your gifts been granted; freely may your servants give.**
**Yours the gold and yours the silver, yours the wealth of land and sea;**
**we but stewards of your bounty held in solemn trust will be.**

[3]**Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of peace;**
**hush the storm of strife and passion, bid its cruel discords cease.**
**By your patient years of toiling, by your silent hours of pain,**
**quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, stem our selfish greed of gain.**

[4]**Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace,**
**Word made flesh, whose birth among us hallows all our human race:**
**by your praying, by your willing that your people should be one,**
**grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition: here on earth your will be done.**

*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: **O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*You may be seated*

*First Lesson: Amos 5:18-24* Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light, as if someone fled from a lion and was met by a bear or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them, and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. NRSVue

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

*Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18* We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in

Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words. 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 25th Chapter.
**Glory to You, O Lord.**

*Matthew 25:1-13* [Jesus said to the disciples:] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." NRSVue

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

*You may be seated*

*Musical Offering: "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"* arr. Scott Soper
Adult Choir

*Sermon: Pastor Rachel Hacker*

*Hymn* ELW (red book) **327** "Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow"

**[1]Through the night of doubt and sorrow, onward goes the pilgrim band,**
**singing songs of expectation, marching to the promised land.**
**Clear before us through the darkness gleams and burns the guiding light;**
**pilgrim clasps the hand of pilgrim stepping fearless through the night.**

**[2]One the light of God's own presence on the ransomed people shed,**
**chasing far the gloom and terror, bright'ning all the path we tread.**
**One the object of our journey, one the faith which never tires,**
**one the earnest looking forward, one the hope our God inspires.**

**[3]One the strain that lips of thousands lift as from the heart of one;**
**one the conflict, one the peril, one the march in God begun.**
**One the gladness of rejoicing on the far eternal shore,**
**where the one almighty Father reigns in love forevermore.**

**[4]Onward, therefore, sisters, brothers; onward, with the cross our aid.**
**Bear its shame, and fight its battle till we rest beneath its shade.**
**Soon shall come the great awak'ning; soon the rending of the tomb!**
**Then the scatt'ring of all shadows, and the end of toil and gloom.**

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*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*
United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved. **Amen.**

*Confession and Forgiveness*
Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

Holy God, **we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.**

Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you. **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.

*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*
Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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*

In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

*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 685, ELW 638

*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 God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Benediction*

The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.
**Amen.**

*Hymn* ELW (red book) **244** "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

[1]**Rejoice, rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear;
the evening is advancing, and darker night is near.
The bridegroom is arising and soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle; at midnight comes the cry.**

[2]**The watchers on the mountain proclaim the bridegroom near;
go forth as he approaches with alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting; the gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory; the bridegroom is at hand.**

[3]**The saints, who here in patience their cross and suff'rings bore,
shall live and reign forever when sorrow is no more.
Around the throne of glory the Lamb they shall behold;
in triumph cast before him their diadems of gold.**

[4]**Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;**
**arise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this benighted sphere.**
**With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see**
**the day of earth's redemption that sets your people free!**

*Sending Forth to Serve*
Go in peace. Encourage one another. **Thanks be to God.**

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