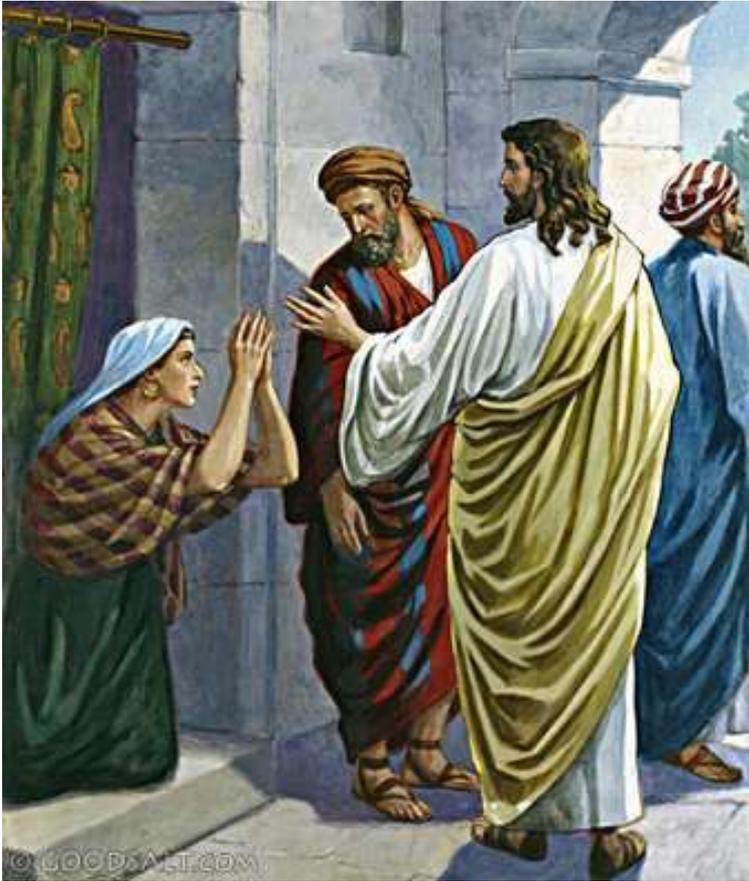


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Our vision for ministry ...

“God calls us to reach out and to grow in Christ’s love”



15 Pentecost

Announcements and Parish Concerns

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

Let's stand and join in praising our Lord Jesus!

Hymn ELW (red book) **858** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

**¹Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!**

**²Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?**

**³Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
if with his love he befriend you.**

**⁴Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that as life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!**

Greeting

From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace and peace be with you all. **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise: Tune: LBW **170** "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Come, Holy Spirit, come	With angel hosts we sing
And set our lives on fire!	Your holy name to bless,
Move us to speak so all may hear	Almighty Mystery, three in one
The message you inspire.	Enthroned in holiness.

Prayer of the Day

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

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen

You may be seated

First Lesson: Isaiah 35: 4-7a Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.” Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water. nrsv

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

Second Lesson: James 2: 1-10, 14-17 My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, “Have a seat here, please,” while to the one who is poor you say, “Stand there,” or, “Sit at my feet,” have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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Response

Tune: LBW (green book) **235** fourth verse only

**Oh, send your Spirit, Lord, now unto me,
Come, Spirit, touch my eyes and make me see.
Show me the truth concealed within your Word,
And in your book revealed I see my Lord.**

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

The Good News according to St. Mark the 7th Chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

Mark 7: 24-37 [Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."
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The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

You may be seated

Sermon: Pastor Paulette Obrecht

Hymn ELW (red book) **612** "Healer of Our Every Ill"

Refrain: **Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.**

**¹You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.** Refrain

**²In the pain and joy beholding
how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love.** Refrain

**³Give us strength to love each other,
ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide.** Refrain

**⁴You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart.** Refrain

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Following the hymn, please stand

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

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

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

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.. **Amen.**

Confession and Forgiveness

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our comforter:

like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in ✠ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins. **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, saying "The Peace of the Lord be with you".

The offering basket is available as you enter or exit the sanctuary – it will not be collected during the service.

Please stand

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray together:

God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; 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 indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus Tune: LBW (green book) 165 "Holy, Holy, Holy"
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God Almighty!
We rejoice to join the hymns of earth and sky and sea.
Generations praise you, with saints and angels.
Holy and blessed through eternity.

Words of Institution

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

All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready. **Amen!**

Pastoral blessing for children and those not receiving communion.

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 receive communion here.

Instructions for Today's Communion

We will be using Fellowship Cups for communion today. They contain a wafer packaged on top of a small cup of grape juice and will be distributed to the congregation by the ushers after being blessed on the altar. We will all partake of communion together once all the cups have been distributed. Please discard your used cup in the trays available on your way out of the sanctuary at the end of the service. There are gluten free wafers available – please let the usher know if you need one.

Sharing of Holy Communion

Body of Christ, given for you.
Blood of Christ, shed for you.

Please stand as you are able

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

Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Benediction: (✕ Signifies the sign of the cross, a reminder of our Baptism)

People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, ✕ one God, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn ELW (red book) 722 "O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate"

**¹O Christ, your heart, compassionate, bore ev'ry human pain.
Its beating was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast domain.
The heart of God, the heart of Christ combined in perfect rhyme
to write God's love in human deeds, eternity in time.**

**²As once you welcomed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
so may all bruised and broken lives through us your help still find.
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep alone,
and help us bear another's pain as though it were our own.**

**³O Christ, create new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,
that, joined by faith with your great heart, become love's open doors.
We are your body, risen Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield
that through our life and ministry your love may be revealed.**

**⁴O Love that made the distant stars, yet marks the sparrow's fall,
whose arms stretched wide upon a cross embrace and bear us all:
come, make your church a servant church that walks your servant ways,
whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sacrifice of praise!**

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Dismissal

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

Thanks be to God.

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