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Our vision for ministry ...

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



Ascension Sunday

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 the risen Lord Jesus!

Hymn ELW (red book) **430** "Rejoice For Christ Is King!"

**¹Rejoice, for Christ is king! Your Lord and king adore;
rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore:** Refrain

Refrain: **Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**²Our Savior Jesus reigns, the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above:** Refrain

**³His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n:** Refrain

**⁴He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit
and bow to his command and fall beneath his feet:** Refrain

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 only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

You may be seated

First Lesson: Acts 1: 1-11 In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." nrsv

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

Second Lesson: Ephesians 1: 15-23 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. nrsv

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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. Luke the 24th Chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

Luke 24: 44-53 Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God. nrsv

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

You may be seated

Sermon: Pastor Rachel Hacker

Hymn ELW (red book) **392** "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

**¹Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.**

**Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation has redeemed us by his blood."**

**²Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us; faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise: "I am with you evermore"?**

**³Alleluia! Bread of heaven, here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, hear our plea
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.**

**⁴Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary, earth your footstool, heav'n your throne.
As within the veil you entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest,
here on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.**

⁵**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne;
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Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We Acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

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

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 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: "*Anthem for Resurrection*"
John Mason Neale/Henry Thomas Smart

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

Let us pray together: **Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our 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 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 and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

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)

Please move to the front by the side aisles. Receive the wafer in your open hands. Then move to the assistant with the cup. Dip the wafer edge into the wine and then place the wafer in your mouth. For any with medical or personal reasons for not using wine, the wafer (host) alone will impart the full benefit - you need not intinct (dip) your wafer into the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available, as is non-alcoholic grape juice. Simply ask when you get up to the altar. Return to your seat by 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.

Sharing of communion for those attending online:

Body of Christ, given for you.

Blood of Christ shed for you.

Hymns During Communion: **WOV 748 ELW 480**

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

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

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

The God of all, who raised ✠ Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation. **Amen.**

Hymn ELW (red book) 848 "Give to Our God Immortal Praise!"

**¹Give to our God immortal praise! Mercy and truth are all his ways.
Wonders of grace to God belong; repeat his mercies in your song.**

**²God sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and darkness and the grave.
Wonders of grace to God belong; repeat his mercies in your song.**

**³Give to the Lord of lords renown; the King of kings with glory crown.
His mercies ever shall endure when lords and kings are known no more!**

Sending Forth to Serve

Go in peace. Serve the risen one. **Thanks be to God.**

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