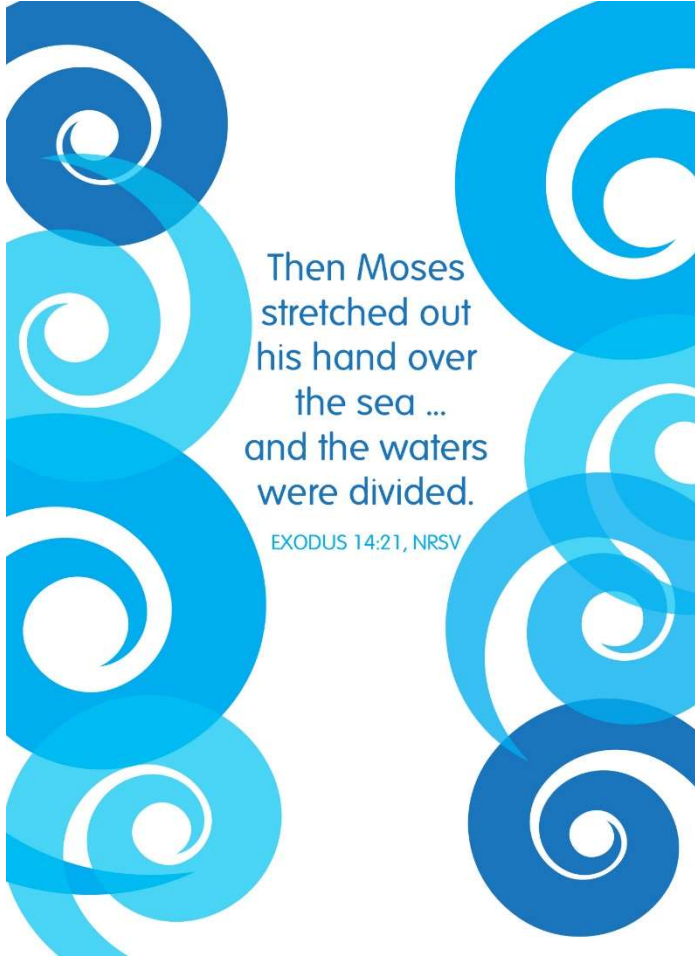


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Our vision for ministry ...

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



**16 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 our Lord Jesus!

*Hymn* ELW (red book) **522** "As We Gather at Your Table"

**<sup>1</sup>As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,  
help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;  
teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's vict'ry known.**

**<sup>2</sup>Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;  
send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.  
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;  
may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.**

**<sup>3</sup>Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast  
where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.  
There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy,  
as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.**

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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: **O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the  
inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with  
hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*You may be seated*

*First Lesson: Exodus 14: 19-31* The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses. nrsv

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

*Second Lesson: Romans 14: 1-12* Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If

we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God. nrsv

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 18<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

*Matthew 18: 21-35* Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart." nrsv

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

*You may be seated*

*Sermon: Pastor Rachel Hacker*

*Hymn* ELW (red book) **793** "Be Thou My Vision"

**<sup>1</sup>Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**<sup>2</sup>Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,  
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.**

**<sup>3</sup>Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,  
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**<sup>4</sup>Light of my soul, after victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

*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*

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*Confession and Forgiveness*

Blessed be God, the one who forms us, ✠ Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete. **Amen.**

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Steadfast and faithful God, **you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In ✠ Christ, you are already and always forgiven. **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: "Instrument of Peace" Jerry Estes*

*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*

Let us pray together: **God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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*

Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live. **Amen!**

*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.

*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*

Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

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

The God of glory, ✠ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

*Hymn* ELW (red book) **543** "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

**1 "Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."**

**2 "Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Here you heard my dear Son's story, here you touched him, saw his glory.  
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."**

**3 "Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit's power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."**

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*Sending Forth to Serve*

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

**Thanks be to God!**

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