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Our vision for ministry ...

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



## 16 Pentecost

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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) 719 "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

<sup>1</sup>Where cross the crowded ways of life, where sound the cries of race and clan, above the noise of selfish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.

<sup>2</sup>In haunts of wretchedness and need, on shadowed thresholds dark with fears, from paths where hide the lures of greed, we catch the vision of your tears.

<sup>3</sup>From tender childhood's helplessness, from human grief and burdened toil, from famished souls, from sorrow's stress, your heart has never known recoil.

<sup>4</sup>The cup of water giv'n for you still holds the freshness of your grace; yet long these multitudes to view the strong compassion in your face.

<sup>5</sup>O Master, from the mountainside make haste to heal these hearts of pain; among these restless throngs abide; oh, tread the city's streets again;

<sup>6</sup>Till all the world shall learn your love, and follow where your feet have trod; till glorious from your heav'n above shall come the city of our God.

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, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

You may be seated

First Lesson: Amos 6:1a, 4-7 Woe to those who are at ease in Zion and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria. Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and lounge on their couches and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the stall, who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David improvise on instruments of music, who drink wine from bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away. nrsv

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

Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. As for

those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life. nrsv

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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. Luke the 16<sup>th</sup> Chapter. Glory to You, O Lord.

Luke 16:19-31 [Jesus said:] "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' " nrsv

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

You may be seated

Sermon: Pastor Rachel Hacker

Hymn ELW (red book) 729 "The Church of Christ, in Every Age"

<sup>1</sup>The church of Christ, in ev'ry age beset by change, but Spirit-led, must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.

<sup>2</sup>Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry for shelter and for bread to eat, and never live before they die.

<sup>3</sup>Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be a partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.

<sup>4</sup>For he alone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fever in our blood, and teach us how to share our bread and feed the starving multitude.

<sup>5</sup>We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord; to care for all, without reserve, and spread his liberating word.

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Presentation of Bibles

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

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

God of grace, receive our prayer.

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper. Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God, we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of + Jesus, your sins are 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 "Poor Man Lazarus" Jester Hairston Senior 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

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus 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: "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 welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

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.

Hymns During Communion: ELW 479 ELW 715

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

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.** 

Benediction 

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

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, +bless you now and forever. **Amen.** 

Hymn ELW (red book) 723 "Canticle of the Turning"

<sup>1</sup>My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great, and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn? Refrain

Refrain: My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.

<sup>2</sup>Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me, and your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.

Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn. Refrain

<sup>3</sup>From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r, not a stone will be left on stone.

Let the king beware for your justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne.

The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn; there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn. Refrain

<sup>4</sup>Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around. Refrain

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Sending Forth to Serve

Go in peace. Do not lose heart. Thanks be to God.

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