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Communion Hymn: “When Peace Like a River” — LBW #346

*Eucharistic Prayer for the Season of Pentecost

*Lord’s Prayer: *Traditional Version*

Invitation & Distribution: *Holy Communion is the Lord’s Supper for the Lord’s People: “All are welcome to receive the Lord’s Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, & believe that Jesus Christ, crucified & risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread & wine for the forgiveness of sins, life & salvation.” With repentant hearts, we receive the body & blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of our sins. Gluten-free wafers & consecrated grape juice are available. When instructed, please receive the body and blood of Jesus in the pre-filled and consecrated containers.*

*Table Blessing:

*Benediction

***Song: “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” — ReClaim #248**

*Dismissal:

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

Pianist: Karen Salz

Assisting Minister, Scripture Reader & Prayers: Julie Steffenson

Sound: Don Holtan

Set-up and Take-down: Julie Steffenson & Peg Holtan

Thanks for worshiping with us this evening. Your presence is your gift to us. We pray that our Service of Worship is a blessing to you. Sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever, we are praising, proclaiming and practicing Emmanuel – God with us – in daily life! ! I love to tell the Story!

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**Worship—Eve of
Pentecost III
June 12, 2021
6:00 p.m.**

Service of the Word & Communion

** indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements: “Sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever, we are praising, proclaiming & practicing Emmanuel – God with us – in daily life!”

***Entrance Song: “Rock of Ages” — LBW #327**

*Greeting:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And Also with you.

P: In the beginning was the Word,

C: And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

P: In the Word was life,

C: And the life was the light of all people.

P: The Word became flesh and lived among us,

C: And we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth. (John 1)

***Song: “Word of God, Come Down on Earth” — WOV #716**

“Word of God, come down on earth, living rain from heaven descending: touch our hearts and bring to birth faith and hope and love unending. Word almighty, we revere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.

Word eternal, throned on high, Word that brought to life creation, Word that came from heaven to die, crucified for our salvation; saving Word, the world restoring, speak to us, your love outpouring.”

*Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray: Heavenly Father, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Teach us to walk in your holy Way & to keep company with Jesus. Grant us saving faith, passionate sowing and eternal dwelling places in heaven, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Lesson: Ezekiel 17:22-24

Psalm 1 (*Responsively by half verse*) **SEE INSERT**

Second Lesson: II Corinthians 5:1-10

***Gospel Verse: "Alleluia" — WOV page 31**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Holy Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

Children's Message: Posted on the Emmanuel Facebook page

Sermon: Pastor Waldemar Gies

***Song of the Day: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" — WOW #771**

*Confession:

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: We believe in Him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, & was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, & is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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, & the life everlasting. Amen.

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

C: Pray in the Holy Spirit.

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C: Look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another. Gracious God,

C: Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you. (*Sharing of God's peace may be done as an expression from the heart, without actual contact.*)

L: He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.

C: In all that he does, he prospers.

L: The wicked are not so,

C: But are like chaff that the wind drives away.

L: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,

C: Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

L: For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,

C: But the way of the wicked will perish.

II Corinthians 5:1-10 — We Walk By Faith

1 For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, 3 if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. 4 For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened — not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. 5 He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. 6 So we are **always of good courage**. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, 7 for we walk by faith, not by sight. 8 Yes, we are of **good courage**, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. 9 So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Mark 4:26-34

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Mark the 4th. Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

26 [Jesus] said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. 27 He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. 28 The earth produces

by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. 29 But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.” 30 And he said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? 31 It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, 32 yet when it is sown it grows up & becomes larger than all the garden plants & puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” 33 With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. 34 He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Song: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” — WOW #771

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father.
There is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

*Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *[Refrain]*
3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow;
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *[Refrain]*

Communion Song: “When Peace Like a River” — #346

1. When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll,
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say:
"It is well, it is well with my soul."
2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed his own blood for my soul.
3. My sin -- oh the bliss of this glorious thought;
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to his cross, and I bear it no more;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
4. And Lord, haste the day, when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
"Even so," it is well with my soul.

Closing Song: “Just a Closer Walk” — ReClaim #248

Refrain: Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
Daily walking close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

1. I am weak but thou art strong: Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long, as I walk, let me walk close to thee.
Refrain
2. Through this world of toil & snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord,
none but thee. **Refrain**
3. When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er, to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore.
Refrain

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Song: “Rock of Ages, cleft for me” — LBW #327

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy wounded side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure; save from wrath and make me pure.
2. Not the labors of my hands, can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.
3. Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to the cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.
4. While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyes shall close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown,
see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

Ezekiel 17:22-24 — Israel is Replanted

22 Thus says the Lord God: “I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. 23 On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. 24 And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1 — Read responsively

L: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

C: But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.