

Those bringing you today's service include:

**Rev. Phillip Carl, Presiding Minister
David Norris, Organist
Tom Kratzke, Lay Reader
Matt Carl, Videographer
Shannon Melideo, Online Greeter
Peter Metaxatos, Communion Preparation**

PRELUDE

Finlandia – Jean Sibelius

ENTRANCE HYMN

Before You, Lord, We Bow (ELW 893)

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 (ELW pgs. 122-123)

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

- 1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

- 2. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:**

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God,

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 2:1-5

A reading from Ezekiel.

¹[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.²And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, “Thus says the Lord GOD.” ⁵Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

A reading from 2 Corinthians.

²I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW pg. 124)

Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia

GOSPEL: Mark 6:1-13

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against

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them.” ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed
with oil many who were sick and cured them.
The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Spirit of Gentleness (ELW 396)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

PEACE

Peace be with you. **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY

Meditation on “Martyn” – Simeon March

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (ELW pgs. 129-130)

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 our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right...

...and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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LORD'S PRAYER

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Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

THE DISTRIBUTION

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
Amen.

SENDING SONG

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies (ELW 888)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace! Celebrate! Think! Serve!
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Vom Himmel Kam Der Engel Schaar – J.S. Bach