

## Offertory Prayer

L: Blessed are you, Holy One,  
C: **for all good things come from you.  
In bread and cup you open heaven to us.  
Meet us at this table,  
that we receive what we seek  
and follow your Son, Jesus,  
in whose name we pray.  
Amen.**

## Holy Communion

+Words of Institution  
+Lord's Prayer  
+Distribution Hymn  
+Blessing

*On Eagle's Wings*

ELW #787

## Benediction

### Three-fold Amen

### Closing Hymn

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

ELW #773

### Sending:

P: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!  
C: **Thanks be to God!**

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*Welcome! We are glad you are with us today!!*

*"If you do not have a church home, you are welcome here. If you would like to become a member, contact any member or the church office."*

Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024; 9:30 am

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

## Prelude

## Welcome/Announcements/Sharing of the Peace

## Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Let us confess our sins,

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.  
Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare unto you the entire forgiveness of your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## Opening Hymn

*Thy Holy Wings*

ELW# 613

## Prayer of the Day (All)

**Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## First Lesson

Isaiah 40:21-31

Susan Kruse

<sup>21</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

<sup>22</sup>It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in;

<sup>23</sup>who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

<sup>24</sup>Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

<sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

<sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

<sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel,

“My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God”?

<sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

<sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

<sup>30</sup>Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;

<sup>31</sup>but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,

they shall mount up with wings like eagles,

they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

## Second Lesson

Ephesians 4:29-31

<sup>29</sup>When you talk, don't say anything bad. But say the good things that people need—whatever will help them grow stronger. Then what you say will be a blessing to those who hear you. <sup>30</sup>And don't make the Holy Spirit sad. God gave you his Spirit as proof that you belong to him and that he will keep you safe until the day he makes you free. <sup>31</sup>Never be bitter, angry, or mad. Never shout angrily or say things to hurt others. Never do anything evil.

## Alleluia Verse

*Arise, Your Light Has Come!*

ELW #314 (vs. 1)

## Gospel

Mark 1:29-39

*(Response after the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.**)*

<sup>29</sup>As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup>He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

<sup>32</sup>That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup>And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

<sup>35</sup>In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and his companions hunted for him. <sup>37</sup>When they found him, they said to him, “Everyone is searching for you.” <sup>38</sup>He answered, “Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.” <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

*(Response after the conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**)*

## Children's Sermon

Beth Flier

## Sermon

“The Power of Words”

Pastor Greg Johnson

## Hymn of the Day

*Healer of Our Every Ill*

ELW #612

## Prayers of the Church

## Offering

*(The children's offering basket will be on the front steps of the church, so that they can in yet another way feel involved in Sunday worship)*



## Offertory Hymn

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

ELW #807