

Hymn of the Day: *Blest Are They* ELW #728 vs. 1-4

Prayers of Intercession

Passing of Peace

Offering

Offering Hymn: *As Saints of Old* ELW #695

The Great Thanksgiving

- L: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- L: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them to the Lord.
- L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer

Distribution of Holy Communion

Distribution Hymn: *Light Dawns on a Weary World* ELW #726

Prayer

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Closing Hymn: *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* ELW #310

Dismissal: 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 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025; 9:30 am Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. So let us confess...  
(Silent confession)

P: Merciful God,

C: You speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your loving kindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ’s ways. Amen.

P: God proclaims these words of assurance: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine.” In Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn: *Arise, Your Light has Come* ELW #314

Apostolic Greeting

Kyrie (setting 4, p. 147)

P: In peace, Let us pray to the Lord.  
C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.  
**C: Lord, have mercy.**  
P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.  
**C: Lord, have mercy.**  
P: For this holy house, and for all who offer their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.  
**C: Lord, have mercy.**  
P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
**C: Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise:** *This is the Feast* (setting 4, p. 149)  
L: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.  
**C: Worthy is Christ, the lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and richness and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**Prayer of the Day**  
**Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**First Scripture Reading** Jeremiah 17:5-10 Kathy Reisenweber  
*(These verses compose a poem that is part of a larger collection of wisdom sayings that contrast two ways of life. Life with God brings blessing; the power and vitality of God is active in our life. Life without God brings a curse, the power of death.*  
Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. <sup>6</sup> They shall be like a shrub in the desert and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. <sup>7</sup> Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. <sup>9</sup> The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse — who can understand it? <sup>10</sup> I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

**Second Scripture Reading** 1 Corinthians 15:12-20  
*(For Paul, the resurrection of Christ is the basis for Christian hope. Because Christ has been raised, those who are in Christ know that they too will be raised to a new life beyond death.)*

<sup>12</sup> Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup> If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised, <sup>14</sup> and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation is in vain and your faith is in vain. <sup>15</sup> We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. <sup>17</sup> If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile, and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup> If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Christ, Be our Light* ELW #715 (refrain only)

**Gospel Reading** Luke 6:17-26  
*(Response after the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.**)*  
[Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>18</sup> They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases, and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup> And everyone in the crowd was trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. <sup>20</sup> Then he looked up at his disciples and said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. <sup>21</sup> Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. <sup>22</sup> Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup> Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets. <sup>24</sup> But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. <sup>25</sup> Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. <sup>26</sup> Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.”  
*(Response after the conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**)*

**Children’s Message** Janet Andersen

**Sermon** Interim Pastor John Dalen