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**He called the twelve
and began to send
them out two by two ...**

Mark 6:7, ESV



**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 7, 2024
10:30 am**

The Holy Spirit Empowers Us for Ministry in Daily Life

Gathered by God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit,
we invite and welcome all people to join us on our journey
to become more faithful ministers of Jesus Christ
in our homes, our communities, and the world.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Gathering Music

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Doerkson/Turnquist

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand as you are able.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Lord of grace, God of love, Spirit of holy communion –
we give you thanks and praise for our baptism in Christ Jesus.

Through the gift of our baptism
we no longer regard one another from a human point of view,
but as beloved children of God and members of the body of Christ.
Now we walk by faith, not by sight, confident in your saving love.

Fill us with the life of your Spirit,
that we may be afflicted but not crushed,
perplexed but not forsaken,
struck down but not destroyed –
always carrying in our bodies the death and life of Jesus our Lord.

**For the gift and calling of our baptism
we give you thanks and praise –
Lord Jesus Christ, Holy Spirit, Eternal and Almighty One –
one God, now and forever. Amen**



1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace
 2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,
 3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach
 4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,



and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.
 a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.
 the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.
 for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.



In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,
 Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.
 By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise
 E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.



then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.
 One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.
 in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.
 In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

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.



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
 Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
 Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
 on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
 Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
 Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
 For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God of the Sabbath,
 speak to us even when we are hardheaded and hard-hearted,
 even if we have rebelled against you,
 even if we refuse to hear.

Speak to us so we can stand up on our feet
 and proclaim your Word through our words and deeds,
 in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

The assembly is seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture readings, preaching and song.

1st Reading – Ezekiel 2:1-5

Translation: NIV

A reading from Ezekiel.

He said to me, “Son of man, stand up on your feet and I will speak to you.”
As he spoke, the Spirit came into me and raised me to my feet, and I heard him speaking to me.

He said: “Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites,
to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me;
they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me to this very day.
The people to whom I am sending you are obstinate and stubborn.
Say to them, ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says.’
And whether they listen or fail to listen—for they are a rebellious people—
they will know that a prophet has been among them.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

2nd Reading – 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Translation: NIV

A reading from Second Corinthians.

I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven.
Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows.
And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know,
but God knows— was caught up to paradise and heard inexpressible things,
things that no one is permitted to tell.
I will boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself,
except about my weaknesses.
Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool,
because I would be speaking the truth.
But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say,
or because of these surpassingly great revelations.

Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited,
 I was given a thorn in my flesh,
 a messenger of Satan, to torment me.
 Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me.
 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in
 weakness."
 Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses,
 so that Christ's power may rest on me.
 That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults,
 in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties.
 For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Word of God, Word of Life.
Thanks be to God!

Please stand as you are able to welcome the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

ELW Setting 10



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

The Good News from Mark, the 6th chapter.

Open our hearts, Lord.

Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed.

“Where did this man get these things?” they asked. “What’s this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing? Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him.

Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home.” He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village. Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits.

These were his instructions: “Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. Wear sandals but not an extra shirt. Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.”

They went out and preached that people should repent. They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

This is the Good News!
Thanks be to God!

The assembly is seated.

Sermon

Pastor Mark Wimmer

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn of the Day

Making Their Way

ACS 979



1 Mak-ing their way down through the a - ges, sin - ners and saints have
2 Mak-ing their way all the world o - ver, Chris - tians as - sem - ble
3 Mak-ing our way sea - son by sea-son, pil - grims, we jour - ney



heard God's call: wealth - y and poor, pow - er - ful, low - ly,
on this day, hear - ing the Word, shar - ing the Ban - quet,
till life's end, trav - el - ing light, shar - ing the rich - es,



Je - sus' dis - ci - ples, one and all. Gath - ered for wor - ship, of - fer - ing thanks,
learn - ing to walk in Je - sus' way. Mem - bers of Christ, u - nit - ed in love,
car - ing for strang - er as for friend, till in the joy of long - ing ful - filled,



the great - est with the least have come to share this feast.
they seek our God to know, and so to - geth - er grow.
to - geth - er we will come to our e - ter - nal home.

Prayers of the People

Invitation to prayer:

One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit,
we join our voices in prayer.

After each petition:

Gracious God,
hear our prayer.

Pastor's closing prayer:

Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms
we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray,
trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life,
Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen

Peace

On the road of faith, we rarely feel up to the journey.
Look around at your fellow travelers, then share signs of Christ's peace,
for this peace is grace and strength for the journey.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace by saying,
"Peace be with you."*

The assembly is seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Response to God's gifts

The assembly responds to the Word of God by gathering an offering for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Please place your offering in the offering plates on the tables in the rear of the worship center.

The table is set.

Please stand as you are able.

Great Thanksgiving

May the God of steadfast love be with you.

And also with you.

People of God, offer your hearts to God.

We open our hearts to the One who fills them with grace.

Children of God, sing your praises to the One who has gathered us here.

Our songs of joy travel to the very ends of creation.

Amazed at our crafty rebellion, you continued to love us, longing to shelter us in your heart. When we continued to dishonor your prophets, when we would not welcome their words, you sent Jesus to become that weakness strong enough to destroy sin and death.

So, we join our voices with all who have wondered at your steadfast love, singing your name to the edges of the universe:

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord

ELW Setting 10



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

Word in Meal

As we remember Jesus' calling us to follow,
as we seek to be sent forth to serve,
we proclaim that mystery we call faith:

**Christ came, to shape our lives like his;
Christ came, to be our guide forever;
Christ will come again, to gather us in glory.**

So now, in this place where we have heard your promises,
among these people in whom we have seen the Christ,
pour your Spirit upon the gifts of your table.
The broken bread of life and your cup of grace,
are more than we will ever need,
and more than enough to bring healing to those
who have known only hardship, rejection, and loneliness.

Lord's Prayer

God in Community, Holy in One, we unite in praying as we are taught:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

Invitation to the table

Christ has prepared an abundant feast for us,
a safe place for us to rest and recharge,
and a community to call home.
Let us come to the feast ready to receive these gifts.

The assembly is seated.

Distribution of communion

The body of Christ given for you.
The blood of Christ shed for you.

Agnus Dei

○ Lamb of God

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- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
 an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
 watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Please stand as you are able.

Prayer after communion

Let us pray.

Jesus, bread of life,

we have received from your table
 more than we could ever ask.

As you have nourished us in this meal,
 now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.

In your name we pray.

Amen

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
‡ be upon you now and forever.
Amen

Sending Hymn

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

ELW 538

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are in Spanish and English. The first two staves are the main melody, and the last four staves are a bass line. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta_es - tá
The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,

pa - ra cons-truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.
to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.

Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar
The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain

un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;
to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;

me ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad.
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.

A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a_ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Sending Music

Please join in supporting our church's ministries using your preferred method of giving:

- Enroll in our on-line giving program, Simply Giving (recommended);
- Mail your offering check to the church;
- Use your credit or debit card at the Giving Kiosk;
- Text your offering to 610-981-1312;
- Download our mobile app for recurring or one-time gifts;
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