

Music During Communion

+WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD+

Post-Communion Canticle ~ LBW p. 72 *Thank the Lord*
(We stand and sing once everyone has received the sacrament. In this song or chant, we offer our thanks and express our faith in what God has done for us and promised to do for us in the future.)

Post-Communion Prayer and Benediction ~ LBW p. 74
Assisting Minister: Let us pray ... Jesus Christ our Lord.
Congregation: Amen.

Pastor (chanting): Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Congregation (chanting): Amen.**

Recessional Hymn ~ **LBW Hymn #299** *Dear Christians, One and All*
vs. 6, 8-10 MUN FREUT EUCH

(We stay standing and sing. As the cross is carried out, we turn to follow it as we sing. Now nurtured through God’s word and sacrament, we are ready to go forth into the world again.)

Dismissal
Assisting Minister: Let us go in peace. The Word has been fulfilled.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Organ Postlude

Sermon Notes

CALENDAR

Sunday, February 1 – The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
12:30 pm Special Congregational Meeting
Tuesday and Thursday
9am-2pm First Friends
Sunday, February 8 – The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
12:30 pm Final Confirmation Class

CHURCH STAFF

Evan McClanahan, Pastor
Mario Aschauer, Organist/ Choir Director
Amanda McClanahan, Director of First Friends
Cheri Santibanez, Office Administrator
Pr. Edwin Peterman, Pastor Emeritus

WORSHIP ENABLERS TODAY

Karen Douglass	Assisting Minister
Rob Douglass	Server, Crucifer
Whoever Available	Acolyte
Steve Bing, Tim Baker, Mark Baird	Usher
Belinda Holtzclaw, Lydia Okumu	Altar Guild
Will Biggs	Audio/ Video
Mario Aschauer	Organist/ Choir Director
Pastor Evan McClanahan	Liturgist/ Preacher



THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY ~ February 1, 2026
ORDER OF SERVICE

+WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP+

Upon entering the nave, please prepare for worship by attentively listening to the prelude.
If you arrive during the Confession, please wait to enter until the Processional Hymn.

Organ Prelude

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness ~ LBW p. 56 *(stand)*

Welcome and Announcements

The Ringing of the Bell

Introit *(Choir)*

(We stand and turn to face the cross at the back of the church as the choir sings. “Introit” means “to enter.” Here we begin our church service with the theme of the day announced.)

Processional Hymn ~ **LBW #299** *Dear Christians, One and All*
vs. 1-4 MUN FREUT EUCH

(We all sing the hymn and turn to follow the cross as it moves to the altar.)

Greeting and Kyrie ~ LBW p. 57

Hymn of Praise ~ LBW p. 60 *This is the Feast*

Prayer of the Day ~ LBW p. 16
Pastor: Let us pray ...
Congregation: Amen.

Children’s Sermon

(Children are invited forward for a message just for them. After the message, they can go next door to the nursery with Mrs. Bella.)

+WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD+

(In the second part of our liturgy, we hear and respond to God’s word.)

First Lesson ~ Micah 6:1-8

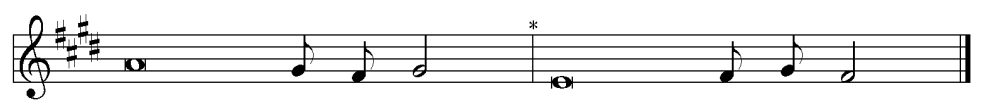
Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. “O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.” “With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

The Psalmody ~ Psalm 15

(Chanted responsively, choir or cantor singing odd verses, congregation singing even verses)



¹ Lord, who may dwell in your | tabernacle?*

Who may abide upon your | holy hill?

² **Whoever leads a blameless life and does | what is right,***

who speaks the truth | from his heart,

³ there is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil | to his friend;*

he does not heap contempt up- | on his neighbor.

⁴ **In his sight the wicked | is rejected,***

but he honors those who | fear the Lord.

⁵ He has sworn to | do no wrong*

and does not take | back his word.

⁶ **He does not give his money in | hope of gain,***

nor does he take a bribe a- | gainst the innocent.

⁷ Whoever | does these things*

shall never be | overthrown.

The Second Lesson ~ 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser

than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Gradual

The Gospel ~ Matthew 5:1-12 (KJV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying, Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

P: The Gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you O Christ.

The Sermon

Hymn of the Day ~ LBW Hymn #493 *Hope of the World* DONNE SECOURS

The Apostles Creed~ LBW p. 65

Prayers of the People

(The assistant minister leads us in prayer for our church, the sick and suffering, our community, and the world. We place trust in our loving God, especially for places and situations beyond our control).

Assisting Minister: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

(Each petition will end with the response:)

Assisting Minister: Lord, in Your mercy.

Congregation: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Congregation: Amen.**

The Greeting of Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation: And also with you.

(We repeat this greeting to those around us as you are comfortable.)

Choral Anthem

The Offering

(Be seated as ushers collect the offering and the choir sings. Having heard God’s word, we thus respond in faith and thanksgiving through this act.)

Offertory ~ LBW #565 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

Congregation: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+WE RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR+

(Here, Christ comes to us in the sacrament or “sacred act” of the altar. We believe that God brings himself and his forgiveness to us “in, with, and under” the bread and the wine.)

Great Thanksgiving and Proper Preface ~ LBW p. 68

Sanctus ~ LBW p. 69 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Eucharistic Prayer #33 and Words of Institution ~ LBW p. 70

(The pastor leads us in prayer, followed by the words which Jesus spoke when he instituted communion. With these words, the bread and the wine are consecrated or “set apart” for God’s use in this special meal).

Pastor: Blessed are you ... in his holy supper.

Congregation: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: In the night in which he was betrayed ... remembrance of me

Lord’s Prayer ~ LBW p. 71

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) ~ LBW p. 72 *Lamb of God*

(We stay standing as we sing about Jesus, the Lamb of God sacrificed for us to free us from the bondage of sin and death.)

Holy Communion

Please be seated until an usher invites you forward. Those who prefer to drink from an individual cup may take one from the tray as they proceed into the half-circle; a few cups are prefilled with grape juice. Those who prefer the common cup may drink directly from the chalice, or dip the bread into it. Return to your seat by the side aisle, placing any empty cups in the tray provided there. All are welcome to receive the Lord’s Body and Blood who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with, and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. You may place the empty cup in the tray by the side aisle on your way back to your seat.