

## **Holy Communion**

*(Be seated while you wait to be called forward to receive Christ's body and blood. Due to Covid-19, the pastor will hand you a host and you are encouraged to either eat it or dip it into the chalice. The chalice will not have a lot of wine in it to prevent the spread of germs. There will be no individual cups or drinking from the chalice. To only receive the bread is a full reception of the Lord's Supper. We will alternate which side comes forward. Pulpit side first, then lectern side. Please keep 6 feet apart while waiting in the center aisle. The pastor will wash his hands and wear gloves and a mask for an extra layer of safety.)*

## **Music During Communion** ~ Beautiful Savior

**Post-Communion Canticle** ~ LBW p. 93 *Lord, Now You Let Your Servant*  
*(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.)*

## **+WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD+**

*(In the final part of our liturgy, we are sent out as evangelists into the world, bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people.)*

## **Post-Communion Prayer and Benediction** ~ LBW p. 94

*(We stay standing as the assistant minister offers a prayer of thanksgiving and petition that God will grant us faith to love our neighbor. The pastor then extends God's blessing across us and our lives.)*

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 #188 *I Bind unto Myself Today*

*(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**

*(We stay standing, facing the back of the church. The assisting minister concludes the service and sends us forth into the world.)*

Assisting Minister: Let us go in peace. The Word has been fulfilled.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

## **CALENDAR**

### **Sunday, January 10** – *The Baptism of Jesus*

9:00 am Spoken Word Service  
10:00 am Sunday School for adults and children  
11:00 am Worship Service with Eucharist  
12:30 pm Church Council Meeting

### **Monday, January 11**

7:30 pm Zoom Bible Study

### **Wednesday, January 13**

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

### **Sunday, January 17** – The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

9:00 am Spoken Word Service  
10:00 am Sunday School for adults and children  
11:00 am Worship Service with Eucharist

## **CHURCH STAFF**

Pr. Evan McClanahan, Pastor  
Jane Almquist, Deaconess  
Dorry Shaddock, Organist  
Bright Igwenagu, Sexton  
Nancy Kincaid, Office Administrator  
Mary Kay Buehler, Choir Director  
Amanda McClanahan, Director of First Friends  
Pr. Edwin Peterman, Pastor Emeritus  
Carroll Shaddock, Director Emeritus of Music

## **WORSHIP ENABLERS TODAY**

Greg and Christopher Ranft	Ushers
Charlene Kelley	Altar Guild
Cindy Sneed	Assisting Minister
Andrea Ranft	Crucifer
Kaitlyn Ranft	Acolyte
Evan McClanahan	Liturgist, Preacher
Mario Aschauer	Organist
Mary Kay Buehler	Choir Director



THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS ~ JANUARY 3, 2021

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### **+WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP+**

*(The first part of our liturgy takes us out of the world and prepares us to meet God.)*

## **Prelude**

*(Music helps draw us into an attitude of prayer and praise.)*

## **Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness** ~ LBW p. 77

*(We stand and face the altar; the pastor leads us in examining ourselves before God and alongside one another. We all receive His forgiveness and are now ready to worship.)*

## **Announcements**

*(Be seated. We are forgoing a Children's Sermon for now, but will resume them soon.)*

## **Introit** (Choir)

*(We stand and turn to face the cross at the entrance 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 #90 *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* SALZBURG

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

## **Greeting and Kyrie** ~ LBW p. 78

*(Staying standing, the assisting minister leads us in chant as we ask God for mercy, unity, and peace for ourselves, our church, and all people.)*

## **Hymn of Praise** ~ LBW p. 78 *Glory to God in the Highest*

*(Having received forgiveness and mercy, we sing praise to God, our source of all blessings.)*

## **Prayer of the Day** ~ LBW p. 15

*(The pastor offers an appointed prayer based upon the scripture readings of the day).*

Pastor: Let us pray ...

**Congregation: Amen.**

*(Be seated.)*

**+WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD+**

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

**First Lesson ~ Genesis 1:1-1:5**

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm *(read responsively)* Psalm 29**

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

**The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon; **he makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;

**the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.

**And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, “Glory!”**

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.

**The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

**The Second Lesson ~ Acts 19:1-7**

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**Verse** (Cantor)

*(We stand as the choir sings the appointed verse of the day. We prepare to hear about Jesus.)*

**The Gospel Lesson ~ Mark 1:4-11**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

**Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.**

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

**Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

*(As the prophets, apostles, and even Jesus himself did, the pastor proclaims God’s word as it applies to us and our world today. Listen both for what God demands of us (the Law) and what God does for us through Jesus Christ (the Gospel)).*

**Hymn of the Day ~ LBW #88 *Oh, Love, How Deep***

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**Nicene Creed ~ LBW p. 84**

**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**

*(Having prayed for our world, we now extend peace to the members of the body of Christ right around us. By this greeting to one another, we practice the peace that unites God’s kingdom even here on Earth.)*

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

**Congregation: And also with you.**

*(We repeat this greeting to those around us, along with a nod, handshake, or hug.)*

**Anthem ~ *Be Thou My Vision***

**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. 89**

*(We stay standing, as the pastor leads us in preparation for celebrating communion.)*

**Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) ~ LBW p. 90**

**Eucharistic Prayer #33 and Words of Institution ~ LBW p. 91**

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. 92**

*(Staying standing, we pray the prayer given by Christ himself.)*

**Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) ~ LBW p. 92**

*(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.)*