

## 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

*Each Winter As the Year Grows Older*

**Post-Communion Canticle** ~ LBW p. 116 *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. 74

*(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 #32 *Fling Wide the Door* MACHT HOCH DIE TUR DIADEMATA

*(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** ~ *Savior of the Nations, Come*, BWV 599

J. S. Bach

## CALENDAR

**Sunday, November 29** – *Christ the King Sunday*

9:00 am Spoken Word Service

10:00 am Sunday School for adults and children

11:00 am Worship Service with Eucharist

**8:30-12:30 Blood Drive**

**Tuesday and Thursday**

9am-2pm First Friends

**Wednesday, December 2**

7:00 pm Choir rehearsal

**Sunday, December 6** – The Second Sunday of Advent

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 Part 1 Annual Congregation Meeting**

## 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

Carolyn Hokanson

Steve Bing and Bright Igwenagu

Karen Douglass

Rob Douglass

Evan McClanahan

Xavier Ramos

Dorry Shaddock

Mark Kay Buehler

Altar Guild

Usher

Assisting Minister

Crucifer

Liturgist, Preacher

Acolyte

Organist

Choir Director



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ NOVEMBER 29, 2020

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** ~ *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying*, BWV 645 J. S. Bach (1685-1750)  
*(Music helps draw us into an attitude of prayer and praise.)*

**Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness** ~ LBW p. 98  
*(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) *People Look East* vs. 1

People look east, the time is near of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table. People look east, and sing today. Love, the Guest, is on the way.

*(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 #31 *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying* WACHE T AUF  
*(We all sing the hymn and turn to follow the cross as it moves to the altar.)*

**Greeting and Kyrie** ~ LBW p. 99

*(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 #34 *Oh, Come, Oh, Come Emmanuel*, Vs. 1  
*(Having received forgiveness and mercy, we sing praise to God, our source of all blessings.)*

**Prayer of the Day** ~ LBW p. 13

*(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 ~ Isaiah 64:1-9**

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence - as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil - to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed.

We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

### **The Psalm** *(read responsively)* **Psalm 80:1-7; 17-19**

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

**You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.**

Stir up your might, and come to save us!

**Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people’s prayers?

**You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure.**

You make us the scorn of our neighbors; our enemies laugh among themselves.

**Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself.

**Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.**

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

### **The Second Lesson, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind - just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you - so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**Verse** (Cantor) *People Look East vs. 2*

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there. Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish. People, look east, and sing today. Love, the Rose, is on the way.

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

### **The Gospel Lesson ~ Mark 13:24-37**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

“But in those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light,

and the stars will be falling from heaven,

and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

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 #37 Hark, a Thrilling Voice Is Sounding**

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**Nicene Creed ~ LBW p. 105**

### **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**

*Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God*

*from Judas Maccabeus by G. F. Handel*

### **Offertory**

**LBW #407 ~ Come, You Thankful People, Come, vs. 1**

Come, you thankful people, come. Raise the song of harvest home. All is safely gathered in Ere the winter storms begin. God, our maker, does provide For our wants to be supplied. Come to God’s own temple, come, Raise the song of harvest home.

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. 109**

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

**Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) ~ LBW p. 110**

**Eucharistic Prayer #33 and Words of Institution ~ LBW p. 111**

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. 113**

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

**Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) ~ LBW#103 O Christ, Thou 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.)*