

**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

**Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)** ~ LBW p.114 *Lamb of God, you take away the sins...*

**Holy Communion**

*(Be seated while you wait to be invited forward to receive Christ's body and blood. As you come forward, form a semi-circle. There, we partake of the sacrament together with each other and the saints who have come before us. 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.)*

**Communion Anthem**

*Requiem in D Minor, Op. 48: 4. Pie Jesu* Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

Pie Jesu Domine, Dona eis requiem sempiternam.	Sweet Lord Jesus, Grant them everlasting rest.
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**Post-Communion Cantic** ~ 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+**

**Post-Communion Prayer and Benediction** ~ LBW p. 117

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 #467 *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* MELITA

*(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.**

**Organ Postlude**

*Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart*

Johann Ludwig Kregs (1715-1780)

**CALENDAR**

**Sunday, March 19** – *The Fourth Sunday of Lent*

9:00 am Spoken Word Service

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service with Eucharist

**Tuesday and Thursday**

9am-2pm First Friends

**Wednesday, March 22**

6:00 pm Soup Supper

6:30 pm Vespers

**Saturday, March 25**

9am-12pm Work Day followed by Feast at First Lunch

**Sunday, March 26** – *The Fifth Sunday of Lent*

9:00 am Spoken Word Service

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service with Eucharist

**CHURCH STAFF**

Evan McClanahan, Pastor

Mario Aschauer, Organist

Jimmy Paz, Choir Director

Amanda McClanahan, Director of First Friends

Cheri Santibanez, Office Administrator

Bright Igwenagu, Sexton

Pr. Edwin Peterman, Pastor Emeritus

**WORSHIP ENABLERS TODAY**

Karen Douglass

Rob Douglass

Tristyn Brogan

David Hokanson, Greg and Christopher Ranft

Carolyn Hokanson, Eric Olson

Jimmy Paz

Dorry Shaddock

Pastor Evan McClanahan

Assisting Minister

Server/Crucifer

Acolyte

Ushers

Altar Guild

Choir Director

Organist

Liturgist, Preacher



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT ~ MARCH 19, 2023

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**

*Erbarm dich mein, O Herre Gott, BWV 721*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

**Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness, Insert**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**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.)*

**The Ringing of the Bell**

**Introit** *(Cantor or Choir)*

*Tempus Quadragesimae: Hebdomada 4: Laetare Ierusalem*

Ant. Rejoice Jerusalem, and gather together all you that love her; rejoice with her in gladness, you who were in mourning, that you may exult and be replenished with consolation from her womb. (Is 66:10-11) V. I rejoiced at what was said to me, we shall go into the house of the Lord. (Ps 121:1)

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

**Silent Processional**

*(During the season of Lent, we do not process in to the singing of a hymn. We turn to follow the cross as it moves to the altar.)*

**Greeting and Kyrie** ~ LBW #168 *Kyrie, God our Father*

*(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.)*

**Prayer of the Day** ~ LBW p. 18

*(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+

**The First Lesson ~ 1 Samuel 16:1-13**

The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the Lord.” But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 23** (chanted responsively)

The choir will chant the odd-numbered verses and the congregation will respond with the even-numbered (**bolded**) verses.



<sup>1</sup> The Lord | is my shepherd;\*

I shall not | be in want.

<sup>2</sup> **He makes me lie down | in green pastures\***

**and leads me be- | side still waters.**

<sup>3</sup> He re- | vives my soul\*

and guides me along right pathways | for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall |**  
**fear no evil;\***

**for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup> You spread a table before me in the presence of those who | trouble me;\*

you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

<sup>6</sup> **Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my**  
**life,\* and I will dwell in the house of the | Lord forever.**

**The Second Lesson ~ Ephesians 5:8-14**

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.” Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual**

Ant. Keep the word of God with an upright and generous heart and your patience will bear fruit (Luke 8:15)

V. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. O Lord, hear my voice! (Ps 130:1)

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

**The Gospel ~ John 9:1-41**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

*Due to the length of the Gospel, it is not reprinted here.*

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day ~ LBW #107 – Beneath the Cross of Jesus** ST. CHRISTOPHER

**Nicene Creed ~ LBW p. 105**

**Prayers of the People**

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, along with a nod, handshake, or hug.)

**Offertory Anthem**

*Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness* Johann Crüger (1598-1662) Arr. Carl Schalk (1929-2021)

Soul, adorn thyself with gladness,  
Leave behind all gloom and sadness;  
Come into the daylight's splendor,  
There with joy thy praises render  
Unto Him, whose grace unbounded  
Hath this wondrous Supper founded.  
High o'er all the heav'ns He reigneth,  
Yet to dwell with thee He deigneth.

Hasten as a bride to meet Him  
And loving rev'rence greet Him;  
For with words of life Immortal  
Now He knocketh at thy portal.  
Haste to ope the gates before Him,  
Saying, while thou dost adore Him,  
Suffer Lord, that I receive Thee,  
And I nevermore will leave Thee.

Ah, how hungers all my spirit  
For the love I do not merit!  
Oft have I, with sighs fast thronging,  
Thought upon this food with longing.  
In the battle well nigh worsted,  
For this cup of life have thirsted,  
For the Friend who here invites us  
And to God Himself unites us.

**Offertory Hymn ~ LBW Hymn #99 O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days**

vs. 1 and 4

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**

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