

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

Bayrische Staatsbibliothek Mus. Ms. 28: 24. Intellige clamorem
Matthieu Le Maistre (1505-1577)

Intellige clamorem meum: intende voci orationis meae, Rex meus, et Deus meus: quoniam ad te orabo, Domine. (Ps 5:1)	Understand my cry, heed my voice in prayer, my King and my God, for to thee, Lord, shall I pray.
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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 Hymn #97 – *Christ, the Life of All the Living*

JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN
(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

Improvisation on *Christ, the Life of All the Living* (LBW 97)

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 5 – The Second Sunday of Lent

9:00 am Spoken Word Service

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service with Eucharist

Tuesday and Thursday

9 am – 2 pm First Friends

Wednesday, March 8

6:00 pm Soup Supper

6:30 pm Vespers

Sunday, March 12 – The Third Sunday of Lent

9:00 am Spoken Word Service

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service with Eucharist

12:30 pm Choir Concert

CHURCH STAFF

Evan McClanahan, Pastor

Mario Aschauer, Organist

Jimmy Paz, Choir Director

Amanda McClanahan, Director of First Friends

Cheri Santibanez, Office Administrator

Peter Okumu, Sexton

Pr. Edwin Peterman, Pastor Emeritus

WORSHIP ENABLERS TODAY

Donna Bing

Andrea Ranft

Kaitlyn Ranft

Greg and Christopher Ranft, Steve Bing

Carolyn Hokanson, Eric Olson

Jimmy Paz

Mario Aschauer

Pastor Evan McClanahan

Assisting Minister

Server/Crucifer

Acolyte

Usher

Altar Guild

Choir Director

Organist

Liturgist, Preacher



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT ~ MARCH 5, 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

Improvisation on *Jesus, Refuge of the Weary* (LBW 93)

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)*

Ant. Never let my enemies laugh at me: for none of them that wait on Thee shall be confounded. Deliver us, God of Israel, from all his tribulations. (Ps 25:3)

V. To Thee, O Lord, I have lifted up my soul. O God, in Thee I put my trust; let me not be ashamed. (Ps 25:1) Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

(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 ~ Genesis 12:1-4

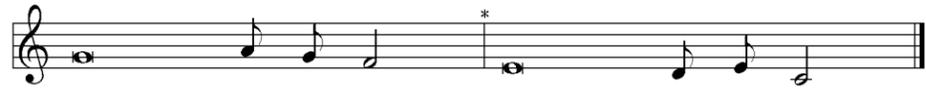
Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 121 (chanted responsively)

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



- ¹ I lift up my eyes | to the hills;*
from where is my | help to come?
- ² **My help comes | from the Lord,***
the maker of heav- | en and earth.
- ³ He will not let your | foot be moved*
and he who watches over you will not | fall asleep.
- ⁴ **Behold, he who keeps watch | over Israel***
shall neither slum- | ber nor sleep;
- ⁵ the Lord himself watches | over you;*
the Lord is your shade at | your right hand,
- ⁶ **so that the sun shall not strike | you by day,***
nor the | moon by night.
- ⁷ The Lord shall preserve you | from all evil;*
it is he who shall | keep you safe.
- ⁸ **The Lord shall watch over your going out and your | coming in,***
from this time forth for- | evermore.

The Second Lesson ~ Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Ant. We do not live on bread alone, but on ev'ry word that comes from the mouth of God. (Matthew 4:4)

V. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Have mercy on us. (Psalm 123)

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

The Gospel ~ John 3:1-17

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 3rd chapter.

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

Choral Anthem

The Sermon

Hymn of the Day ~ LBW Hymn #93 – Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

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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

The Lord Bless You And Keep You Peter C. Lutkin (1858-1931)

The Lord bless you and keep you: The Lord make His face to shine upon you, To shine upon you and be gracious, and be gracious unto you The Lord bless you and keep you:	The Lord make His face to shine upon you, To shine upon you and be gracious, and be gracious unto you The Lord lift up the light Of His countenance upon you, The Lord lift up the light Of His countenance upon you, And give you peace, Amen
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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

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