

## Holy Communion

*(Be seated while you wait to be called forward to receive Christ's body and blood. When we are called forward into a circle, 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.)*

## Music During Communion

**Post-Communion Canticle** ~ LBW p. 92 *Thank the Lord and sing his praise*

*(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 #406 *Take My Life, that I May Be* PATMOS  
*(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

*(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

## CALENDAR

**Sunday, May 2** – The Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00 am Spoken Word Service

10:00 am Sunday School for adults and children

11:00 am Worship Service with Eucharist

**Monday, May 3**

7:30 pm Zoom Bible Study

**Tuesday and Thursday**

9am-2pm First Friends

**Wednesday, May 5**

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, May 6**

*The Ascension of Our Lord*

**Sunday, May 9** – The Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

Mario Aschauer, Organist

Martin Jones, Organ Scholar

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

Tim and Kristen Baker, Bright Igwenagu

Sally Russell, Carolyn Hokanson

Karen Douglass

Rob Douglass

Alister McClanahan

Evan McClanahan

Martin Jones

Mary Kay Buehler

Ushers

Altar Guild

Assisting Minister

Server/Crucifer

Acolyte

Liturgist, Preacher

Organist

Choir Director



THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ MAY 2, 2021

ORDER OF SERVICE

**+WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP+**

**Organ Prelude**

**Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness**, p. 77 *(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 #251 *O Day of Rest and Gladness*

*(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. 81 ~ *This is the Feast*

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

**Prayer of the Day** ~ LBW p. 22

*(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 ~ Acts 8:26-40**

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm *(read responsively)* Psalm 22:25-31**

From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

**The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever!**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

**For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.**

To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

**Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,** and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

**The Second Lesson ~ 1 John 4:7-21**

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, “I love God,” and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**Gradual** *(The congregation is invited to sing the Alleluias)*

**The Gospel Lesson ~ John 15:1-8 (KJV)**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

P: The Gospel of the Lord!

**C: Praise to you O Christ. Alleluia!**

**The Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day** ~ #331 *Jerusalem, My Happy Home* LAND OF REST

*(We stand and sing a hymn that reflects the words of the readings and sermon).*

**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**

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**

*(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 Hymn** ~ LBW Hymn #410 *We Give Thee but Thine Own vs. 1 and 2*

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. 88

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

**Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)** ~ LBW p. 89

**Eucharistic Prayer #31 and Words of Institution** ~ LBW p. 90

*(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. 91

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

**Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)** ~ LBW Hymn #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.)*