

## Holy Communion

Please be seated until an usher invites you forward. Those who prefer to drink from an individual cup may take one from the tray as they proceed into the half-circle; a few cups are prefilled with grape juice. Those who prefer the common cup may drink directly from the chalice, or dip the bread into it. Return to your seat by the side aisle, placing any empty cups in the tray provided there. 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. You may place the empty cup in the tray by the side aisle on your way back to your seat.

## Music During Communion

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

#### **Post-Communion Canticle** ~ LBW p. 92 Thank the Lord

*(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.)*

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

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 #381 *Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling* GALILEAN

*(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

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

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

## Organ Postlude

## Sermon Notes

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## CALENDAR

### **Sunday, January 25** – The Conversion of Saint Paul

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

12:30 pm Special Congregational Meeting

### **Tuesday and Thursday**

9am-2pm First Friends

### **Sunday, February 1** – The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

12:30 pm Final Confirmation Class

## CHURCH STAFF

Evan McClanahan, Pastor

Mario Aschauer, Organist/Choir Director

Amanda McClanahan, Director of First Friends

Cheri Santibanez, Office Administrator

Pr. Edwin Peterman, Pastor Emeritus

## WORSHIP ENABLERS TODAY

Donna Bing

Matthew Scott

Whoever Available

Clint Pustjovsky, David Hokanson, Dylan Blackwell

Adalyn McClanahan, Carolyn Hokanson

Eddie Scott

Mario Aschauer

Pastor Evan McClanahan

Assisting Minister

Server, Crucifer

Acolyte

Usher

Altar Guild

Audio/Video

Organist/Choir Director

Liturgist/Preacher



THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL ~ JANUARY 25, 2026

## **ORDER OF SERVICE**

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

*Upon entering the nave, please prepare for worship by attentively listening to the prelude. If you arrive during the Confession, please wait to enter until the Processional Hymn.*

### **Organ Prelude**

### **Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness** ~ LBW 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 #82 *As with Gladness Men of Old DIX*

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

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

### **Hymn of Praise** ~ LBW p. 79 *Glory to God in the Highest*

### **Prayer of the Day** ~ LBW p. 32

Pastor: Let us pray ...

**Congregation: Amen.**

### **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.)*

### **+WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD+**

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

### **First Lesson** ~ Acts 9:1-20

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard *Continued on page 2*

the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

### **The Psalmody ~ Psalm 67**

(Chanted responsively, choir or cantor singing odd verses, congregation singing even verses)



<sup>1</sup> May God be merciful to | us and bless us,\*  
show us the light of his countenance, and | come to us.

<sup>2</sup> Let your ways be known | upon earth,\*  
your saving health a- | mong all nations.

<sup>3</sup> Let the peoples praise | you, O God;\*  
let all the | peoples praise you.

<sup>4</sup> Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,\*  
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations | upon earth.

<sup>5</sup> Let the peoples praise | you, O God;\*  
let all the | peoples praise you.

<sup>6</sup> The earth has brought | forth her increase;\*  
may God, our own God, give | us his blessing.

<sup>7</sup> May God give | us his blessing,\*  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in | awe of him.

### **The Second Lesson ~ Galatians 1:11-24**

For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors.

But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days; but I did not see any other apostle except James the Lord's brother. In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie! Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia, and I was still unknown by sight to the churches of Judea that are in Christ; they only heard it said, "The one who formerly was persecuting us is now proclaiming the faith he once tried to destroy." And they glorified God because of me.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual**

#### **The Gospel ~ Luke 21:10-19**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.

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

Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

P: The Gospel of the Lord!

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

### **The Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day ~ LBW Hymn #177 By All Your Saints in Warfare** KING'S LYNN  
vs. 1, 4, 11, 3 in that order

### **The 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**

### **The Offering**

(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 ~ 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. 88**

### **Sanctus ~ LBW p. 89 Holy, Holy, Holy**

### **Eucharistic Prayer #33 and Words of Institution ~ LBW p. 89**

(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**

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