

Music During Communion

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

+ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD+

Post-Communion Prayer ~ 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.

Benediction ~ LBW p. p. 94

Pastor (chanting): Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Congregation (chanting): Amen.

Recessional Hymn ~ LBW Hymn #56 *The First Noel* THE FIRST NOWELL

(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

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 5 – The Second Sunday after Christmas

10:00 am Choir Rehearsal

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service with Eucharist

Sunday, January 12 – The Baptism of Our Lord

10:00 am Choir Rehearsal

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service with Eucharist

CHURCH STAFF

Evan McClanahan, Pastor

Mario Aschauer, Organist/Choir Director

Amanda McClanahan, Director of First Friends

Cheri Santibanez, Office Administrator, Office Administrator

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Pr. Edwin Peterman, Pastor Emeritus

WORSHIP ENABLERS TODAY

Nicholas DeMaio

Assisting Minister

Edward Scott

Server/Crucifer

Carldiaz Okumu

Acolyte

Clint Pustejovsky, Dylan Blackwell

Usher

Lydia Okumu, Carolyn Hokanson, Adalyn McClanahan

Altar Guild

Michael Scott

Cantor

Mario Aschauer

Organist/Choir Director

Pastor Evan McClanahan

Liturgist, Preacher



THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS ~ JANUARY 5, 2025

ORDER OF SERVICE

+ WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP+

Upon entering the nave, please prepare for worship by attentively listening to the prelude.

Organ Prelude

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness ~ p. 78 *(stand)*

Welcome and Announcements

The Ringing of the Bell

Introit *(Choir or cantor)*

(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 Hymn #41 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* ST. LOUIS

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

Greeting and Kyrie ~ LBW p. p. 78

Hymn of Praise ~ LBW p. p. 79 *Glory to God*

Prayer of the Day ~ LBW p. 15

Pastor: Let us pray ...

Congregation: Amen.

(Be seated.)

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 ~ Jeremiah 31:7-14

For thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, “Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel.” See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

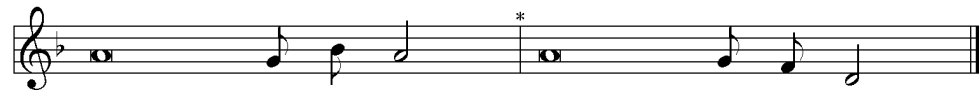
Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.” For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147:12-20

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



¹² The Lord has pleasure in | those who fear him,*
in those who await his | gracious favor.

¹³ **Worship the Lord, | O Jerusalem;***
praise your | God, O Zion;

¹⁴ for he has strengthened the bars | of your gates;*
he has blessed your chil- | dren within you.

¹⁵ **He has established peace | on your borders;***
he satisfies you with the | finest wheat.

¹⁶ He sends out his command | to the earth,*
and his word runs | very swiftly.

¹⁷ **He gives | snow like wool;***
he scatters hoar- | frost like ashes.

¹⁸ He scatters his | hail like bread crumbs.*
Who can stand a- | gainst his cold?

¹⁹ **He sends forth his | word and melts them;***
he blows with his wind, and the | waters flow.

²⁰ He declares his | word to Jacob,*
his statutes and his judg- | ments to Israel.

Second Lesson ~ Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s own people, to the praise of his glory.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Gradual *(cantor only)* *The congregation is invited to join the “Alleluias”*

The Gospel ~ John 1:10-18 (KJV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 1st chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord

He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me. And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. No man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you O Christ.

The Sermon

Hymn of the Day ~ LBW Hymn #50 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory Sing*
REGENT SQUARE

The Nicene Creed ~ LBW p. 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.)

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 Hymn #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. p. 88

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

Eucharistic Prayer #33 and Words of Institution ~ LBW p. p. 90

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. p. 91

Agnus Dei ~ LBW p. 92 *Lamb of God*

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. The pastor will give you bread, which you can eat as soon as you get it. If you wish to dip the bread into the chalice or drink from the chalice, do not take a grape juice cup or an empty cup. If you take an empty cup, the Server will pour some wine into it. After drinking the wine, put the empty cup in a tray by the side aisle on your way back to your seat, not back into the tray from which you took the empty cup.