

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. 116 *Lord, now you let
(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. 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 #32** *Fling Wide the Door* MACHT HOCH DIE TUR
(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

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 30 — *Advent 1*
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
9am-1pm Blood Drive in Beutel Room
Tuesday and Thursday
9am-2pm First Friends
Sunday, December 7 — *Advent 2*
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
12:30 pm Part 1 Annual Meeting

CHURCH STAFF

Evan McClanahan, Pastor
Mario Aschauer, Organist/ 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
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Whoever Available
Steve Bing, Dylan Blackwell, Christopher Maale
Charlene Kelley, Adalyn McClanahan
Will Biggs
Mario Aschauer
Pastor Evan McClanahan

Assisting Minister
Server, Crucifer
Acolyte
Usher
Altar Guild
Audio/ Video
Organist/ Choir Director
Liturgist/ Preacher



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ DECEMBER 7, 2025

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. 98 *(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 #26** *Prepare the Royal Highway*
BEREDEN VAG FOR HERRAN
(We all sing the hymn and turn to follow the cross as it moves to the altar.)

Greeting and Kyrie ~ LBW p. 99

Hymn of Praise ~ **LBW #34** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel, vs. 1-2*

Prayer of the Day ~ LBW p. 13

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.)

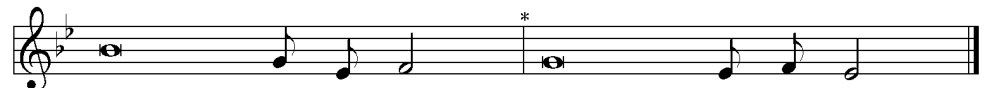
First Lesson ~ Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder’s den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm ~ Psalm 72:1-7



¹ Give the king your jus- | tice, O God,*

and your righteousness to | the king's son;

² **that he may rule your | people righteously***

and the | poor with justice;

³ that the mountains may bring prosperity | to the people,*

and the little | hills bring righteousness.

⁴ **He shall defend the needy a- | mong the people;***

he shall rescue the poor and crush | the oppressor.

⁵ He shall live as long as the sun and | moon endure,*

from one generation | to another.

⁶ **He shall come down like rain upon | the mown field,***

like showers that wa- | ter the earth.

⁷ In his time shall the | righteous flourish;*

there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall | be no more.

The Second Lesson ~ Romans 15:4-13

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of

the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, “Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name”; and again he says, “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”; and again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him”; and again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Gradual

The Gospel ~ Matthew 3:1-12

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 3rd chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. “I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you O Christ.

The Sermon

Hymn of the Day ~ LBW Hymn #28 *Savior of the Nations, Come*

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The Nicene Creed~ LBW p. 105

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 #407 *Come, You Thankful People, Come, vs. 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. 109

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

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

Eucharistic Prayer #33 and Words of Institution ~ LBW p. 111

(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. 113

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) ~ LBW p. 114 *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.)