

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.

Post Communion Canticle ~ LBW p. 116 *Lord, now you let your servant*

+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 #467 *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* MELITA

(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, March 15 – The Fourth Sunday of Lent

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

12:30 pm Church Council Meeting

Tuesday and Thursday

9am-2pm First Friends

Wednesday, March 18

5:30 pm Soup Supper

6:00 pm Vespers

Sunday, March 22– The Fifth Sunday of Lent

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

CHURCH STAFF

Evan McClanahan, Pastor

Mario Aschauer, Organist/ Choir Director

Amanda McClanahan, Director of First Friends

Cheri Santibanez, Office Administrator

Pastor Edwin Peterman, Pastor Emeritus

WORSHIP ENABLERS TODAY

Rob Douglass

Karen Douglass

Whoever Available

Clint Pustejovsky, David Hokanson, Dylan Blackwell

Adalyn McClanahan, Dorah Mushi

Audio/Video

Mario Aschauer

Pastor Evan McClanahan

Assisting Minister

Server, Crucifer

Acolyte

Usher

Altar Guild

Organist/ Choir Director

Liturgist/ Preacher



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT ~ MARCH 15, 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 announcements.

Organ Prelude

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness ~ *Bulletin Insert*

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.)

Silent Processional

(During this penitential season, the procession is silent. The congregation turns to follow the cross as it moves to the altar.)

Greeting ~ LBW p. 99

Kyrie ~ LBW #168 *Kyrie, God Father*

(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.**

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+

The First Lesson ~ 1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come

with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the Lord.” But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 (chanted responsively)



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

¹ The Lord | is my shepherd;*
I shall not | be in want.

² **He makes me lie down | in green pastures*
and leads me be- | side still waters.**

³ He re- | vives my soul*
and guides me along right pathways | for his name's sake.

⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall |
fear no evil;*
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.**

⁵ You spread a table before me in the presence of those who | trouble me;*
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

⁶ **Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my
life,* and I will dwell in the house of the | Lord forever.**

The Second Lesson ~ Ephesians 5:8-14

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual (choir / congregation)

The Gospel ~ John 9:1-41

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 9th chapter.

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.

(This week’s Gospel lesson is quite long so it is not printed here.)

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

Hymn of the Day ~ LBW #107 *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* ST. CHRISTOPHER

The Nicene Creed ~ LBW p. 105

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen

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.)

The Offering

The Offertory ~ LBW #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.

The Lord’s Prayer ~ LBW p. 113

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) ~ LBW p.114 *Lamb of God, you take away the sins*