

Music During Communion

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

+WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD+

Post-Communion Prayer ~ LBW p. 117

(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. 117

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, December 1 – The First Sunday of Advent

- 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service with Eucharist

Tuesday and Thursday

- 9am-2pm First Friends

Sunday, December 8 – The Second Sunday of Advent

- 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service with Eucharist
- 12:30 pm Part 1 Annual Meeting

CHURCH STAFF

- Evan McClanahan, Pastor
- Mario Aschauer, Organist
- Jimmy Paz, Choir Director
- Amanda McClanahan, Director of First Friends
- Cheri Santibanez, Office Administrator
- Bright Igwenagu, Sexton
- Pr. Edwin Peterman, Pastor Emeritus

WORSHIP ENABLERS TODAY

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| Cindy Sneed | Assisting Minister |
| Donna Bing | Server/ Crucifer |
| Carldiaz Okumu | Acolyte |
| Tim Baker, Mark Baird | Usher |
| Charlene Kelley, Lydia Okumu | Altar Guild |
| Michael Scott | Cantor |
| Mario Aschauer | Organist |
| Pastor Evan McClanahan | Liturgist, Preacher |

Flowers are donated this week by Dorry Shaddock in memory of Carroll Shaddock (December 4, 2022).



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ DECEMBER 1, 2024

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. 98 *(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 #31 *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying*

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(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 Hymn #34 *O Come, O Come Emmanuel, vs. 1*

Prayer of the Day ~ LBW p. 13

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 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm ~ Psalm 25:1-10



¹ To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my | trust in you;*

let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph | over me.

² **Let none who look to you be | put to shame;***

let the treacherous be disappointed | in their schemes.

³ Show me your | ways, O Lord,*

and teach | me your paths.

⁴ **Lead me in your | truth and teach me,***

for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.

⁵ Remember, O Lord, your compas- | sion and love,*

for they are from | everlasting.

⁶ **Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;***

remember me according to your love and for the sake of your good- | ness, O Lord.

⁷ Gracious and upright | is the Lord;*

therefore he teaches sinners | in his way.

⁸ **He guides the humble in | doing right***

and teaches his way | to the lowly.

⁹ All the paths of the Lord are | love and faithfulness*

to those who keep his covenant and his | testimonies.

¹⁰ **For your name's | sake, O Lord,***

forgive my sin, for | it is great.

Second Lesson ~ 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Gradual

The Gospel ~ Luke 21:25-36

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 21st chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord

“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

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.)

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 #407 Come, You Thankful People, Come, vs. 1

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 (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

Lord’s Prayer ~ LBW p. 113

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