

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 #291 *Jesus Sinners Will Receive*

MEINEN JESUM LASS ICH
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(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 22 – The Fifth Sunday of Lent

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

Tuesday and Thursday

9am-2pm First Friends

Wednesday, March 25

5:30 pm Soup Supper

6:00 pm Vespers

Sunday, March 29 – Palm Sunday

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

Edward Scott

Matthew Scott

Whoever Available

Clint Pustejovsky, David Hokanson, Dylan Blackwell

Elise Daulley, Carolyn Hokanson

Audio/Video

Mario Aschauer

Pastor Evan McClanahan

Assisting Minister

Server, Crucifer

Acolyte

Usher

Altar Guild

Amanda McClanahan

Organist/Choir Director

Liturgist/Preacher



THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT ~ MARCH 22, 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. 19

(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 ~ Ezekiel 37:1-14

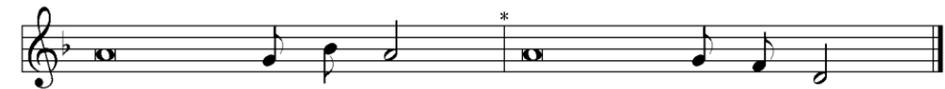
The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied,

suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act,” says the Lord.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 130 (*chanted responsively*)



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

¹ Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, | hear my voice;*

let your ears consider well the voice of my | supplication.

² **If you, Lord, were to note what is | done amiss,***

O Lord, | who could stand?

³ For there is forgive- | ness with you;*

therefore you | shall be feared.

⁴ **I wait for the Lord; my soul | waits for him;***

in his word | is my hope.

⁵ My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen | for the morning,*

more than watchmen | for the morning.

⁶ **O Israel, wait | for the Lord,***

for with the Lord | there is mercy;

⁷ with him there is plen- | teous redemption,*

and he shall redeem Israel from | all their sins.

The Second Lesson ~ Romans 8:6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual (*choir / congregation*)

The Gospel ~ John 11:1-45

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 11th 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 #94 *My Song is Love unknown* RHOSYMEDRE

Vs 1-2 all, vs. 3 women, vs. 4 men, vs. 5 choir, vs. 6-7 all

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*