



**Holy Baptism &  
Holy Eucharist Rite II  
Church of the Advent  
The Fourth Sunday of Easter  
July 13, 2025, 10:30 AM**

*Welcome to Advent. Thank you for joining us for worship. We hope you meet God here today. All baptized Christians in any tradition are welcome to receive Holy Communion. We invite you to join us for coffee and conversation in the Parish Hall following the service.*

*Nursery is available for children up to age five across the courtyard in the Parish Hall. Activity bags and coloring sheets for children are also available in the narthex.*

*The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) is the red book in the racks. The 1982 Hymnal is the blue book; the hymnal "S" pages appear in the front of this book. LEVAS (Lift Every Voice and Sing) is the black and red hymnal at both the pews' ends.*

*Our services are live-streamed and available to the public via our YouTube channel. Please speak to an usher if you prefer not to be on camera.*



### **New or Visiting This Morning?**

Thank you for gathering with us today for worship. We would love to pray for you by name this week and have the opportunity to get to know you. Please fill out the welcome card found in the pew or through the QR code to the left.

**Prelude**      *Prelude in G* by J. S. Bach  
**Holy Baptism**

**Waldemar Wensell**  
**BCP p. 288**

*Please stand as able*

**Processional**      *I come with joy to meet my Lord*      **Hymnal #304**

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People:*      **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

There is one Body and one Spirit;

**There is one hope in God's call to us;**

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

**One God and Father of all.**

**Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:*      **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*Please stand or kneel as able*

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of Your people who call upon You, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**People:      Amen.**

*Please sit*

**First Lesson**

**The Book of Amos: 7:7-17**

A Reading from the Book of the prophet Amos

<sup>7</sup> This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. <sup>8</sup> And the Lord said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb-line.' Then the Lord said,

‘See, I am setting a plumb-line  
in the midst of my people Israel;  
I will never again pass them by;

<sup>9</sup> the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,  
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,

and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.'

<sup>10</sup> Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup> For thus Amos has said,

"Jeroboam shall die by the sword,  
and Israel must go into exile  
away from his land."

<sup>12</sup> And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; <sup>13</sup> but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.'

<sup>14</sup> Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, <sup>15</sup> and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

<sup>16</sup> 'Now therefore hear the word of the Lord.

You say, "Do not prophesy against Israel,  
and do not preach against the house of Isaac."

<sup>17</sup> Therefore, thus says the Lord:

"Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city,  
and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword,  
and your land shall be parceled out by line;  
you yourself shall die in an unclean land,  
and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land."

The Word of the Lord.

*People:*                    **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Psalm**

### **Psalm 82**

*Please read responsively by whole verse beginning with the Lector*

<sup>1</sup> God has taken his place in the divine council;  
in the midst of the gods he holds judgement:

<sup>2</sup> **‘How long will you judge unjustly  
and show partiality to the wicked?’**

<sup>3</sup> Give justice to the weak and the orphan;  
maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.

<sup>4</sup> **Rescue the weak and the needy;  
deliver them from the hand of the wicked.’**

<sup>5</sup> They have neither knowledge nor understanding,  
they walk around in darkness;  
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

<sup>6</sup> **I say, ‘You are gods,  
children of the Most High, all of you;**

<sup>7</sup> nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,  
and fall like any prince.’

<sup>8</sup> **Rise up, O God, judge the earth;  
for all the nations belong to you!**

## Second Lesson

## Colossians 1:1-14

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the church in Colossae.

**1** Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

<sup>2</sup> To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

<sup>3</sup> In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup> for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup> because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel <sup>6</sup> that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. <sup>7</sup> This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, <sup>8</sup> and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

<sup>9</sup>For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup>so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. <sup>11</sup>May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup>He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Word of the Lord.

*People:*           **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as able.*

## Hymn

*Day by Day, dear Lord*

## Hymnal #654

## The Gospel

## Luke 10:25-37

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

*People:* **Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

<sup>25</sup> Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. ‘Teacher,’ he said, ‘what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ <sup>26</sup> He said to him, ‘What is written in the law? What do you read there?’ <sup>27</sup> He answered, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.’ <sup>28</sup> And he said to him, ‘You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.’

<sup>29</sup> But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbor?’ <sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, ‘A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed

by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." <sup>36</sup> Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' <sup>37</sup> He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:*      **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Brian McVey

**Hymn**

***In Christ there is no East or West***

**Hymnal #529**

## **Presentation and Examination of the Candidates    BCP p. 301**

*Celebrant:* The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents and Godparents:* I present Forest James Duffy to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*Celebrant:* Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life? Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents:* I will, with God's help.

*Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children*

*Question*    Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept Him as your Savior?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you put your whole trust in His grace and love?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you promise to follow and obey Him as your Lord?

*Answer* I do.

*The Celebrant to the congregation:*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?

***People* We will.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## **The Baptismal Covenant**

**BCP p. 304**

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in God the Father?

***People:* I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?



***People:*** I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

***People:*** I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

*Celebrant:* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

***People:*** I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant:* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

***People:*** I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant:* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

***People:*** I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant:* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

***People:*** I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant:* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

***People:*** I will, with God's help.

**Prayers for the Candidates**

**BCP p. 305**

*Celebrant:* Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*Deacon:* Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

***People:* Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Deacon:* Open his heart to your grace and truth.

***People:* Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Deacon:* Fill him with Your holy and life-giving Spirit.

***People:* Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Deacon:* Keep him in the faith and communion of Your holy Church.

***People:* Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Deacon:* Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

***People:* Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Deacon:* Send him into the world in witness to Your love.

***People:* Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Deacon:* Bring him to the fullness of Your peace and glory.

***People:* Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of His Resurrection and look for Him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **Thanksgiving over the Water**

**BCP p. 306**

*The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

We thank You, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it You led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it Your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through His death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank You, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in His death. By it we share in His resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to Your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to Him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*The Celebrant touches the water*

Now sanctify this water, we pray You, by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To Him, to You, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.

**People:** Amen.

## **The Baptism**

*Forest James,* I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank You that by water and the Holy Spirit You have bestowed upon this Your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of

grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in Your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love You, and the gift of joy and wonder in all Your works.

**People: Amen.**

*Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross using Chrism if desired and saying:*

**Celebrant:** Forest James, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

**Celebrant:** Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*Celebrant and People*

**We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in His eternal priesthood.**

## **The Peace**

**BCP p. 360**

*Please sit.*

## **The Welcome and Announcements**

*The offering plates are on either side of the center aisle by the front pew.  
You may also give online through the QR code to the right.*



## **The Offertory**

*Praise, Love, and Consecration*

Advent Choir

*Please stand as able*

## **Presentation Hymn**

***Praise God, from whom...***

## **The Holy Communion**

### **Eucharistic Prayer A**

**BCP p. 361**

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

*People:*               **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant:*       Lift up your hearts.  
*People:*               **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Celebrant:*       Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People:*               **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**Proper Preface** **BCP p. 381**

**Sanctus** **Hymnal #S-129**

*Please stand or kneel as able.*

**The Lord's Prayer** **BCP p. 364**

**Fraction Anthem**               *Christ our Passover*               **Hymnal #S-155**

*This table is not the Church's but God's. It is prepared for those who cherish God and those whose hearts yearn to love God more deeply. Therefore, come, you of unwavering faith and whose faith flickers. Come, you who are familiar here and have been long-absent. Come, you who strive, and you who stumble. God will meet you here. All baptized Christians of any tradition are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

**Communion Music** **Organ Meditation**

**The Post-Communion Prayer** **BCP p. 365**

**The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn**               *Lift high the Cross*               **Hymnal #473**

**The Dismissal** **BCP p. 366**

**Postlude:**               *Postlude on the closing hymn*               **Waldemar Wensell**

The Flowers on the Altar are given in Thanksgiving to God and in celebration of the baptism of Forest James Duffy and in celebration of 60th wedding anniversary of Janice & Jerry Rice!

***Thank You to our Servers Today:***

**Celebrant & Preacher:** The Rev. Brian McVey

**Deacon:** The Rev. Suzie Johnston

**Acolytes:** Hannah McVey, Abbie Womack, and Katie Womack

**Verger:** Jeen Prosis

**Psalmist:** Joshua McVey

**Lector:** Candida Bannister

**Chalice Bearers:** Lindy Womack

**Music Director:** Waldemar Wensell

**Children's Chapel:** Jane Simmons

**Vestry:** Janet Brown

**Nursery:** Rachel Watney

**Ushers:** Greg Platt and Jonathan Williams

**Flower Guild:** Betty Douglass



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