

Lord’s Prayer ~ LBW p. 113

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

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.)

Communion Music

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

(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.)

+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 Hymn #297** *Salvation unto Us Has Come*
ES IST DAS HEIL

(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

(We stay standing, facing the back of the church. The assisting minister concludes the service and sends us forth into the world.)

Assisting Minister: Let us go in peace. The Word has been fulfilled.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Organ Postlude

Improvisation on *Salvation unto Us Has Come*

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 10 – *The Fourth Sunday of Lent*

9:00 am Spoken Word Service

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service with Eucharist

12:30 pm Church Council Meeting

Tuesday and Thursday

9 am – 2 pm First Friends

Wednesday, March 13

6:00 pm Soup Supper

6:30 pm Lenten Vespers

Sunday, March 17 – *The Fifth Sunday of Lent*

9:00 am Spoken Word Service

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service with Eucharist

CHURCH STAFF

Evan McClanahan, Pastor

Mario Aschauer, Organist

Jimmy Paz, Choir Director

Amanda McClanahan, Director of First Friends

Cheri Santibanez, Office Administrator

Peter Okumu, Sexton

Pr. Edwin Peterman, Pastor Emeritus

WORSHIP ENABLERS TODAY

Karen Douglass

Rob Douglass

Alister McClanahan

Clint Pustejovsky, David Hokanson

Charlene Kelley, Sally Russell, Dorah Mushi

Jimmy Paz

Mario Aschauer

Pastor Evan McClanahan

Assisting Minister

Server/Crucifer

Acolyte

Usher

Altar Guild

Choir Director

Organist

Liturgist, Preacher



FIRST LUTHERAN
HOUSTON

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT ~ MARCH 10, 2024

ORDER OF SERVICE

+ WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP +

(The first part of our liturgy takes us out of the world and prepares us to meet God.)

Prelude

(Music helps draw us into an attitude of prayer and praise.)

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness, Insert

Welcome and Announcements

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.)

The Ringing of the Bell

Introit *(Cantor or Choir)*

(We stand and turn to face the cross at the back of the church as the choir or cantor sings. “Introit” means “to enter.” Here we begin our church service with the theme of the day announced.)

Silent Processional

(During the season of Lent, we do not process in to the singing of a hymn. We turn to follow the cross as it moves to the altar.)

Greeting ~ LBW p. 99

Kyrie ~ **LBW #168** *Kyrie, God our Father*

(Staying standing, the assisting minister leads us in chant as 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.

(Be seated.)

+WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD+

The First Lesson ~ Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 *(chanted responsively)*

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



- ¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for | he is good,*
and his mercy en- | dures forever.
- ² **Let all those whom the Lord has re- | deemed proclaim***
that he redeemed them from the hand | of the foe.
- ³ He gathered them out | of the lands;*
from the east and from the west, from the north and | from the south.
- ¹⁷ **Some were fools and took to re- | bellious ways;*
they were afflicted because | of their sins.**
- ¹⁸ They abhorred all man- | ner of food*
and drew near | to death's door.
- ¹⁹ **Then they cried to the Lord | in their trouble,*
and he delivered them from | their distress.**
- ²⁰ He sent forth his | word and healed them*
and saved them | from the grave.
- ²¹ **Let them give thanks to the Lord | for his mercy*
and the wonders he does | for his children.**
- ²² Let them offer a sacrifice | of thanksgiving*
and tell of his acts with | shouts of joy.

The Second Lesson ~ Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else.

But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us

with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Gradual

(We stand as the choir sings the appointed verse of the day. We prepare to hear about Jesus.)

The Gospel ~ John 3:14-21 (KJV)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 3rd chapter.

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

Hymn of the Day ~ LBW Hymn #448 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*
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Nicene Creed ~ LBW p. 105

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.)

Offertory Anthem

Offertory Hymn ~ LBW Hymn #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.