

+ WE RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR +

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

(The pastor leads us in prayer, followed by the words which Jesus spoke when he instituted communion. With these words, the bread and the wine are consecrated or “set apart” for God’s use in this special meal).

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 - LBW p. 114 *Lamb of God*

Holy Communion

(Be seated while you wait to be invited forward to receive the Lord’s Supper. 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 pre-filled with grape juice. Those who prefer the common cup may drink directly from the chalice, or dip the bread into it. Return to the 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*

(We stand and sing once everyone has received the sacrament. Here, 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 +

(In the final part of our liturgy, we are sent out as evangelists into the world, bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people.)

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*

VS 1-3

MEINEN JESUM LASS ICH NICHT

Dismissal

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Organ Postlude

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 20 – The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

Tuesday and Thursday

9am-2pm First Friends

Sunday, September 27 – The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Evan McClanahan, Pastor

Dr. Mario Aschauer, Organist and Choir Director

Amanda McClanahan, Director of First Friends

Cheri Santibanez, Office Administrator

The Rev. Edwin Peterman, Pastor Emeritus

WORSHIP ENABLERS TODAY

Alejandro Acosta

Matthew Scott

David Hokanson, Clint Pustejovsky,

Dylan Blackwell

Carolyn Hokanson, Elise Daulley

Edward Scott

Mario Aschauer

Evan McClanahan

Assisting Minister

Crucifer/Server

Ushers

Altar Guild

Audio/Video

Organist

Liturgist, Preacher



FIRST LUTHERAN
HOUSTON

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

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 - LBW p. 98 *(stand)*

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.)

Processional Hymn - LBW #291 *Jesus Sinners Will Receive*

VS 1-3

MEINEN JESUM LASS ICH NICHT

(We stand as the hymn is introduced and turn to face the cross at the back of the church. As we sing, we turn to follow the cross as it moves toward the altar.)

Greeting and Kyrie - LBW p. 99

Hymn of Praise - LBW p. 100 *Glory to God*

Prayer of the Day - LBW p. 28

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 +

First Lesson - Exodus 16:2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.” Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction

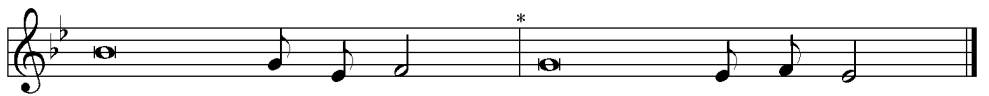
or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?” And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but” against the Lord. Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

The Psalmody - Psalm 145:1-8 *(chanted responsively)*



- ¹ I will exalt you, O | God my King,*
and bless your name forev- | er and ever.
- ² **Every day | will I bless you***
and praise your name forev- | er and ever.
- ³ Great is the Lord and greatly | to be praised;*,
there is no end | to his greatness.
- ⁴ **One generation shall praise your works | to another***
and shall de- | clare your power.
- ⁵ I will ponder the glorious splendor | of your majesty*
and all your | marvelous works.
- ⁶ **They shall speak of the might of your | wondrous acts,***
and I will tell | of your greatness.
- ⁷ They shall publish the remembrance of | your great goodness;*,
they shall sing of your | righteous deeds.
- ⁸ **The Lord is gracious and full | of compassion,***
slow to anger and | of great kindness.

The Second Lesson - Philippians 1:21-30

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with

Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God’s doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *The congregation is invited to join the “Alleluias”*



The Gospel - Matthew 20:1-16

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 20th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you O Christ.

The Sermon

Hymn of the Day - LBW #364 *Son of God, Eternal Savior*

IN BABILONE

The Apostles’ Creed - LBW p. 106

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

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 into hell.*

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.

**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. Amen**

The Prayer 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 as you are comfortable.)

The Offering

Offertory Hymn - LBW Hymn #565 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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.**