Holy Communion

(Be seated while you wait to be called forward to receive Christ's body and blood. Due to Covid-19, the pastor will hand you a host and you are encouraged to either eat it or dip it into the chalice. The chalice will not have a lot of wine in it to prevent the spread of germs. There will be no individual cups or drinking from the chalice. To only receive the bread is a full reception of the Lord's Supper. We will alternate which side comes forward. Pulpit side first, then lectern side. Please keep 6 feet apart while waiting in the center aisle. The pastor will wash his hands and wear gloves and a mask for an extra layer of safety.)

<u>**Music During Communion**</u> ~ I Want to Walk As A Child of the Light

Post-Communion Canticle ~ LBW p. 93 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+

(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. 94

(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.

Pastor (chanting): Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Congregation (chanting): Amen.

<u>Recessional Hymn</u> ~ **LBW Hymn #76** O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!

Vs. 4-6, vs. 5 a capella

(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.

Postlude

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 17 – The Second Sunday after the Epiphany 9:00 am Spoken Word Service 10:00 am Sunday School for adults and children 11:00 am Worship Service with Eucharist Monday, January 18 7:30 pm Zoom Bible Study Wednesday, January 20 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal Sunday, January 24 – The Second Sunday after the Epiphany 9:00 am Spoken Word Service 10:00 am Sunday School for adults and children 11:00 am Worship Service with Eucharist

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Prelude

Announcements

Introit (Choir)

Processional Hymn ~ LBW #76 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright! Vs. 1-3 (We all sing the hymn and turn to follow the cross as it moves to the altar.)

<u>Hymn of Praise</u> ~ LBW p. 78 *Glory to God in the Highest* (Having received forgiveness and mercy, we sing praise to God, our source of all blessings.)

(The pastor offers an appointed prayer based upon the scripture readings of the day). Pastor: Let us pray ... Congregation: Amen.

(Be seated.)

FIRST LUTHERAN HOUSTON

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY ~ JANUARY 17, 2021 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.)

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

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness ~ LBW p. 77

(We stand and face the altar; the pastor leads us in examining ourselves before God and alongside one another. We all receive His forgiveness and are now ready to worship.)

(Be seated. We are forgoing a Children's Sermon for now, but will resume them soon.)

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

Greeting and Kyrie ~ LBW p. 78

(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. 15

+WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD+

(In the second part of our liturgy, we hear and respond to God's word.)

First Lesson ~ 1 Samuel 3:1-20

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever." Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him."

As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm (read responsively) Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end— I am still with you.

<u>The Second Lesson</u> ~ 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body. Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Verse (Cantor)

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

<u>The Gospel Lesson</u> ~ John 1:43-51

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 1st chapter.

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

(As the prophets, apostles, and even Jesus himself did, the pastor proclaims God's word as it applies to us and our world today. Listen both for what God demands of us (the Law) and what God does for us through Jesus Christ (the Gospel)).

Hymn of the Day ~ LBW #354 Eternal God, before Your Throne INVOCATION

Nicene Creed ~ LBW p. 84

Prayers of the People

situations beyond our control).

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

(Having prayed for our world, we now extend peace to the members of the body of Christ right around us. By this greeting to one another, we practice the peace that unites God's kingdom even here on Earth.)

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.)

<u>Anthem</u> ~ Jesus Is My Heart's Delight

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. 89 (We stay standing, as the pastor leads us in preparation for celebrating communion.)

Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) ~ LBW p. 90

Eucharistic Prayer #33 and Words of Institution ~ LBW p. 91

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. 92 (Staying standing, we pray the prayer given by Christ himself.)

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) ~ LBW p. 92 (We stay standing as we sing about Jesus, the Lamb of God sacrificed for us to free us from the bondage of sin and death.)

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(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

Assisting Minister: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for

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