

+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
Assisting Minister: Let us pray ... Jesus Christ our Lord.
Congregation: Amen.

Recessional Hymn ~ LBW Hymn #259 *Father, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing*
SICILIAN MARINERS
(We stay standing and sing. 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
Improvisation on *Father, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing*

Sermon Notes

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 21 – The Third Sunday after the Epiphany
10:00 am Sunday School for adults and children
11:00 am Worship Service with Eucharist

Tuesday and Thursday
9am-2pm First Friends

Sunday, January 28 – The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
10:00 am Sunday School for adults and children
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
Bright Igwenagu, Sexton
Pr. Edwin Peterman, Pastor Emeritus

WORSHIP ENABLERS TODAY	
Rob Douglass	Assisting Minister
Karen Douglass	Crucifer/Server
Adalyn McClanahan	Acolyte
David Hokanson, Eric Olson, Steve Bing	Ushers
Carolyn Hokanson, Lydia Okumu	Altar Guild
Mario Aschauer	Organist
Evan McClanahan	Liturgist, Preacher



FIRST LUTHERAN
HOUSTON

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY ~ JANUARY 21, 2024

ORDER OF SERVICE

+WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP+

Upon entering the nave, please prepare for worship by attentively listening to the prelude.

Organ Prelude
Improvisation on *Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning*

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness, p. 77 *(stand)*

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 *(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 Hymn #84 *Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning*
MORNING STAR
(We all sing the hymn and turn to follow the cross as it moves to the altar.)

Greeting and Kyrie ~ LBW p. 78

Hymn of Praise ~ LBW p. 79 *Glory to God in the highest*

Prayer of the Day ~ LBW p. 15

Pastor: Let us pray ...
Congregation: Amen.

Be seated.

+WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD+

(In the second part of our liturgy, we hear and respond to God’s word. You may be seated.)

The First Lesson ~ Jonah 3:1-5

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!”

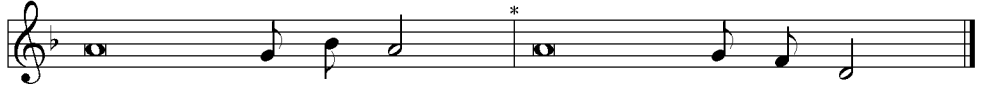
And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm: Psalm 62:5-12 *(chanted responsively)*

The psalm with be chanted responsibly with the choir chanting the odd verses and the congregation chanting the even verses.



- ⁵ They bless | with their lips,*
but in their | hearts they curse.
- ⁶ **For God alone my soul in | silence waits;*
truly, my hope | is in him.**
- ⁷ He alone is my rock and | my salvation,*
my stronghold, so that I shall | not be shaken.
- ⁸ **In God is my safety | and my honor;*
God is my strong rock | and my refuge.**
- ⁹ Put your trust in him al- | ways, O people,*
pour out your hearts before him, for God | is our refuge.
- ¹⁰ **Those of high degree are but a | fleeting breath,*
even those of low estate can- | not be trusted.**
- ¹¹ On the scales they are lighter | than a breath,*
all of | them together.
- ¹² **Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no | empty pride;*
though wealth increase, set not your | heart upon it.**

The Second Lesson ~ 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Gradual *The congregation is invited to join the “Alleluias”*

Ant. Alleluia, alleluia, alleuia.

V. The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news. (Mark 1:15)

The Gospel ~ Mark 1:14-20 (KJV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel. Now as he walked by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men. And straightway they forsook their nets, and followed him. And when he had gone a little farther thence, he saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the ship mending their nets. And straightway he called them: and they left their father Zebedee in the ship with the hired servants, and went after him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you O Christ.

The Sermon

Hymn of the Day ~ LBW Hymn #455 *“Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake*
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The Apostles’ Creed~ LBW p. 85

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. Be seated as ushers collect the offering and the choir sings. Having heard God’s word, we thus respond in faith and thanksgiving through this act.)

The Offering

God Is Our Refuge, K. 20 W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)

God is our Refuge and Strength,
a very present Help in trouble.
(Ps. 46:1)

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.

+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. 88
(We stay standing, as the pastor leads us in preparation for celebrating communion.)

Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) ~ LBW p. 89

Eucharistic Prayer #33 and Words of Institution ~ LBW p. 90
(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. 91

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) ~ LBW p. 92 *Lamb of God*
(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.)

Communion Music

Choralis Constantinus, Vol. 1: 31. *Mirabantur omnes.* Heinrich Isaac (1450-1517)

Mirabantur omnes de his,
quae procedebant de ore Dei.

All wondered at the words,
which proceeded from the mouth of God. (Luke 4:22)

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.

Post-Communion Canticle ~ LBW p. 92 *Thank the Lord and sing his praise*
(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.)