

Lord's Prayer ~ LBW p. 113

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

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) ~ LBW#103 *O Christ, Thou 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.)

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 mask for an extra layer of safety.)

Music During Communion

If With All Your Heart from Felix Mendelssohn's "Elijah"

Post-Communion Canticle ~ LBW # 215 *O Lord, We Praise You, vs. 1*

(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.

Recessional Hymn ~ LBW Hymn #210 – *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*

(vs. 5-8)

SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT

(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 ~ *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*

Ernst Pepping (1902-1981)

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 11 – *The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

9:00 am Spoken Word Service

10:00 am Sunday School for adults and children

11:00 am Worship Service with Eucharist

12:30 pm Church Council Meeting

Monday, October 12

7:30 pm Ask Me Anything Bible Study Via Zoom

Wednesday, October 14

7:00 pm Choir rehearsal

Sunday, October 18 – *The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*

9:00 am Spoken Word Service

10:00 am Sunday School for adults and children

11:00 am Worship Service with Eucharist

CHURCH STAFF

Pr. Evan McClanahan, Pastor

Jane Almquist, Deaconess

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WORSHIP ENABLERS TODAY

Carolyn Hokanson

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Dorry Shaddock

Rachel Amos

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Altar Guild

Usher

Assisting Minister

Crucifer

Liturgist, Preacher

Organist

Cantor

Choir Director



THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ OCTOBER 11, 2020

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 ~ *All Glory Be to God on High* Johann Ludwig Krebs (1713-1780)

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

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness ~ LBW p. 98

(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.)

Announcements

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

Introit (Choir) ~ Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Antiphon: Reward them that wait for Thee, O Lord, and let Thy prophets be found faithful. Hear the prayer of Thy servants and of Thy people Israel.

Psalm: I was glad when they said unto me: Let us go into the house of the Lord.

Gloria Patri; Antiphon

(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.)

Processional Hymn ~ LBW #210 – *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing* (vs. 1-4)

SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT

(We all sing the hymn and turn to follow the cross as it moves to the altar.)

Greeting and Kyrie ~ LBW p. 99

(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.)

Hymn of Praise ~ LBW #166 *All Glory Be to God on High*

All 1 & 4, west side (lectern) vs. 2, east side (pulpit), vs. 3

(Having received forgiveness and mercy, we sing praise to God, our source of all blessings.)

Prayer of the Day ~ LBW p. 29

(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+

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

First Lesson ~ Exodus 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, “Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” Aaron said to them, “Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.” So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.” They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The Lord said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’< The Lord said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.” But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm (read responsively) Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name’s sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Second Lesson, Philippians 4:1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is

near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Verse (Choir) ~ God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage Hymn #239

Text: N. Grundvig (1783-1872); melody: Martin Luther (1483-1546)

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

Gospel ~ Matthew 22:1-14

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Be seated.)

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 #456 – The King of Love My Shepherd Is ST. COLUMBA

Apostles’ Creed ~ LBW p. 85

Prayers of the People

(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 situations beyond our control).

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

(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.)

Offering

Offertory Anthem

Praise the Lord from Judas Maccabeus

George Frederic Handel

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

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

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