

## **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.)*

## **Music During Communion**

*Eternal Father Strong to Save*

## **Post-Communion Canticle** ~ LBW p.72 *Thank the Lord*

*(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. 74

*(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 #533 – *Now Thank We All Our God*

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*(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** ~ *Toccata in F Major*

Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

## CALENDAR

### **Sunday, November 8 – Pentecost 23**

9:00 am Spoken Word Service  
10:00 am Sunday School for adults and children  
11:00 am Worship Service with Eucharist

### **Monday, November 9**

7:30 pm Ask Me Anything Bible Study Via Zoom

### **Tuesday, November 10**

7:00 pm Theology on Tap Ask Me Anything

### **Wednesday, November 11**

7:00 pm Choir rehearsal

### **Sunday, November 15 – Pentecost 24**

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

## CHURCH STAFF

Pr. Evan McClanahan, Pastor  
Jane Almquist, Deaconess  
Dorry Shaddock, Organist  
Bright Igwenagu, Sexton  
Nancy Kincaid, Office Administrator  
Mary Kay Buehler, Choir Director  
Amanda McClanahan, Director of First Friends Parent's Day Out Program  
Pr. Edwin Peterman, Pastor Emeritus  
Carroll Shaddock, Director Emeritus of Music

## WORSHIP ENABLERS TODAY

Carolyn Hokanson	Altar Guild
Greg and Christopher Ranft	Usher
Donald Hackler	Assisting Minister
Andrea Ranft	Crucifer
Evan McClanahan	Liturgist, Preacher
Kaitlyn Ranft	Acolyte
Dorry Shaddock	Organist
Rachel Amos	Cantor
Mark Kay Buehler	Choir Director



THE 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ NOVEMBER 8, 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** ~ *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying* Gottfried Homilius (1714-1785)  
*(Music helps draw us into an attitude of prayer and praise.)*

## **Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness** ~ LBW p. 56

*(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:* If Thou, Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee, that Thou mayest be feared, O God of Israel. *Psalm:* Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice. *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 #269 – *Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun*

MORNING HYMN

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

## **Greeting and Kyrie** ~ LBW p. 57

*(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 p. 60 *This is the Feast*

*(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 ~ Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25**

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. “Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord.

Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.” But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.” And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the Lord!” Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.” The people said to Joshua, “The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey.” So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

### **The Psalm** *(read responsively)* **Psalm 78:1-7**

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

**I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,**

things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.

**We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.**

He established a decree in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach to their children;

**that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children,**

so that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments;

### **The Second Lesson, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel’s call and with the sound of God’s trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**Verse** (Cantor)

Paul Bunjes (1914-98)

Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

The Lord commanded blessing, even life forevermore. Alleluia! The Lord

healeth the broken in heart and bindeth up their wounds. Alleluia!

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

### **The Gospel Lesson ~ Matthew 25:1-13**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.**

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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 #31 – Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying**

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### **Apostles’ Creed ~ LBW p. 65**

### **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**

*Now Thank We All Our God*

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. 69**

### **Eucharistic Prayer #33 and Words of Institution ~ LBW p. 70**

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. 71**

*(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.)*