

**Holy Communion**

*Please be seated until an usher invites you forward. 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 prefilled with grape juice. Those who prefer the common cup may drink directly from the chalice, or dip the bread into it. Return to your 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. You may place the empty cup in the tray by the side aisle on your way back to your seat.*

**Music During Communion**

**Post-Communion Canticale** ~ 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+**

**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 #261 *Oh What Has Now Been Sown*

DARWALL’S 148TH

*(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**

**CALENDAR**

**Sunday, July 20** – *The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

10:00 am    Sunday School

11:00 am    Worship Service

**Monday – Friday**

*7 am – 5 pm Elite University Day Camps at First Lutheran*

**Saturday, July 26**

9am-12pm Workday and potluck lunch

**Sunday, July 27** – *The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

10:00 am    Sunday School

11:00 am    Worship Service

**CHURCH STAFF**

Evan McClanahan, Pastor

Mario Aschauer, Organist/Choir Director

Amanda McClanahan, Director of First Friends

Cheri Santibanez, Office Administrator

Bright Igwenagu, Sexton

Pr. Edwin Peterman, Pastor Emeritus

**WORSHIP ENABLERS TODAY**

Matthew Scott

Karen Douglass

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Tristyn Brogan

Christopher Maale, Dylan Blackwell

Eric Olson, Lydia Okumu

Eddie Scott

Mario Aschauer

Pastor Evan McClanahan

Assisting Minister

Server

Crucifer

Acolyte

Usher

Altar Guild

Audio/Video

Organist/Choir Director

Liturgist/Preacher



THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ JULY 20, 2025

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. 56 *(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 #444 *With the Lord Begin Your Task* FANG DEIN WERK

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

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

**Hymn of Praise** ~ LBW p. 60 *This is the Feast*

**Prayer of the Day** ~ LBW p. 25

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+**

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

**First Lesson** ~ Amos 8:1-12

This is what the Lord God showed me—a basket of summer fruit. He said, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A basket of summer fruit.” Then the Lord said to me, The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by. The songs of the temple shall become wailings in that day,” says the Lord God; “the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!”

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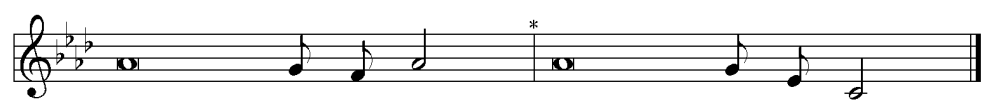
Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, “When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.” The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt? On that day, says the Lord God, I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight. I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day.

The time is surely coming, says the Lord God, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm ~ Psalm 52**



- <sup>1</sup> You tyrant, why do you | boast of wickedness\*  
against the godly | all day long?
- <sup>2</sup> **You plot ruin; your tongue is like a | sharpened razor,\***  
**O worker | of deception.**
- <sup>3</sup> You love evil | more than good\*  
and lying more than speak- | ing the truth.
- <sup>4</sup> **You love all | words that hurt,\***  
**O you de- | ceitful tongue.**
- <sup>5</sup> Oh, that God would demol- | ish you utterly,\*  
topple you, and snatch you from your dwelling,  
and root you out of the land | of the living!
- <sup>6</sup> **The righteous shall | see and tremble,\***  
**and they shall laugh | at him, saying,**
- <sup>7</sup> "This is the one who did not take God | for a refuge,\*  
but trusted in great wealth and relied | upon wickedness."
- <sup>8</sup> **But I am like a green olive tree in the | house of God;\***  
**I trust in the mercy of God forev- | er and ever.**
- <sup>9</sup> I will give you thanks for what | you have done\*  
and declare the goodness of your name in the presence | of the godly.

**The Second Lesson ~ Colossians 1:15-29**

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the

fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God’s commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil and struggle with all the energy that he powerfully inspires within me.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual (choir only) The congregation is invited to join the “Alleluias”**

**The Gospel ~ Luke 10:38-42**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.” But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord!

**C: Praise to you O Christ. Alleluia!**

**The Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day ~ LBW Hymn #457 *Jesus, Priceless Treasure***

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**The 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**

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.)*

**Choral Anthem**

**The Offering**

*(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.)*

**Offertory ~ LBW p.66 *Let the Vineyards***

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. 68**

*(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**

*(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. 71**

**Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) ~ LBW Hymn #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.)*