

**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 #260 *On Our Way Rejoicing* HERMAS

*(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 27** – *The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

12:30 pm Special Congregational Meeting

**Monday – Friday**

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

**Sunday, August 3** – *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

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**WORSHIP ENABLERS TODAY**

Edward Scott

Matthew Scott

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Amanda McClanahan

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Pastor Evan McClanahan

Assisting Minister

Server, Crucifer

Acolyte

Usher

Altar Guild

Audio/Video

Organist/Choir Director

Liturgist/Preacher



THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ JULY 27, 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 #443 *Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray*

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*(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. 26

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** ~ Hosea 1:2-10

When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea, “Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the Lord.” So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son. And the Lord said to him, “Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.” She conceived again and bore a daughter.

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Then the Lord said to him, “Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the Lord their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen.”

When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. Then the Lord said, “Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God.” Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, “You are not my people,” it shall be said to them, “Children of the living God.”  
Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.  
**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm ~ Psalm 85:1-8**



- <sup>1</sup> You have been gracious to your | land, O Lord;\*  
you have restored the good for- | tune of Jacob.
- <sup>2</sup> **You have forgiven the iniquity | of your people\*  
and blotted out | all their sins.**
- <sup>3</sup> You have withdrawn | all your fury\*  
and turned yourself from your wrathful | indignation.
- <sup>4</sup> **Restore us then, O | God our Savior;\*  
let your anger de- | part from us.**
- <sup>5</sup> Will you be displeased with | us forever?\*  
Will you prolong your anger from | age to age?
- <sup>6</sup> **Will you not give us | life again,\*  
that your people may re- | joice in you?**
- <sup>7</sup> Show us your mer- | cy, O Lord,\*  
and grant us | your salvation.
- <sup>8</sup> **I will listen to what the Lord | God is saying,\*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their | hearts to him.**

**The Second Lesson ~ Colossians 2:6-19**

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.  
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 11:1-13**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” He said to them, “When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.” And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. “So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

P: The Gospel of the Lord!  
**C: Praise to you O Christ. Alleluia!**

**The Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day ~ LBW Hymn #438 *Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright***  
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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.)*