

Communion Anthem

Tritt auf die Glaubensbahn, BWV. 152: IV. Stein, der über alle Schätze

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Stein, der über alle Schätze, Hilf, dass ich zu aller Zeit Durch den Glauben auf dich setze Meinen Grund der Seligkeit Und mich nicht an dir verletze, Stein, der über alle Schätze!	Stone surpassing every treasure, Help that I may for all time, Through my faith, upon thee stablish My foundation for true grace And may not on thee be wounded, Stone surpassing every treasure!
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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.)

+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.

Pastor (chanting): Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Congregation (chanting): Amen.

Recessional Hymn ~ LBW Hymn #526 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

ST. DENIO

(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 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* (LBW 526)

CALENDAR

Sunday, May 14 – The Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:00 am Sunday School for adults and children

11:00 am Worship Service with Eucharist

Tuesday and Thursday

9am-2pm First Friends

Saturday, May 20

6:00 pm Feast at First/Preparation Presentation

Sunday, May 21 – The Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

Barbara Scott

Andrea Ranft

Kaitlyn Ranft

Greg and Christopher Ranft, Aubrey Maale

Carolyn Hokanson, Eric Olson

Jimmy Paz

Mario Aschauer

Evan McClanahan

Assisting Minister

Crucifer/Server

Acolyte

Usher

Altar Guild

Choir Director

Organist

Liturgist, Preacher



THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ MAY 14, 2023

ORDER OF SERVICE

+WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP+

Organ Prelude

Improvisation on *With High Delight Let Us Unite* (LBW 140)

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)*

Tempus Paschale: Hebdomada 6: Vocem iucunditatis

Ant. The voice of joy declare, and let it be heard, alleluia: declare it even unto the extremities of the earth: delivered the Lord hath the people of Him, alleluia, alleluia. (Isaiah 48:20)

V. Shout with joy to God all the earth: a psalm sing ye to the name of Him, give glory to the name of Him. (Psalm 65:1-2)

(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 #140 *With High Delight Let Us Unite*

MIT FREUDEN ZART

(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. 81 *This is the Feast*

Prayer of the Day ~ LBW p. 22

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.)

First Lesson ~ Acts 17:22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

The Psalmody ~ Psalm 66:1-6 *(chanted responsively)*

The choir will chant the odd numbered verses and the congregation will respond with the even numbered (bolded) verses.



¹ Be joyful in God, | all you lands;*
sing the glory of his name; sing the glory | of his praise.

² **Say to God, "How awesome | are your deeds!***
Because of your great strength your enemies | cringe before you.

³ All the earth bows | down before you,*
sings to you, sings | out your name."

⁴ **Come now and see the | works of God,***
how wonderful he is in his doing | toward all people.

⁵ He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the wat- | er on

foot,* and there we re- | joiced in him.

⁶ **In his might he rules forever; his eyes keep watch o- | ver the**

nations;* let no rebel rise | up against him.

The Second Lesson, 1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in

Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.

And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

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

Ant. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will save them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. (John 14:23)

The Gospel ~ John 14:15-21 (KJV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord

If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you O Christ. Alleluia!

The Sermon

Hymn of the Day ~ LBW Hymn #508 *Come Down, O Love Divine* DOWN AMPNEY

The Nicene Creed ~ LBW p. 84

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.)

Offertory

Herz und Mund und Tat und Leben, BWV. 147: X. Jesus bleibet meine freude

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Jesus, source of every blessing,
He my heart's supreme delight;
Jesus lightens all my troubles
through His love's redeeming might.

He my eye's most precious pleasure,
He my spirit's choicest treasure,
fast and firm within my heart;
He and I will never part.

(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 Hymn ~ LBW Hymn #565 *Praise God, from Whom...*

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.)