

**Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) ~ LBW Hymn** p. 114 *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. When we are called forward into a circle, 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.)*

**Music During Communion**

**Post-Communion Canticle ~ LBW** p. 116 *Lord, now you Let (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. 117  
*(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 #507** *How Firm a Foundation* FOUNDATION  
*(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**  
*(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.**

**Organ Postlude**

**CALENDAR**  
**Sunday, June 13 –** The Third Sunday after Pentecost  
**\*\*\*Blood Drive at First\*\*\***  
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, June 14**  
7:30 pm Zoom Bible Study  
**Tuesday and Thursday**  
9 am – 2 pm First Friends  
**Sunday, June 20 –** The Fourth 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  
Mario Aschauer, Organist  
Martin Jones, Organ Scholar  
Bright Igwenagu, Sexton  
Nancy Kincaid, Office Administrator  
Mary Kay Buehler, Choir Director  
Amanda McClanahan, Director of First Friends  
Pr. Edwin Peterman, Pastor Emeritus  
Carroll Shaddock, Director Emeritus of Music

WORSHIP ENABLERS TODAY	
Chris and Chrissy Ramos, Aubrey Maale	Ushers
Charlene Kelley, Mary Magana	Altar Guild
Cindy Sneed	Assisting Minister
Donald Hackler	Server/Crucifer
Xavier Ramos	Acolyte
Evan McClanahan	Liturgist, Preacher
Hannah Cen	Organist
Mary Kay Buehler	Choir Director



FIRST LUTHERAN  
HOUSTON

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ JUNE 13, 2021  
ORDER OF SERVICE

**+WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP+**  
**Organ Prelude**

**Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness**, p. 98 *(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 #231** *O Word of God Incarnate* MUNICH  
*(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 #543** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, vs, 1 and 4*  
*(Having received forgiveness and mercy, we sing praise to God, our source of all blessings.)*

**Prayer of the Day ~ LBW** p. 25  
*(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 ~ 1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13**

Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And Yahweh was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

Yahweh said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And Yahweh said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to Yahweh.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what Yahweh commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to Yahweh; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely Yahweh’s anointed is now before Yahweh.” But Yahweh said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.  
**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

### **The Psalm *(read responsively)* Psalm 20**

Yahweh answer you in the day of trouble! The name of the God of Jacob protect you!

**May he send you help from the sanctuary, and give you support from Zion.**

May he remember all your offerings, and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices.

**May he grant you your heart’s desire, and fulfill all your plans.**

May we shout for joy over your victory, and in the name of our God set up our banners. May Yahweh fulfill all your petitions.

**Now I know that Yahweh will help his anointed; he will answer him from his holy heaven with mighty victories by his right hand.**

Some take pride in chariots, and some in horses, but our pride is in the name of Yahweh our God.

**They will collapse and fall, but we shall rise and stand upright.**

Give victory to the king, O Lord; answer us when we call.

### **The Second Lesson ~ 2 Corinthians 5:6-17**

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord — for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences.

We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we

are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

### **Gradual *(The congregation is invited to sing the Alleluias)***

### **The Gospel Lesson ~ Mark 4:26-34 (KJV)**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter

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

And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how. For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear. But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come. And he said, Whereunto shall we liken the kingdom of God? or with what comparison shall we compare it? It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown in the earth, is less than all the seeds that be in the earth: But when it is sown, it groweth up, and becometh greater than all herbs, and shooteth out great branches; so that the fowls of the air may lodge under the shadow of it. And with many such parables spake he the word unto them, as they were able to hear it. But without a parable spake he not unto them: and when they were alone, he expounded all things to his disciples.

P: The Gospel of the Lord!.

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

### **The Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day ~ #238** *God Has Spoken by His Prophets*

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*(We stand and sing a hymn that reflects the words of the readings and sermon).*

### **Apostles’ Creed ~ LBW p. 106**

### **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 *He That Keepeth Israel***

*(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 p. 107** *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. 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**

*(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. 113**

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