

CALENDAR

Sunday, June 16 – The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am Sunday School for adults and children

11:00 am Worship Service with Eucharist

Sunday, June 23 – The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am Sunday School for adults and children

11:00 am Worship Service with Eucharist

12:30 pm Church Council Meeting

CHURCH STAFF

Evan McClanahan, Pastor

Mario Aschauer, Organist

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WORSHIP ENABLERS TODAY

Edward Scott

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Organist

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Liturgist, Preacher



THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ JUNE 16, 2024

SERVICE OF THE WORD

+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, p. 77 (*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 Hymn #231** *O Word of God Incarnate* MUNICH

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

Dialogue ~ LBW p. 126 (middle of page)

"Holy is the Lord, the Almighty..."

Apostles' Creed ~ LBW p. 128

Old Testament Cantic ~ **LBW Hymn #14** *Listen! You Nations*

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray ...God, our maker and redeemer, you have made us a new company of priests to bear witness to the Gospel. Enable us to be faithful to our calling to make known your promises to all the world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.)

The 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, because I have rejected him; for Yahweh does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but Yahweh looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has Yahweh chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has Yahweh chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “Yahweh has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. Yahweh said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of Yahweh came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 20 *(chanted responsively)*

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



¹ May the Lord answer you in the | day of trouble,*

the name of the God of Ja- | cob defend you;

² **send you help from his | holy place***

and strengthen you | out of Zion;

³ remember | all your offerings*

and accept | your burnt sacrifice;

⁴ **grant you your | heart's desire***

and prosper | all your plans.

⁵ We will shout for joy at your victory and triumph in the name | of our God;*

may the Lord grant all | your requests.

⁶ **Now I know that the Lord gives victory to | his anointed;***

he will answer him out of his holy heaven,

with the victorious strength of | his right hand.

⁷ Some put their trust in chariots and | some in horses,*

but we will call upon the name of the | Lord our God.

⁸ **They collapse | and fall down,***

but we will arise | and stand upright.

⁹ O Lord, give victory | to the king*

and 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.

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

The Gospel ~ Mark 4:26-34

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 4th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

He also said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

P: The Gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you O Christ.

The Sermon

Hymn of the Day ~ LBW Hymn #234 *Almighty God, Your Word is Cast*

ST. FLAVIAN

(Be seated)

The Offering

Offertory Hymn ~ LBW Hymn #406 *Take My Life, that I May Be*, v. 1, 4

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.

The Prayers ~ LBW p. 129

The Lord’s Prayer ~ LBW p. 130

New Testament Canticle ~ LBW Hymn #13 *Keep in Mind that Jesus Christ*

Benediction ~ LBW p. 130

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

Assisting Minister: Let us go in peace. The Word has been fulfilled.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Organ Postlude