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 p. 72 ~ *Lamb of God*

Communion Anthem

Holy Communion
(Be seated while you wait to be invited forward to receive the Lord's Supper. 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 pre-filled with grape juice. Those who prefer the common cup may drink directly from the chalice, or dip the bread into it. Return to the 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.)

Post-Communion Canticle ~ LBW p. 72 *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 +

Post-Communion Prayer and Benediction ~ LBW p. 74
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 #533** – *Now Thank We All Our God*
NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

Dismissal
Assisting Minister: Let us go in peace. The Word has been fulfilled.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Organ Postlude

Calendar

Sunday, November 8 – The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
Tuesday and Thursday
9am-2pm First Friends
Sunday, November 15 – The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
12:30 pm Church Council

Church Staff

The Rev. Evan McClanahan, Pastor
Dr. Mario Aschauer, Organist and Choir Director
Amanda McClanahan, Director of First Friends
Cheri Santibanez, Office Administrator
Pr. Edwin Peterman, Pastor Emeritus

Worship Enablers Today

Cindy Scott	Assisting Minister
Alejandro Acosta	Crucifer/Server
David Hokanson, Steve Bing, Clint Pustejovsky	Usher
Adalyn McClanahan, Charlene Kelley	Altar Guild
Matthew Scott	Audio/Video
Mario Aschauer	Organist/Choir Director
Evan McClanahan	Liturgist, Preacher

FIRST LUTHERAN HOUSTON

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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, *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*
STRAF MICH NICHT
(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. 29
Pastor: Let us pray ...
Congregation: Amen.

+ WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD +

First Lesson ~ Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. "Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord.

Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are

living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God." But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.
Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

<u>The Psalmody</u> - Psalm 78:1-7 *(chanted responsively)*

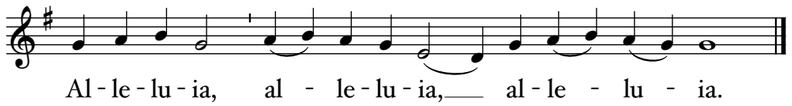


1 Hear my teaching, | O my people;*
incline your ears to the words | of my mouth.
2 I will open my mouth | in a parable;*
I will declare the mysteries of | ancient times.
3 That which we have heard and known, and what our forefa- | thers have told us,*we will not hide | from their children.
4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power | of the Lord,*
and the wonderful works | he has done.
5 He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a | law for Israel,*
which he commanded them to | teach their children;
6 that the generations to come might know, and the children | yet unborn;*
that they in their turn might tell it | to their children;
7 so that they might put their | trust in God,*
and not forget the deeds of God, but keep | his commandments,

<u>The Second Lesson</u> ~ 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means

precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.
Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

<u>Gospel Acclamation</u> *The congregation is invited to join the "Alleluias"*



<u>The Gospel</u> - Matthew 25:1-13
P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord
"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.
P: The Gospel of the Lord!
C: Praise to you O Christ. Alleluia!

<u>The Sermon</u>

<u>Hymn of the Day</u> - LBW #31 – *Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying*
WACHET AUF

<u>The Apostles' Creed</u> ~ LBW p. 65

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.*
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

<u>The Prayer of the People</u>
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.

<u>The Greeting of Peace</u>
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.)

<u>The Offering</u>

<u>Offertory</u> ~ LBW p. 66 *Let the Vineyards*

<u>Offering Prayer</u>
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+

<u>Great Thanksgiving and Proper Preface</u> ~ LBW p. 68

<u>Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)</u> ~ LBW p. 69

<u>Eucharistic Prayer #33 and Words of Institution</u> ~ 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).