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. The pastor will give you bread, which you can eat as soon as you get it. If you wish to dip the bread into the chalice or drink from the chalice, do not take a grape juice cup or an empty cup. If you take an empty cup, the Server will pour some wine into it. After drinking the wine, put the empty cup in a tray by the side aisle on your way back to your seat, not back into the tray from which you took the empty cup.

Music During Communion

Post-Communion Canticle ~ LBW p. 72 Thank the Lord

+WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD+

Post-Communion Prayer ~ 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.**

Announcements

Benediction ~ LBW p. 74

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

Congregation (chanting): Amen.

<u>Recessional Hymn</u> ~ **LBW Hymn** #359 In Christ There Is No East or West MCKEE (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 21 – The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service with Eucharist Monday – Friday 7 am-7 pm Elite University Saturday, July 27 6:00 pm Feast at First (4333 Jefferson, 77023) Sunday, July 28 – The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Sunday School 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

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- Barbara Sneed Matthew Scott Carldiaz Okumu Clint Pustejovsky, David Hokanson Carolyn Hokanson, Adalyn McClanahan Jimmy Paz Mario Aschauer Pastor Evan McClanahan
- Assisting Minister Server/Crucifer Acolyte Usher Altar Guild Choir Director Organist Liturgist, Preacher



Organ Prelude

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness, p. 56 (stand)

The Ringing of the Bell

Introit (Choir or cantor)

Processional Hymn ~ LBW Hymn #555 When in Our Music God is Glorified FREDERICKTOWN (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.

(Be seated.)

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.)

(In the second part of our liturgy, we hear and respond to God's word.)

First Lesson ~ 2 Samuel 7:1-14a

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you." *Continued on next page*

FIRST LUTHERAN HOUSTON

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ JULY 21, 2024 ORDER OF SERVICE

+WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP+

Upon entering the nave, please prepare for worship by attentively listening to the prelude.

Welcome and Announcements

(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.)

+WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD+

Continued...

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord. Congregation: Thanks be to God.

<u>The Psalm</u> ~ Psalm 89:20-25



²⁰ I have found Da- | vid my servant;* with my holy oil have I a- | nointed him. ²¹ My hand will | hold him fast* and my arm will | make him strong. ²² No enemy | shall deceive him,* nor any wicked man | bring him down. ²³ I will crush his | foes before him* and strike down | those who hate him. ²⁴ My faithfulness and love shall | be with him,* and he shall be victorious | through my name. ²⁵ I shall make his domin- | ion extend*

from the great sea | to the river.

<u>Second Lesson</u> ~ Ephesians 2:11-22

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision" -a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands- remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new

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humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God. Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord. Congregation: Thanks be to God.

<u>Gradual</u> (cantor only) The congregation is invited to join the "Alleluias"

<u>The Gospel</u> ~ Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 6th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

P: The Gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you O Christ.

The Sermon

Hymn of the Day ~ LBW #459 O Holy Spirit, Enter In

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.)

Offertory

(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.)

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.

(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.)

Lord's Prayer ~ LBW p. 71

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) ~ LBW p. 72 Lamb of God

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

+WE RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR+

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 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