

Lord's Prayer ~ LBW p. 91

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

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) ~ LBW#103 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. Due to Covid-19, the pastor will hand you a host and you are encouraged to either eat it or dip it into the chalice. The chalice will not have a lot of wine in it to prevent the spread of germs. There will be no individual cups or drinking from the chalice. To only receive the bread is a full reception of the Lord's Supper. Both sides may come forward at the same time. Please keep 6 feet apart while waiting in the center aisle. The pastor will wash his hands and wear a glove for an extra layer of safety.)

Music at Communion (Duet)

Erhöre mich, wenn ich rufe, BWV 289

Heinrich Schütz (1585-1672)

<i>Erhöre mich, wenn ich rufe, Gott meiner Gerechtigkeit, der du mich tröstest in Angst, sei mir gnädig, und erhöre mein Gebet, vernimm mein Schreien, mein König und mein Gott.</i>	<i>Hear me when I call, God of my righteousness, you that comfort me in trouble, be gracious to me, and hear my prayer, accept my cry, my King and my God.</i>
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Post-Communion Canticle ~ LBW p. 116 Lord, now you let your servant

(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

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

Congregation (singing): Amen.

Recessional Hymn ~ LBW Hymn #261 On What Has Now Been Sown

(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.

Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in E Minor ("Cathedral")

Johann Sebastian Bach

CALENDAR

Sunday, July 26 – The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am Sunday School for adults and children

11:00 am Worship Service with Eucharist

Monday, July 27

7:30 pm Online Marriage Class

Sunday, August 2 – The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am Sunday School for adults and children

11:00 am Worship Service with Eucharist

CHURCH STAFF

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Organist

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Soprano

Josh Hortman

Cantor/Alto



THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ JULY 26, 2020

ORDER OF SERVICE

+WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP+

(The first part of our liturgy takes us out of the world and prepares us to meet God.)

Prelude

Von Gott will ich nicht lassen [From God Can Nothing Move Me]

Dieterich Buxtehude (1637–1707)

(Music helps draw us into an attitude of prayer and praise.)

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness ~ LBW p. 77

(We stand and face the altar; the pastor leads us in examining ourselves before God and alongside one another. We all receive His forgiveness and are now ready to worship.)

Announcements

(Be seated. We are forgoing a Children's Sermon for now, but will resume them soon.)

Introit (Cantor)

Setting: Paul Bunjes (1914–98)

Antiphon: Oh, clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph. Psalm: He shall subdue the people under us and the nations under our feet. Gloria Patri; Antiphon.

(We stand and turn to face the cross at the back of the church as the cantor sings. "Introit" means "to enter." Here we begin our church service with the theme of the day announced.)

Processional Hymn ~ LBW #468 From God Can Nothing Move Me

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

Greeting and Kyrie ~ LBW p. 78

(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 p. 81 This is the Feast

(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 ~ Genesis 29:15-28

Then Laban said to Jacob, “Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?” Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah’s eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, “I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.” Laban said, “It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.” So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.” So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?” Laban said, “This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.” Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.

Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

He is mindful of his covenant forever, of the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,

the covenant that he made with Abraham, his sworn promise to Isaac,

which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant,

saying, “To you I will give the land of Canaan as your portion for an inheritance.”

Praise the Lord!

The Second Lesson, Romans 8:26-39

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Verse (Cantor)

Text: Traditional Gradual; setting: Paul Bunjes

Come, ye children, hearken unto me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. Look unto Him and be lightened, and let your faces not be ashamed. Alleluia! Oh, clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph. Alleluia!

(We stand as the choir sings the appointed verse of the day. We prepare to hear about Jesus.)

Gospel ~ Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 13th chapter.

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.

He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.” He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Be seated.)

Sermon

(As the prophets, apostles, and even Jesus himself did, the pastor proclaims God’s word as it applies to us and our world today. Listen both for what God demands of us (the Law) and what God does for us through Jesus Christ (the Gospel)).

Apostles’ Creed ~ LBW p. 85

Prayers of the People

(We stay standing as 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

(Having prayed for our world, we now extend peace to the members of the body of Christ right around us. By this greeting to one another, we practice the peace that unites God’s kingdom even here on Earth.)

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation: And also with you.

(We repeat this greeting to those around us, along with a nod, handshake, or hug.)

Anthem (Duet)

”Den Tod” from Cantata BWV 4,

Christ lag in Todesbanden [Christ lay in death’s strong bands] J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

<i>Den Tod niemand zwingen kunnt</i>	Nobody could overcome death
<i>Bei allen Menschenkindern,</i>	among all the children of mankind.
<i>Das macht' alles unsre Sünd,</i>	Our sin was the cause of all this;
<i>Kein Unschuld war zu finden.</i>	no innocence was to be found.
<i>Davon kam der Tod so bald</i>	Therefore death came soon
<i>Und nahm über uns Gewalt,</i>	and seized power over us,
<i>Hielt uns in seinem Reich gefangen.</i>	held us captive in his kingdom.
<i>Halleluja!</i>	Alleluia!

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

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