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 #499** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

(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 28 – The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service with Eucharist Monday – Friday 7 am-7 pm Elite University Sunday, August 4 – The Eleventh 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

WORSHIP ENABLERS TODAY

Matthew Scott Assisting Minister Edward Scott Server/Crucifer Tristyn Brogan Acolyte Dylan Blackwell, Mark Baird Usher Dorah Mushi, Sallie Russell Altar Guild Jimmy Paz Choir Director Mario Aschauer Organist Pastor Evan McClanahan Liturgist, Preacher

Flowers are given today by Dorry Shaddock in memory of Lutheran musicians including Heinrich Schütz and Johann Sebastian Bach.



Organ Prelude

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

The Ringing of the Bell

Introit (Choir or cantor)

<u>Processional Hymn</u> ~ **LBW Hymn #407** *Come, You Thankful People, Come* ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR (We all sing the hymn and turn to follow the cross as it moves to the altar.)

Hymn of Praise ~ LBW p. 60 This is the Feast

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 11:1-15

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." *Continued on next page*

FIRST LUTHERAN HOUSTON

THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ JULY 28, 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.)

Greeting and Kyrie ~ LBW p. 57

Prayer of the Day ~ LBW p. 26

+WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD+

Continued...

So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

<u>The Psalm</u> ~ Psalm 14



¹ The fool has said in his heart, "There | is no God."*

All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does | any good.

² The Lord looks down from heaven up- | on us all,*

to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks | after God.

³ Every one has proved faithless; all alike | have turned bad;*

there is none who does good; | no, not one.

⁴ Have they no knowledge, all those | evildoers*

who eat up my people like bread and do not call up- | on the Lord? ⁵ See how they trem- | ble with fear,*

because God is in the company | of the righteous.

⁶ Their aim is to confound the plans of | the afflicted,* but the Lord | is their refuge.

⁷ Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come | out of Zion!* When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice and Isra- | el be glad.

<u>Second Lesson</u> ~ Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, 2

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

<u>The Gospel</u> ~ John 6:1-21

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going. P: The Gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you O Christ.

The Sermon

<u>Hymn of the Day</u> ~ **LBW** #477 *O God of Jacob*

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).

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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.)

<u>Offertory</u>

(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.)

<u>Offertory</u> ~ LBW p. 66 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. 68 (We stay standing, as the pastor leads us in preparation for celebrating communion.)

Lord's Prayer ~ LBW p. 71

ST. PETER

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

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