



CALENDAR

Saturday, July 4

12:00 pm 175th Anniversary Lunch
1:00 pm 175th Celebration Service
2:30 pm Houston Lutheran Chorale Patriotic Music Concert

Sunday, July 5

10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service

Monday - Friday

All Day Elite University

Sunday, July 12

10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service

CHURCH STAFF

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

Edward Scott	Server/Reader
David Hokanson, Eric Olson	Usher
Amanda McClanahan	Audio/Video
Dr. Mario Aschauer	Organist
Pr. Evan McClanahan	Liturgist
Pr. Bobby Vitek	Preacher



THE CELEBRATION OF FIRST LUTHERAN'S

175TH ANNIVERSARY

JULY 1, 1851 - JULY 4, 2026

SERVICE OF THE WORD

+WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP+

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

Organ Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Ringing of the Bell

Processional Hymn - LBW #320 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

ST. ANNE

(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 (or below)

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

Old Testament Canticle - LBW Hymn #14 *Listen! You Nations*

Prayer of the Day

Liturgist: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Let us pray: O God, you have promised through your Son to be with your Church forever. We give you thanks for those who founded this community of believers and for the signs of your presence in your congregation. Increase in us the spirit of faith and love, and make us worthy of our heritage. Knit us together in the communion of saints, and make our fellowship an example to all believers and to all nations. We pray through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

+ WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD +

First Lesson - 1 Kings 8:22-30

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands toward heaven, and said, "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to your servants who walk before you with all their heart; you have kept with your servant David my father what you declared to him. You spoke with your mouth, and with your hand have fulfilled it this day. Now therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father what you have promised him, saying, 'You shall not lack a man to sit before me on the throne of Israel, if only your sons pay close attention to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' Now therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you have spoken to your servant David my father.

"But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you; how much less this house that I have built! Yet have regard to the prayer of your servant and to his plea, O Lord my God, listening to the cry and to the prayer that your servant prays before you this day, that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you have said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may listen to the prayer that your servant offers toward this place. And listen to the plea of your servant and of your people Israel, when they pray toward this place. And listen in heaven your dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm - Psalm 20 *(read responsively)*

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 - 1 Peter 2:1-9

So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture:

"Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone," and "A stone of stumbling,
and a rock of offense."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia - LBW p.83

The Gospel - John 10:22-30

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

P: The Gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you O Christ. Alleluia!

The Sermon Pastor Bobby Vitek

Hymn of the Day - LBW Hymn #369 *The Church's One Foundation*

The Offering

Offertory - LBW #565 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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

Benediction - LBW p. 130

Recessional Hymn - LBW #365 *Built on a Rock*

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Dismissal

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Organ Postlude