

## 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 Cantic ~ LBW p. 116 *Thank the Lord*

**+WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD+**

Post-Communion Prayer ~ LBW p. 117

*(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.**

Benediction ~ LBW p. 117

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

**Congregation (chanting): Amen.**

Recessional Hymn ~ LBW Hymn #551 *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

*(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, September 1** – The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service with Eucharist

**Tuesday and Thursday**

9am-2pm First Friends

**Sunday, September 8** – The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service with Eucharist

12:30 pm Confirmation Class

## 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

Lydia Brogan

Acolyte

Mark Baird, Eric Olson

Usher

Charlene Kelley, Lydia Okumu

Altar Guild

Jimmy Paz

Choir Director

Mario Aschauer

Organist

Pastor Evan McClanahan

Liturgist, Preacher



THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

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. 98 *(stand)*

## Welcome and Announcements

## The Ringing of the Bell

Introit *(Choir or cantor)*

*(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 Hymn #364 *Son of God, Eternal Savior* IN BABILONE

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

Greeting and Kyrie ~ LBW p. 99

Hymn of Praise ~ LBW p. 100 *Glory to God*

Prayer of the Day ~ LBW p. 27

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.)*

**+WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD+**

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

**First Lesson ~ Song of Solomon 2:8-13**

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: “Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm ~ Psalm 15**



- <sup>1</sup> Lord, who may dwell in your | tabernacle?\*
- Who may abide upon your | holy hill?
- <sup>2</sup> **Whoever leads a blameless life and does | what is right,\***  
**who speaks the truth | from his heart,**
- <sup>3</sup> there is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil | to his friend;\*
- he does not heap contempt up- | on his neighbor.
- <sup>4</sup> **In his sight the wicked | is rejected,\***  
**but he honors those who | fear the Lord.**
- <sup>5</sup> He has sworn to | do no wrong\*
- and does not take | back his word.
- <sup>6</sup> **He does not give his money in | hope of gain,\***  
**nor does he take a bribe a- | gainst the innocent.**
- <sup>7</sup> Whoever | does these things\*
- shall never be | overthrown.

**Second Lesson ~ James 1:17-27**

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God’s righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act— they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is

pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual** *(cantor only)* The congregation is invited to join the “Alleluias”

**The Gospel ~ Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (KJV)**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

Then came together unto him the Pharisees, and certain of the scribes, which came from Jerusalem. And when they saw some of his disciples eat bread with defiled, that is to say, with unwashen, hands, they found fault. For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, except they wash their hands oft, eat not, holding the tradition of the elders. And when they come from the market, except they wash, they eat not. And many other things there be, which they have received to hold, as the washing of cups, and pots, brasen vessels, and of tables. Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashen hands? He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do. And when he had called all the people unto him, he said unto them, Harken unto me every one of you, and understand: There is nothing from without a man, that entering into him can defile him: but the things which come out of him, those are they that defile the man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.

P: The Gospel of the Lord!

**C: Praise to you O Christ.**

**The Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day** ~ LBW #428 *O God of Earth and Altar* KING’S LYNN

**The Apostles’ Creed** ~ LBW p. 106

**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.)*

**Offertory** ~ LBW Hymn #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.**

**+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. 109

*(We stay standing, as the pastor leads us in preparation for celebrating communion.)*

**Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)** ~ LBW p. 110

**Eucharistic Prayer #33 and Words of Institution** ~ LBW p. 111

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. 113

**Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)** ~ LBW p. 114 *Lamb of God*