<u>Post-Communion Canticle</u> ~ LBW p. 115 Thank the Lord and Sing His Praise (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+

Post-Communion Prayer and Benediction ~ LBW p. 117 Assisting Minister: Let us pray ... Jesus Christ our Lord. Congregation: Amen.

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

Congregation (chanting): Amen.

<u>Recessional Hymn</u> ~ **LBW Hymn** #377 Lift High the Cross CRUCIFER (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 12 – The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Spoken Word Service 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service with Eucharist 12:30 pm Church Council Meeting Monday, September 13 7:30 pm Zoom Bible Study (Link on front page of website) Tuesday and Thursday 9am-2pm First Friends Sunday, September 19 – The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Spoken Word Service 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service with Eucharist

CHURCH STAFF

Pr. Evan McClanahan, Pastor Mario Aschauer, Organist Hannah Cen, Organ Scholar Bright Igwenagu, Sexton Cheryl Santibanez, Office Administrator Mary Kay Buehler, Choir Director Amanda McClanahan, Director of First Friends Pr. Edwin Peterman, Pastor Emeritus Carroll Shaddock, Director Emeritus of Music

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Aubrey Maale, Christopher and Greg Ranft Mary Magana, Charlene Kelley Cindy Sneed Andrea Ranft Kaitlyn Ranft Evan McClanahan Hannah Cen Mary Kay Buehler



Organ Prelude

The Ringing of the Bell

Introit (Cantor or Choir) announced.)

Pastor: Let us pray ... **Congregation:** Amen.

(Be seated.)

Ushers

Acolyte

Organist

Altar Guild

Assisting Minister

Liturgist, Preacher

Server/Crucifer

Choir Director

FIRST LUTHERAN HOUSTON

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 ORDER OF SERVICE

+WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP+

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness, LBW p. 98 (stand)

Welcome and Announcements

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

<u>Processional Hymn</u> ~ **LBW** #253 Lord Jesus Christ, be Present Now HERR JESU CHRIST, DICH ZU UNS WEND (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 #543 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, vs, 1 and 4

Prayer of the Day ~ LBW p. 27

+WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD+

First Lesson ~ Proverbs 1:20-33

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of Yahweh, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster." Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord. Congregation: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm (read responsively) LBW p. 223, Psalm 19 Chanted

Psalm Tone 3 (Psalm tones can be found on p. 291) The choir will chant the odd numbered verses and the congregation will respond with the even numbered verses.

<u>The Second Lesson</u> ~ James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity;

it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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

Stand

<u>Gradual</u> (*The congregation is invited to sing the Alleluias*)

<u>The Gospel Lesson</u> ~ Mark 8:27-38 (KJV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 8th chapter C: Glory to you, O Lord

And Jesus went out, and his disciples, into the towns of Caesarea Philippi: and by the way he asked his disciples, saying unto them, Whom do men say that I am? And they answered, John the Baptist; but some say, Elias; and others, One of the prophets. And he saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Peter answereth and saith unto him, Thou art the Christ. And he charged them that they should tell no man of him. And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he spake that saying openly. And Peter took him, and began to rebuke him. But when he had turned about and looked on his disciples, he rebuked Peter, saying, Get thee behind me, Satan: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men. And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it. For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels. P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ.

The Sermon

<u>Hymn of the Day</u> ~ **#504** *O God, My Faithful God*

Apostles' Creed ~ LBW p. 106

Prayers of the People

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.

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.)

Great Thanksgiving and Proper Preface ~ LBW p. 109

Pastor: In the night in which he was betrayed ... remembrance of me

Holy Communion

WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT

(Be seated while you wait to be called forward to receive Christ's body and blood. When we are called forward into a circle, 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.)

Music During Communion

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.

Choral Anthem Alleluia Sing to Jesus

Offertory Hymn ~ 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.

+WE RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR+

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.

Lord's Prayer ~ LBW p. 113

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) ~ LBW p. 114 Lamb of God, you take away