

## 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. We will alternate which side comes forward. Pulpit side first, then lectern side. Please keep 6 feet apart while waiting in the center aisle. The pastor will wash his hands and wear gloves and mask for an extra layer of safety.)*

## Music During Communion

*Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether*

## Post-Communion Cantic ~ LBW p. 92 *Thank the Lord*

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

*(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 – *Sonata II – Ruhig bewegt*

Paul Hindemith (1895-1963)

## CALENDAR

**Sunday, August 20** – *The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

10:00 am Sunday School for adults and children

11:00 am Worship Service with Eucharist

**Monday, August 21**

7:30 pm Ask Me Anything Bible Study Via Zoom

**Wednesday, September 23**

7:00 pm Choir rehearsal

**Sunday, August 27** – *The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

10:00 am Sunday School for adults and children

11:00 am Worship Service with Eucharist

## CHURCH STAFF

Pr. Evan McClanahan, Pastor

Jane Almquist, Deaconess

Dorry Shaddock, Organist

Bright Igwenagu, Sexton

Nancy Kincaid, Office Administrator

Mary Kay Buehler, Choir Director

Amanda McClanahan, Director of First Friends Parent's Day Out Program

Pr. Edwin Peterman, Pastor Emeritus

Carroll Shaddock, Director Emeritus of Music

## WORSHIP ENABLERS TODAY

Sally Russell

Altar Guild

Tim and Kristen Baker

Usher

Donald Hackler

Assisting Minister

Andrea Ranft

Server

Gibran Hernandez

Audio/Video

Evan McClanahan

Liturgist, Preacher

Dorry Shaddock

Organist

Rachel Amos

Cantor

Mark Kay Buehler

Choir Director



THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ SEPTEMBER 20, 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** *Prelude and Fugue in G Major BWV 557* Johann Sebastian Bach  
*(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** (Choir) – *Bow Down Thine Ear, O Lord* Healey Willan (1880-1968)

*(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 #291 *Jesus Sinners Will Receive*

*(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. 80 *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. 26

*(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 ~ Exodus 16:2-15**

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.” Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?” And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but” against the Lord. Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 145:1-8**

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

**Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever.**

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

**One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.**

On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

**The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness.**

They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

**The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

### **The Second Lesson, Philippians 1:21-30**

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and

continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God’s doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**Verse** (Cantor) – *It Is Better to Trust in the Lord* Paul Bunjes (1914-98)

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

### **Gospel ~ Matthew 20:1-16**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.**

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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/Offertory**

*Be Thou My Vision*

arr. Alice Parker

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

**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.)*