

## 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

*O Taste and See*

Ralph Vaughn Williams

## 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 #428 – *O God of Earth and Altar* KING'S LYNN

(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

Toccata in G Minor

Franz Tunder (1614–1667)

## CALENDAR

### **Sunday, September 6** – *The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

10:00 am Sunday School for adults and children

11:00 am Worship Service with Eucharist

### **Wednesday, September 9**

7:00 pm Choir rehearsal

### **Sunday, August 13** – *The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

10:00 am Sunday School for adults and children

11:00 am Worship Service with Eucharist

12:30 pm Council Meeting

## CHURCH STAFF

Pr. Evan McClanahan, Pastor

Jane Almquist, Deaconess

Dorry Shaddock, Organist

Bright Igwenagu, Sexton

Nancy Kincaid, Office Administrator

Josh Hortman, 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

Charlene Kelley

Altar Guild

Greg and Christopher Ranft

Usher

Craig Dohse

Assisting Minister

Edward Scott

Server

Gibran Hernandez

Audio/Video

Evan McClanahan

Liturgist, Preacher

Dorry Shaddock

Organist

Rachel Amos

Cantor

Mark Kay Buehler

Choir Director



THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ SEPTEMBER 6, 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

*Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now*

Paul Manz (1919–2008)

(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 (Cantor) Paul Bunjes (1915–98)

*Antiphon:* Have respect, O Lord, unto Thy covenant; oh, let not the oppressed return ashamed! Arise, O God, plead Thine own cause; and forget not the voice of Thine enemies. *Psalm:* O God, why hast Thou cast us off forever? Why doth Thine anger smoke against the sheep of Thy pasture? *Gloria Patri; Antiphon*

(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 #552 – *In Thee Is Gladness* IN DIR IST FREUDE

(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 12:1-14**

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 149**

Praise Yah. Sing to Yahweh a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful.

**Let Israel be glad in its maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their king.**

Let them praise his name with dancing; let them sing praises to him with tambourine and lyre.

**For Yahweh takes pleasure in his people; he glorifies the afflicted with salvation.**

Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their beds.

**Let the extolling of God be in their throat, and a double-edged sword in their hand,**

to execute vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples,

**to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron,**

to execute on them the judgment that is decreed.

**This will be honor for all his faithful ones; Praise Yah.**

### **The Second Lesson, Romans 13:8-14**

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other

commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual** Paul Bunjes

Have respect, O Lord, unto Thy covenant; oh, let not the oppressed return ashamed! Arise, O God, plead Thine own cause, and forget not the voice of Thine enemies. Alleluia! O Lord God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before Thee. Alleluia!

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

### **Gospel** ~ Matthew 18:15-20

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

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**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

John Rutter

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.)*