

## 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

*Amazing Grace* Arr. Susan W. Henry  
Tune: NEW BRITAIN

Post-Communion Canticle ~ 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 #259 *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

SICILIAN MARINER

*(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 8** – The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service with Eucharist

12:30 pm Confirmation Class

**Tuesday and Thursday**

9am-2pm First Friends

**Sunday, September 15** – The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service with Eucharist

12:30 pm Church Council

## 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

Karen Douglass

Assisting Minister

Rob Douglass

Server/Crucifer

Cardiaz Okumu

Acolyte

David Hokanson, Clint Pustejovsky

Usher

Dorah Mushi, Eric Olson

Altar Guild

Jimmy Paz

Choir Director

Mario Aschauer

Organist

Pastor Evan McClanahan

Liturgist, Preacher



THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ SEPTEMBER 8, 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)*

Bow down Thine ear, O Lord, hear me; O Thou, my God, save Thy servant that trusteth in Thee. Be merciful to me, O Lord, for I cry unto Thee daily. (Psalm 86:1,3)

*(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 #241 *We Praise You, O God*

KREMSER

*(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 ~ Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23**

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,  
and favor is better than silver or gold.

The rich and the poor have this in common: Yahweh is the maker of them all.

Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail.

Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.

Do not rob the poor because they are poor,

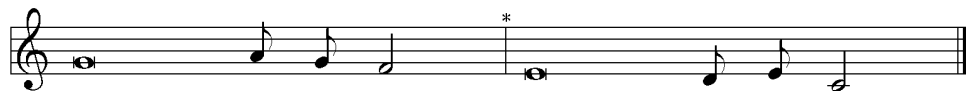
or crush the afflicted at the gate;

for Yahweh pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

### **The Psalm ~ Psalm 125**



<sup>1</sup> Those who trust in the Lord are | like Mount Zion,\*  
which cannot be moved, but stands | fast forever.

<sup>2</sup> **The hills stand a- | bout Jerusalem;\*  
so does the Lord stand round about his people,  
from this time forth for- | evermore.**

<sup>3</sup> The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted | to the  
just,\* so that the just shall not put their | hands to evil.

<sup>4</sup> **Show your goodness, O Lord, to those | who are good\*  
and to those who are | true of heart.**

<sup>5</sup> As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,  
the Lord will lead them away with the | evildoers;\* but peace be | upon Israel.

### **Second Lesson ~ James 2:1-10, 14-17**

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, “Have a seat here, please,” while to the one who is poor you say, “Stand there,” or, “Sit at my feet,” have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

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

Ant. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. (Phillipians 4:4)

### **The Gospel ~ Mark 7:24-37**

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

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

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord!

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

### **The Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day ~ LBW #419** *Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace* BEATUS VIR

**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**

*Du sollt Gott, deinen Herren, lieben*, BWV 77: 6. Chorale J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Thou, Jesus, who art far above

all others as love's teacher,

give Thou me grace and strength to love

my God and fellow creature;

that I may do whate'er I can,

in friendship true for ev'ry man

by Thy divine example.

*(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*