

Holy Communion
Please be seated until an usher invites you forward. Those who prefer to drink from an individual cup may take one from the tray as they proceed into the half-circle; a few cups are prefilled with grape juice. Those who prefer the common cup may drink directly from the chalice, or dip the bread into it. Return to your seat by the side aisle, placing any empty cups in the tray provided there. 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. You may place the empty cup in the tray by the side aisle on your way back to your seat.

Music During Communion

+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.

Recessional Hymn ~ **LBW Hymn #228** *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

(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

Sermon Notes

CALENDAR
Sunday, February 22– The First Sunday of Lent
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
12:30 pm Part 2 Special Congregational Meeting
Wednesday, February 18
5:30 pm Soup Supper
6:00 pm Vespers
Tuesday and Thursday
9am-2pm First Friends
Sunday, March 1 – The Second Sunday of Lent
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
12:30 pm Enabler Training

CHURCH STAFF
Evan McClanahan, Pastor
Mario Aschauer, Organist/ Choir Director
Amanda McClanahan, Director of First Friends
Cheri Santibanez, Office Administrator
Pr. Edwin Peterman, Pastor Emeritus

<u>WORSHIP ENABLERS TODAY</u>	
Assisting Minister	
Server, Crucifer	
Whoever Available	Acolyte
Steve Bing, Tim Baker, Mark Baird	Usher
Adalyn McClanahan, Dorah Mushi	Altar Guild
Matthew Scott	Audio/ Video
Mario Aschauer	Organist/ Choir Director
Pastor Evan McClanahan	Liturgist/ Preacher



FIRST LUTHERAN
HOUSTON

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT ~ FEBRUARY 22, 2026

ORDER OF SERVICE

+WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP+

*Upon entering the nave, please prepare for worship by attentively listening to the prelude.
If you arrive during the Confession, please wait to enter until the Processional Hymn.*

Organ Prelude
Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness ~ *Bulletin Insert*
Welcome and Announcements

The Ringing of the Bell

Introit *(Choir)*

(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.)

Silent Processional
(During the season of Lent, we do not process in to the singing of a hymn. We turn to follow the cross as it moves to the altar.)

Greeting ~ LBW p. 99

Kyrie ~ **LBW #168** *Kyrie, God our Father*
(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.)

Prayer of the Day ~ LBW p. 18
(The pastor offers an appointed prayer based upon the scripture readings of the day).
Pastor: Let us pray ...
Congregation: Amen.

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.)

(Be seated.)

