

+ WE RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR +

Great Thanksgiving and Proper Preface - LBW p. 109

Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) - LBW p. 110

Eucharistic Prayer #33 and Words of Institution - LBW p.111

(The pastor leads us in prayer, followed by the words which Jesus spoke when he instituted communion. With these words, the bread and the wine are consecrated or “set apart” for God’s use in this special meal).

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 - LBW p. 114 *Lamb of God*

Holy Communion

(Be seated while you wait to be invited forward to receive the Lord’s Supper. 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 pre-filled with grape juice. Those who prefer the common cup may drink directly from the chalice, or dip the bread into it. Return to the 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.)

Post-Communion Canticle - LBW p. 116 *Lord, now you let*
(We stand and sing once everyone has received the sacrament. Here, 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. 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 #401 – *Before You, Lord, We Bow*
DARWALL’S 148TH

Dismissal

Assisting Minister: Let us go in peace. The Word has been fulfilled.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Organ Postlude

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 27 – The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

Tuesday and Thursday

9am-2pm First Friends

Sunday, October 4 – The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Evan McClanahan, Pastor
Dr. Mario Aschauer, Organist and Choir Director
Amanda McClanahan, Director of First Friends
Cheri Santibanez, Office Administrator
The Rev. Edwin Peterman, Pastor Emeritus

WORSHIP ENABLERS TODAY

Edward Scott	Assisting Minister
David Stoner	Crucifer/Server
David Hokanson, Clint Pustejovsky,	
Dylan Blackwell	Ushers
Charlene Kelley, Eric Olson	Altar Guild
Leslie Gonzalez	Audio/Video
Mario Aschauer	Organist
Evan McClanahan	Liturgist, Preacher



THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

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 - LBW p. 98 (*stand*)

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.)

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgment, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. V. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

Processional Hymn - LBW #265 – *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

RATISBON

(We stand as the hymn is introduced and turn to face the cross at the back of the church. As we sing, we turn to follow the cross as it moves toward the altar.)

Greeting and Kyrie - LBW p. 99

Hymn of Praise - LBW p. 100 *Glory to God*

Prayer of the Day - LBW p. 28

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.)

+ WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD +

First Lesson ~ Exodus 17:1-7

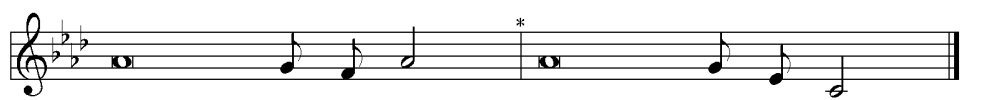
From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said

to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

The Psalmody - Psalm 25:1-9 *(chanted responsively)*



¹ To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my | trust in you;*
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph | over me.

² **Let none who look to you be | put to shame;***
let the treacherous be disappointed | in their schemes.

³ Show me your | ways, O Lord,*
and teach | me your paths.

⁴ **Lead me in your | truth and teach me,***
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted
all | the day long.

⁵ Remember, O Lord, your compas- | sion and love,*
for they are from | everlasting.

⁶ **Remember not the sins of my youth and | my**
transgressions;*
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your good- | ness, O Lord.

⁷ Gracious and upright | is the Lord;*
therefore he teaches sinners | in his way.

⁸ **He guides the humble in | doing right***
and teaches his way | to the lowly.

⁹ All the paths of the Lord are | love and faithfulness*
to those who keep his covenant and his | testimonies.

The Second Lesson - Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of

a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *The congregation is invited to join the “Alleluias”*



V. My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; / I know them, and they follow me. (John 10:27)

The Gospel - Matthew 21:23-32

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you O Christ.

The Sermon

Hymn of the Day - LBW #298 – One There Is, above All Others

AMEN SIUNGE HVARJE TUNGA

The Apostles’ Creed - LBW p. 106

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.*

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

The Prayer 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.

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.)

The Offering

Offertory Hymn - 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.