

+ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD +

Post-Communion Canticle ~ LBW p. 116 *Lord, now you let
(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.)*

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 #32** *Fling Wide the Door* MACHT HOCH DIE TUR
*(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

Sermon Notes

CALENDAR	
Sunday, November 30 – <i>Advent 1</i>	
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
9am-1pm	Blood Drive in Beutel Room
Tuesday and Thursday	
9am-2pm	First Friends
Sunday, December 7 – <i>Advent 2</i>	
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
12:30 pm	Part 1 Annual Meeting

CHURCH STAFF	
Evan McClanahan, Pastor	
Mario Aschauer, Organist/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
Douglass Douglass	Server, Crucifer
Whoever Available	Acolyte
Steve Bing, Dylan Blackwell, Christopher Maale	Usher
Charlene Kelley, Adalyn McClanahan	Altar Guild
Will Biggs	Audio/Video
Mario Aschauer	Organist/Choir Director
Pastor Evan McClanahan	Liturgist/Preacher



FIRST LUTHERAN
HOUSTON

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ NOVEMBER 30, 2025

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 ~ 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.)

Processional Hymn ~ **LBW #31** *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying* WACHET AUF
(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 #34** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel, vs. 1*

Prayer of the Day ~ LBW p. 13

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.)*

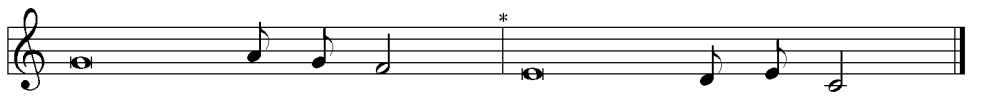
+WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD+

(In the second part of our liturgy, we hear and respond to God’s word.)

First Lesson ~ Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord! Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm ~ Psalm 122



¹ I was glad when they | said to me,*
“Let us go to the house | of the Lord.”
² **Now our | feet are standing***
within your gates, | O Jerusalem.
³ Jerusalem is built | as a city*
that is at unity | with itself;
⁴ **to which the tribes go up, the tribes | of the Lord,***
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name | of the Lord.
⁵ For there are the | thrones of judgment,*
the thrones of the | house of David.
⁶ **Pray for the peace | of Jerusalem:***
“May they pros- | per who love you.
⁷ Peace be with- | in your walls*
and quietness with- | in your towers.
⁸ **For my brethren and com- | panions’ sake,***
I pray for | your prosperity.
⁹ Because of the house of the | Lord our God,*
I will seek to | do you good.”

The Second Lesson ~ Romans 13:11-14

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

The Gospel ~ Matthew 24:36-44 (KJV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 24th chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.
But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. P: The Gospel of the Lord!
C: Praise to you O Christ.

The Sermon

Hymn of the Day ~ LBW Hymn #28 *Savior of the Nations, Come*
NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

The Nicene Creed~ LBW p. 105

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.)

Choral Anthem

The Offering
(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 #407 *Come, You Thankful People, Come, vs. 1*

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 ~ LBW p. 110 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

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 (Lamb of God) ~ LBW p. 114 *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.)

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