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

Motet

O Christ, our true and only light,
Enlighten those who sit in night;
Let those afar now hear your voice
And in your fold with us rejoice.

Offertory Hymn - **LBW #406** *Take My Life, that I May Be*
verses 1 and 6

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.

The Lord's Prayer - LBW p. 130

Benediction - LBW p. 130

Recessional Hymn - **LBW #170** – *Crown Him With Many Crowns*
DIADEMATA
(As the cross is carried out, we turn to follow it as we sing. Now nurtured through God's Word, 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, November 22 – *Christ the King Sunday*
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
Thursday
Happy Thanksgiving! Office closed Thursday and Friday
Sunday, November 29 – *The First Sunday of Advent*
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

Matthew Scott	Assisting Minister/ Crucifer
David Hokanson, Steve Bing, Clint Pustejovsky	Usher
Carolyn Hokanson	Altar Guild
Leslie Rodriguez	Audio/Video
Mario Aschauer	Organist
Edward Scott	Liturgist/Preacher

FIRST LUTHERAN HOUSTON

Christ the King Sunday
November 22, 2026

Service of the Word

+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. 77 *(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.)

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever. V. How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honor.

Processional Hymn - **LBW #173** – *The Head That Once Was Crowned*
ST. MAGNUS

(We all sing the hymn and turn to follow the cross as it moves to the altar.)

Dialogue - LBW p. 126 (middle of page)
"Holy is the Lord, the Almighty..."

Nicene Creed
We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen

Old Testament Canticle- LBW Hymn #14 *Listen! You Nations*

Prayer of the Day
Liturgist: The Lord be with you.
Congregation: And also with you.
Liturgist: Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things to your beloved Son, whom you anointed priest forever and king of all creation: Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united under the glorious and gentle rule of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
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 ~ Ezekiel 34:11-24
For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be

the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord God: I shall judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and goats: Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, but you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture? When you drink of clear water, must you foul the rest with your feet? And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have fouled with your feet? Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.
Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm ~ Psalm 100



1 Be joyful in the Lord, all | you lands;*
serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with | a song.
2 Know this: The Lord himself | is God;*
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of | his pasture.
3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts | with praise;*
give thanks to him and call upon | his name.
4 For the Lord is good; his mercy is ev-|erlasting;*
and his faithfulness endures from age | to age.

The Second Lesson ~ Ephesians 1:15-23
I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has

put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.
Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



V. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! ? Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!

The Gospel ~ Matthew 25:31-46
P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.
"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."
P: The Gospel of the Lord!
C: Praise to you O Christ. Alleluia!

The Sermon

Hymn of the Day ~ LBW Hymn #42 – *Of the Father's Love Begotten*
vs. 3 a capella DIVINUM MYSTERIUM