

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Today is the first Sunday in ordinary time, the Second Sunday after Pentecost. Many thanks to Edward Scott for filling in the pulpit this morning! Pastor McClanahan is out of town this week and next. Next week, Pastor Hobratschk will fill in and we will have a full communion service.
- In Sunday School, we are looking at the daunting book of Revelation. I promise, we’ll keep it simple! Stop in any Sunday to join us at 10:00 am in the parish Hall. There is always coffee on hand.
- We pray for Dorothy Hicks, Mike Knerr, and Barbara Scott.
- We will *not* have a work day this Saturday as was previously advertised. Enjoy the Saturday off!
- Many thanks to Caroline McDonald for sponsoring flowers during the month of June! We also have sponsors for the month of July. Let us know via email (office@flhouston.org) if you can sponsor flowers for a week. Our next opening on the schedule will be in June.
- If you are visiting with us today, we’d love to keep in touch. Feel free to email our pastor at pastor@flhouston.org to learn more about the church. Or just fill out a communication card and place it in the offering plate. We would love to keep in touch with you.
- To give, we have offering envelopes on the table by the front door. If you give electronically and want to acknowledge that, we have cards for the offering plate. Or Zelle works at office@flhouston.org.

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CALENDAR

Sunday, June 22 – *The Second Sunday after Pentecost*

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

Monday – Friday

7 am – 5 pm Elite University Day Camps at First Lutheran

Sunday, June 29 – *The Third Sunday after Pentecost*

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

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

Nicholas DeMaio

Assisting Minister

Matthew Scott

Crucifer

Edward Scott

Server

Thaddeus Brogan

Acolyte

Christopher Maale, Dylan Blackwell

Usher

Elise Daulley, Adalyn McClanahan

Altar Guild

Amanda McClanahan

Audio/Video

Mario Aschauer

Organist/Choir Director

Edward Scott

Liturgist/Preacher



THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ JUNE 22, 2025

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. 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 #459** *O Holy Spirit, Enter In* WIE SCHON LEUCHTET

(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...”

Apostles’ Creed ~ LBW p. 128

Old Testament Cantic ~ **LBW Hymn #14** *Listen! You Nations*

Prayer of the Day

Liturgist: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Liturgist: Let us pray ... O God our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 ~ 1 Kings 19:1-15

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.” Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: “It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.” Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, “Get up and eat.” He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, “Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.” He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” Then the Lord said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm ~ Psalm 42:1-7



¹ As the deer longs | for the water-brooks,*
so longs my soul for | you, O God.

² **My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the | living God;*
when shall I come to appear before the pres- | ence of God?**

³ My tears have been my food | day and night,*
while all day long they say to me, "Where now | is your God?"

⁴ **I pour out my soul when I think | on these things;*
how I went with the multitude and led them into the | house of God,**

⁵ with the voice of praise | and thanksgiving,*
among those | who keep holy-day.

⁶ **Why are you so full of heaviness, | O my soul?***

And why are you so disquiet- | ed within me?

⁷ Put your | trust in God;*
for I will yet give thanks to him,
who is the help of my countenance, | and my God.

The Second Lesson ~ Galatians 3:23-29

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

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

The Gospel ~ Luke 8:26-39

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 8th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me”— for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you O Christ. Alleluia!

The Sermon

Hymn of the Day ~ LBW Hymn #415 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

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The Offering

Offertory ~ LBW #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.

The Prayers ~ LBW p. 129

The Lord’s Prayer ~ LBW p. 130

New Testament Canticle ~ LBW Hymn #13 *Keep in Mind that Jesus Christ*

Benediction ~ LBW p. 130

Recessional Hymn ~ LBW Hymn #559 *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

(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