

+ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD +

Post-Communion Prayer and Benediction ~ LBW p. 117
(We stay standing as the assistant minister offers a prayer of thanksgiving and petition that God will grant us faith to love our neighbor. The pastor then extends God’s blessing across us and our lives.)
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 #215** – *O Lord, We Praise You*, vs. 2
GOTT SEI GELOBET UND GEBENEDEIET
(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, October 12 – <i>The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
12:30 pm	Church Council Meeting
Tuesday and Thursday	
9am-2 pm	First Friends
Sunday, October 19 – <i>The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	
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	
Edward Scott	Assisting Minister
Whoever Available	Server, Crucifer
Carldiaz Okumu	Acolyte
Clint Pustejovsky, Eric Olson, Mark Baird	Usher
Carolyn Hokanson, Dorah Mushi	Altar Guild
William Biggs	Audio/Video
Mario Aschauer	Organist/Choir Director
Pastor Evan McClanahan	Liturgist/Preacher



FIRST LUTHERAN
HOUSTON

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ OCTOBER 12, 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 #319** *Oh, Sing, My Soul, Your Maker’s Praise*
vs. 1 choir only WACHTERLIED
(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 #166** *All Glory Be to God on High*
Verses 1 and 2

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+

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

First Lesson ~ Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm ~ Psalm 66:1-6



¹ Be joyful in God, | all you lands;*

sing the glory of his name; sing the glory | of his praise.

² **Say to God, "How awesome | are your deeds!***

Because of your great strength your enemies | cringe before you.

³ All the earth bows | down before you,*

sings to you, sings | out your name."

⁴ **Come now and see the | works of God,***

how wonderful he is in his doing | toward all people.

⁵ He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the wat- | er on

foot,* and there we re- | joiced in him.

⁶ **In his might he rules forever; his eyes keep watch o- | ver the nations;***

let no rebel rise | up against him.

The Second Lesson ~ 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Gradual ~ **Hymn #239** *choir only, God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage*

The Gospel ~ Luke 17:11-19 (KJV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 17th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

And it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off: And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger. And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.

P: The Gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you O Christ.

The Sermon

Hymn of the Day ~ **LBW Hymn #406** *Take My Life That I May Be* PATMOS

The Apostles’ Creed ~ LBW p. 106

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 #410** *We Give Thee but Thine Own*, vs. 1 and 2

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

(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.)