

+WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD+

**Post-Communion Canticle** ~ LBW p. 92 Thank the Lord  
*(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. 94  
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 #365 *Built on a Rock*  
KIRKEN DEN ER ET GAMMELT  
HUS  
*(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**

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CALENDAR  
**Sunday, January 18**– The Confession of Saint Peter  
10:00 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship Service  
12:30 pm Confirmation Class  
**Tuesday and Thursday**  
9am-2pm First Friends  
**Sunday, January 25**– The Conversion of Saint Paul  
10:00 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship Service  
12:30 pm Special Congregational 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  
Matthew Scott  
Whoever Available  
Whoever Available  
Clint Pustjovsky, David Hokanson, Dylan Blackwell  
Adalyn McClanahan, Charlene Kelley  
Audio/Video  
Mario Aschauer  
Pastor Evan McClanahan

Assisting Minister  
Server, Crucifer  
Acolyte  
Usher  
Altar Guild  
  
Organist/ Choir Director  
Liturgist/ Preacher



FIRST LUTHERAN  
HOUSTON

THE CONFESSION OF SAINT PETER ~ JANUARY 18, 2026

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. 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.)*

**Processional Hymn** ~ LBW #76 *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!*  
Vs. 4 choir?, vs. 5 a capella WIE SCHON SEUCHTET  
*(We all sing the hymn and turn to follow the cross as it moves to the altar.)*

**Greeting and Kyrie** ~ LBW p. 78

**Hymn of Praise** ~ LBW p. 79 *Glory to God in the Highest*

**Prayer of the Day** ~ LBW p. 31  
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.)*

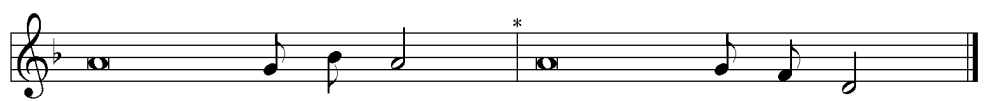
+WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD+  
*(In the second part of our liturgy, we hear and respond to God’s word.)*

**First Lesson ~ Acts 4:5-12**

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, 6with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners\* stand in their midst, they inquired, ‘By what power or by what name did you do this?’ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, ‘Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus\* is “the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.” There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.’  
Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.  
**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalmody ~ Psalm 18:1-7; 17-20**

*(Chanted responsively, choir or cantor singing odd verses, congregation singing even verses)*



<sup>1</sup> I love you, O | Lord my strength,\*  
O Lord my stronghold, my crag, | and my haven.  
<sup>2</sup> **My God, my rock in whom I | put my trust,\***  
**my shield, the horn of my salvation, and my refuge: You are worth- | y**  
**of praise.**  
<sup>3</sup> I will call up- | on the Lord,\*  
and so shall I be saved | from my enemies.  
<sup>4</sup> **The breakers of death rolled | over me,\***  
**and the torrents of oblivion made | me afraid.**  
<sup>5</sup> The cords of hell en- | tangled me,\*  
and the snares of death were | set for me.  
<sup>6</sup> **I called upon the Lord in | my distress\***  
**and cried out to my | God for help.**  
<sup>7</sup> He heard my voice from his heav- | enly dwelling;\*  
my cry of anguish came | to his ears.  
<sup>17</sup> **He reached down from on | high and grasped me;\***  
**he drew me out | of great waters.**  
<sup>18</sup> He delivered me from my strong enemies and from those who | hated me,\*  
for they were too might- | y for me.  
<sup>19</sup> **They confronted me in the day of | my disaster;\***  
**but the Lord was | my support.**  
<sup>20</sup> He brought me out into an | open place;\*  
he rescued me because he delight- | ed in me.

**The Second Lesson ~ 1 Corinthians 10:1-5**

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them,

and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.  
Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.  
**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual**

**The Gospel ~ Matthew 16:13-20**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**  
Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.  
P: The Gospel of the Lord!  
**C: Praise to you O Christ.**  
**The Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day ~ LBW Hymn #177 *By All Your Saints in Warfare* KING’S LYNN  
*vs. 1, 4, 10, 3 in that order***

**The Nicene Creed~ LBW p. 84**

**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 #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.**

**+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. 88**

**Sanctus ~ LBW p. 89 *Holy, Holy, Holy***

**Eucharistic Prayer #33 and Words of Institution ~ LBW p. 89**

*(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. 91**

**Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) ~ LBW p. 92 *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**