

**THE THREE MANIFESTATIONS**  
**JANUARY 12, 2025 | 10:00 AM**  
**THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

You are my Son,  
the Beloved;  
with you  
I am well  
pleased

LUKE 3:22



God Loves. We Love.  
Everyone!  
Dios Ama. Amamos.  
Todos!

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## **Everyone is welcome. This means you.**

Welcome to First English Lutheran Church & Child Development Center (FELC). We are a congregation of the Southwestern Texas Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). You are invited to fully participate in a community of faith and friendship that gathers for worship, relationship building, personal growth, and service in the community and the world. Following the example of Christ, this congregation welcomes you exactly as you are.

Worship is at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we encounter God, express our theology, define our identity, and are formed and transformed as the people of God. As we are gathered together, we receive the Word of God, give thanks, and are sent to be living, active images of divine love.

We are committed to the work of racial equity, justice, and advocating for marginalized groups. We welcome people in all places on the journey of faith and life. We celebrate differences in age, appearance, economic status, ethnic origin, nationality, race, family configuration, marital or relationship status, political leaning, religious background, and those who are differently abled physically or mentally. Since 1989, FELC has openly welcomed persons of all sexual orientations and gender identities and expressions to full participation in the church and society. For more on our welcome and life, visit [www.felcaustin.org](http://www.felcaustin.org).

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When we gather in the **Chapel of the Saints**, we gather as the saints of God in prayer, worship, and community. We gather with the saints of the past that we remember in various ways: the names engraved on the Columbarium, the Cloud of Witnesses mobile hanging in the Chapel containing the names of all who have died at FELC since 1936, and the icons displayed on the walls that remind us of people who inspire our faith and action today. The icons in the Chapel, by artist Kelly Latimore, are diverse saints, ancient and contemporary, and eight more are installed in the hallway outside the north transept entrance. The Columbarium consists of separate niches that can hold up to two urns each.

**All Gender Restrooms**, with infant changing tables, are located in the hallway off of the sanctuary near the fellowship hall. **Hearing assistance devices** are available for the sanctuary, with two options: an earpiece, or a hearing loop for those who use hearing aids; please connect with an usher for a hearing assistance device. **Seat cushions**, for use on our wood pews and chairs are available from an usher.

# ✠GATHERING✠

## The First Sunday After the Epiphany

*The Holy Spirit gathers us into community.*

*The assembly is seated and greets one another as we gather.*

*What is the season of Epiphany? It's the manifestation of Christ to the peoples of the earth. The winter solstice was held on January 6 at some places during the first centuries of the Common Era. In addition to other festivals, Christians chose this season to celebrate the various manifestations, or "epiphanies," of Jesus' humanity and divinity. These showings included his birth, the coming of the Magi, his baptism, and the Wedding at Cana where he miraculously changed water into wine. The day was called "The Feast of Lights." Celebration of the Son of God replaced celebration of the sun. Baptisms were done, and a season of preparation was instituted. As the solstice was kept on December 25 by the fourth century, Jesus' birth was celebrated on that day in both eastern and western churches. The western church commemorated the coming of the Magi on January 6. The eastern church continued to celebrate the Baptism of our Lord and the Wedding at Cana on January 6. In the east, the day was called "Theophany" which is the manifestation of God.*

### Welcome to Worship & Community

We acknowledge the presence of God's people living on this land long before European conquest. These lands and waters have sustained the Coahuiltecan, Comanche, Jumanos, Lipan Apache, Sana, Tonkawa, and other indigenous peoples for thousands of years. Gathering today to worship on ancestral homelands, we acknowledge and honor our indigenous sisters, siblings, and brothers who continue to care for the land and water and call this land home.

### Invitation to Lessons & Carols in Epiphany

*The singing bowls sound and the assembly remains seated.*

# ✝WORD✝

*God speaks in scripture, preaching, song, silence, and prayer.*

## **First Lesson: “Sonnet 19: When I Consider How My Light is Spent”**

John Milton (1608-1674)

When I consider how my light is spent,  
Ere half my days, in this dark world and wide,  
And that one Talent which is death to hide  
Lodged with me useless, though my Soul more bent  
To serve therewith my Maker, and present  
My true account, lest he returning chide;  
“Doth God exact day-labour, light denied?”  
I fondly ask. But patience, to prevent  
That murmur, soon replies, “God doth not need  
Either man’s work or his own gifts; who best  
Bear his mild yoke, they serve him best. His state  
Is Kingly. Thousands at his bidding speed  
And post o’er Land and Ocean without rest:  
They also serve who only stand and wait.”

*The assembly remains seated.*

## **Response Carol**

### **“In the Bleak Midwinter”**

Text: Christina Rossetti, 1872, alt.

Music: Gustav Holst, 1906, alt.

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,  
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

What can I give Him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;  
Yet what I can I give Him; give my heart.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there,  
cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;  
But His mother only, in her maiden bliss,  
worshiped the Beloved with a kiss.

*We offer acclamations and songs printed in bold.*

*The assembly may stand, as willing and able.*

## **Greeting**

Arise, shine, for your light has come.

**And the glory of the Lord is revealed!**

There is one body and one Spirit.

**There is one hope in God's call to us.**

Blessed be the One, Holy, † and Living God.

**Blessed be God forever! Amen.**

## **Second Lesson: John 1:1-4, 14, 16**

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The Word was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and that life was the light of all people. The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. From this fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.”

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The ministers bid our journey.*

We journey to receive manifestations of God's love and mercy.

**O come, let us adore him.**

***Everyone, as able, follows the cross in the procession to the front porch as we sing.***



Hal-le, hal-le-lu - jah. Hal-le, hal-le-lu - jah. Hal - le-lu-jah, hal - le-lu-jah,



hal - le-lu-jah. Hal - le-lu-jah, hal - le-lu-jah, hal - le-lu-jah!

Text: Traditional

Music: SYRIAN HALLELUJAH, Syrian traditional

### Third Lesson: Matthew 2: 1-2, 8-11

<sup>1</sup> In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” <sup>8</sup> Then Herod sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” <sup>9</sup> When the wise men had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup> On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Introduction to the Blessing

Matthew proclaims that when the magi saw the shining star stop overhead, they were filled with joy. In the home, Christ is met in family and friends, in visitors and strangers. In the home, faith is shared, nurtured, and put into action. In the home, and in life, Christ is welcome.

## Blessing of a Dwelling

*This inscription is made with chalk above an entrance:*

20 ✠ C M B ✠ 25

Christ, bless this dwelling,

C: Christe

M: Mansionem

B: Benedicat

in the year of our Lord in this common era,

20: two thousand

25: twenty-five.

✠: Let your grace be with us this whole year,

✠: and your peace upon all who enter here.

## Prayer

Almighty and ever-living God, you revealed the incarnation of Jesus by the brilliant shining of a star. Shine the light of your justice always in our hearts and over all lands. Accept our lives as the treasure we offer in your praise and for your service; through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*The ministers bid our journey.*

We journey to receive manifestations of God's love and mercy.

**O come, let us adore him.**

***Everyone follows the cross in the procession to find their places in the sanctuary.***

***Please remain standing to sing, as you are able.***

# Song at the Procession

# "We Are Marching in the Light of God"



*Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -*  
 We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



*nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',*  
 light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
 we are march - ing in the light of God.



*Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo*  
 We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
 we are march - ing in the light of God.



*Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo*  
 We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

*Additional stanzas ad lib.:*

We are dancing ...  
 We are praying ...  
 We are singing ...



*The assembly is seated.*

#### **Fourth Lesson: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (Barbara Wiederaenders)**

<sup>15</sup> As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup> John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” <sup>21</sup> Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly remains seated to sing the hymn.*

**Hymn**

**“Shall We Gather at the River” | ELW 423**

Text: Robert Lowry (1826-1899)

Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

#### **Thanksgiving Over the Water**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, holy God. You are the creator of the waters of the earth.

You are the fire of rebirth. You poured out your Spirit on your people.

You breathe life into our dry bones. Your Son Jesus promised to send the Spirit to us

that the world may know your peace and truth. Pour out your Holy Spirit on this water, ✠

and breathe new life into us. By that Spirit, make us all your children; through Jesus our

Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity and power of that same Spirit, one God,

now and forever. **Amen.**

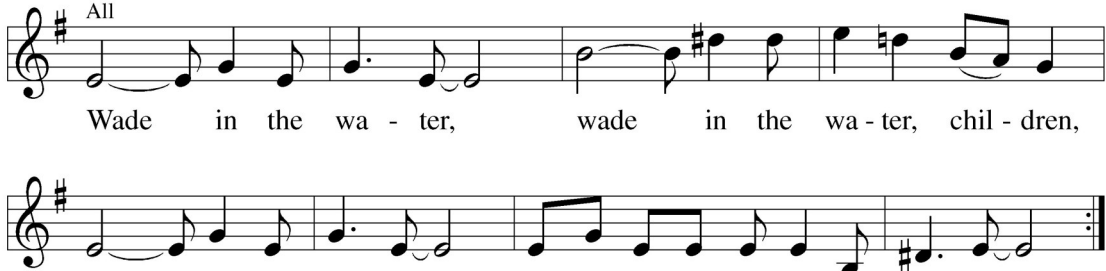
*During the song, the assembly may gather around the font. As you approach the font, you're invited to dip your finger in the water as a sign and remembrance of holy baptism.*

As you pass the baptismal font at any time you may dip your hand in the water and make the sign of the cross. This ancient body prayer reminds us of baptism into the risen Christ. You may touch your hand to your forehead, then to your chest, ✠ then from one shoulder to the other shoulder.

## Procession to the Font

**“Wade in the Water”**  
*African American spiritual*

*Refrain*  
All



Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,  
wade in the wa - ter, God's a-goin'-a trou-ble the wa - ter.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and 'All'. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody and ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

## Invitation to Baptismal Renewal

On this day as we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ, we renew the vows once promised at holy baptism -- that time when we were washed in God's redeeming love and received the fullness of Holy Spirit to dwell within us.

Let us boldly make our affirmation of faith before God and embrace the life of the Spirit. If you are not baptized, may this renewal be a sign of blessing and an invitation to deeper relationships in the life of the church.

## Renunciation of Evil & Profession of Faith | Apostles' Creed

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**I renounce them!**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**I renounce them!**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**I renounce them!**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, ✠  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*At baptisms, affirmations and confirmations, funerals, memorials and throughout the fifty days of Easter, we light the large **Paschal candle** as a reminder of the light of Christ, the light of resurrection. The term "Paschal" comes from the Latin word "Pascha", which came from the Hebrew word Pesach, which in Hebrew means Passover. At the Vigil of Easter, a paschal candle, made of beeswax, is prepared and blessed.*

### **Affirmation & Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

You have made public affirmation of your faith. I ask you to renew the vows and promises of holy baptism.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

*Intercession response: God of grace, **hear our prayer.***

## Prayer

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved. Keep us faithful in your service as we rejoice to be children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*The ministers bid our journey.*

We journey to receive manifestations of God's love and mercy.

**O come, let us adore him.**

## Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*The assembly returns to their places. The assembly is seated.*

The exchange of peace within the gathered community is an ancient Christian practice. Gentle signs of reconciliation and love renew and build relationships prior to coming to God's table for Eucharist.

## Fifth Lesson: John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to me and to you? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet." So they took it. When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew),

that person called the bridegroom and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ✠MEAL✠

*God feeds and blesses us with the presence of the risen Christ.*

### Offering Invitation

*We reflect on our stewardship of the gifts of God entrusted to us for the mission of the church and the care of those in need. God welcomes our generosity. Financial gifts may be shared through the offering plate or online at [www.felcaustin.org/information/giving](http://www.felcaustin.org/information/giving).*

### Offering Music

#### **“Cantate Domino”**

Giuseppe Pitoni (1657-1743); Psalm 149: 1-2

Cantate Domino canticum novum  
aus ejus in ecclesia sanctorum.  
Lætetur Israel in eo qui fecit eum,  
et filii Sion exultent in rege suo.

Sing a new song to the Lord,  
the Lord’s praise in the assembly of the saints.  
Let Israel rejoice in He who made them,  
and the people of Zion rejoice in their King.

We are pleased to include a Flemish virginal in today’s worship service. Such instruments (a type of harpsichord) were common from about 1575 to 1650. This one was built by David Francis, and you are invited to view it following the close of the liturgy. A diversity of music is an important part of our witness, including the outstanding acoustics of our nave. As we grow our music ministry, we embark on a significant restoration of our valued and aged pipe organ.

*The assembly may stand as bread, wine, and other gifts are presented and the meal is prepared.*

## Offering Song

## “God Extends an Invitation”



*Nues-tro Pa - dre nos in - vi - ta a la me - sa de la*  
God ex - tends an in - vi - ta - tion to the ta - ble of cre -



*vi - da, don - de hay vi - no, luz y pan; y no -*  
a - tion, where there's wine and light and bread. Here we



*so - tros nos reu - ni - mos, y lo nues - tro com - par - ti - mos, pues a -*  
gath - er in thanks - giv - ing and we of - fer all our liv - ing. Here the



*sí es la co - mu - ni - ón; pues a - sí es la co - mu - ni - ón.*  
feast of life is spread; here the feast of life is spread.

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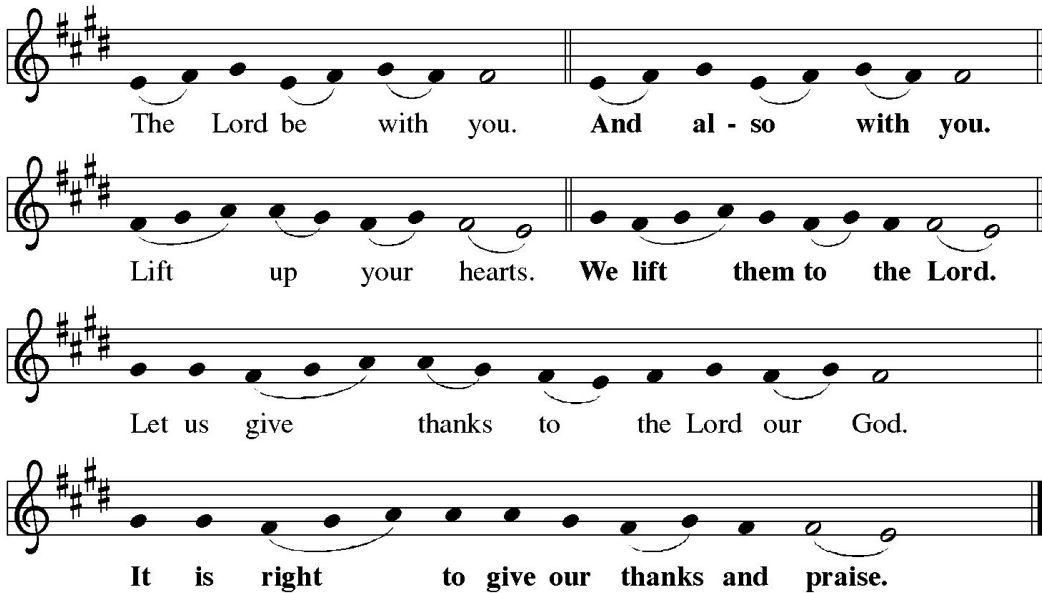
## Offering Prayer

Holy God, Sovereign of the universe,  
receive the gifts we bring: our selves, our time, and our possessions.

**Unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

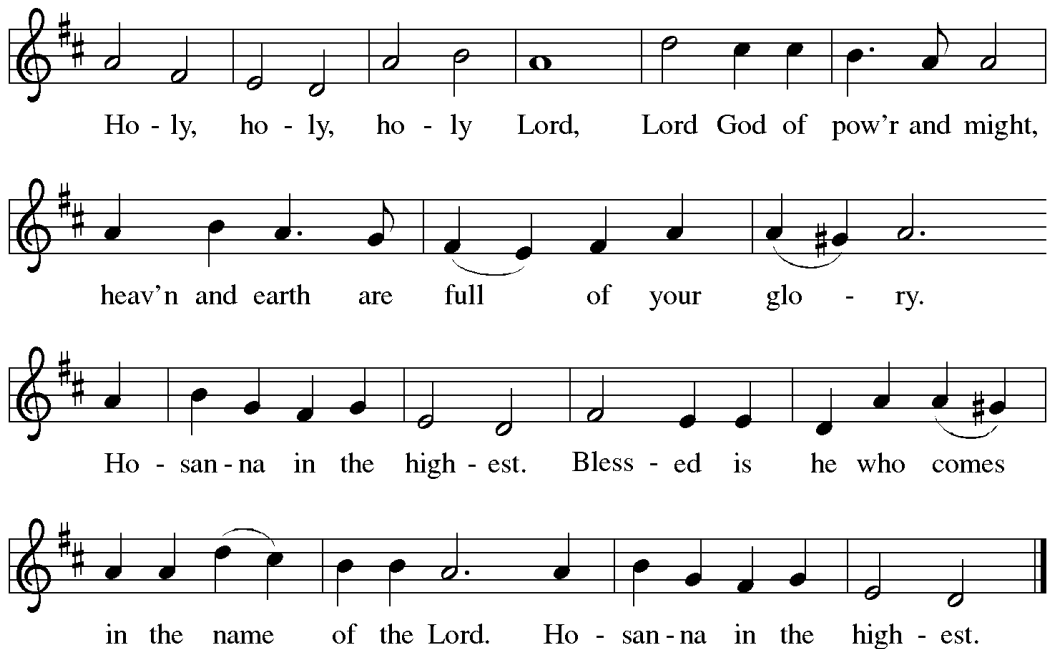
# Great Thanksgiving

Richard Hillert (1923-2010)



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea;  
within each cell; with every breath.

**We praise you, O God!**

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day;  
across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

**We bless you, O God!**

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life;  
near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

**We thank you, O God!**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,  
and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the  
forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:  
in our gathering; within this meal;  
among all people; throughout the world.

All praise, blessing, and thanks to you, most holy God,  
in Jesus the Christ, ✠ by the presence of your Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**



Lord, remember us in your love and teach us to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name, thy  
kingdom come, thy will be  
done, on earth as it is in  
heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily  
bread; and forgive us our  
trespasses, as we forgive those  
who trespass against us; and  
lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and  
the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed  
be your name, your kingdom  
come, your will be done, on  
earth as in heaven. Give us  
today our daily bread. Forgive  
us our sins, as we forgive those  
who sin against us. Save us  
from the time of trial, and  
deliver us from evil. For the  
kingdom, the power, and the  
glory are yours, now and  
forever. Amen.**

**Padre nuestro que estás en el  
cielo, santificado sea tu  
nombre. Venga tu reino.  
Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra  
como en el cielo. Danos hoy  
nuestro pan de cada día.  
Perdona nuestras ofensas  
como también nosotros  
perdonamos a los que nos  
ofenden. No nos dejes caer en  
tentación y líbranos del mal.  
Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es  
el poder, y tuya es la gloria,  
ahora y siempre. Amén.**

**Our Creator in heaven, holy is  
your name, your kin-dom  
come, your will be done, on  
earth as in heaven. Give us  
today our daily bread. Forgive  
us our sin, as we forgive those  
who sin against us. Save us  
from the time of trial, and  
deliver us from evil. For the  
kin-dom, the power, and the  
glory are yours, now and  
forever. Amen.**

## Breaking the Bread

The word is made flesh and dwells among us. **O come, let us adore him.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

## Agnus Dei

**“Jesus, Lamb of God”** Schubert; Text: based on Agnus Dei

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff melody includes a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The bass staff accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,

The third system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff melody includes a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The bass staff accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines.

grant us peace, grant us peace.

The fourth system of musical notation concludes the piece. The treble staff melody includes a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The bass staff accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines.

## Invitation to Communion & Blessing

God, in Christ, fully welcomes people of every age to this Meal, which is known by many names: the Lord's Supper, Holy Communion, the Mass, the Sacrament, the Eucharist. We encourage you to participate in ways that are meaningful for you.

Ushers will direct you by the center aisle to a station to receive bread in your hand for you to eat, then proceed to a station and receive a small cup, where wine will be poured and consumed. Gluten-free wafers/ grape juice are available upon request. If you desire not to receive bread or wine, you are invited to a station where a minister will offer a prayer of blessing. Then, return to your seat by a side aisle. We join in prayer, meditation, and music. If you desire communion or a blessing at your place, let an usher or minister know.

## Communion Song

## “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” | ELW # 310

Text: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885) alt.

Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintz (1622-1702) arr. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

*The assembly remains seated as we offer our thanks.*

## Prayer

Almighty and ever-living God, at the wedding in Cana, Jesus turned water into wine, delighting all who were there. By this feast of his body, blood, and blessing, transform our hearts by your Spirit, that we may use our varied gifts to show forth his light as we give thanks for your love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns, now and forever. **Amen.**

## ✠SENDING✠

*God blesses us and sends us in mission and service with the world.*

## Community Announcements & Invitations

*The assembly may stand as we pray for God's courage and receive God's blessing.*

## Prayer for Courage

Let us pray together.

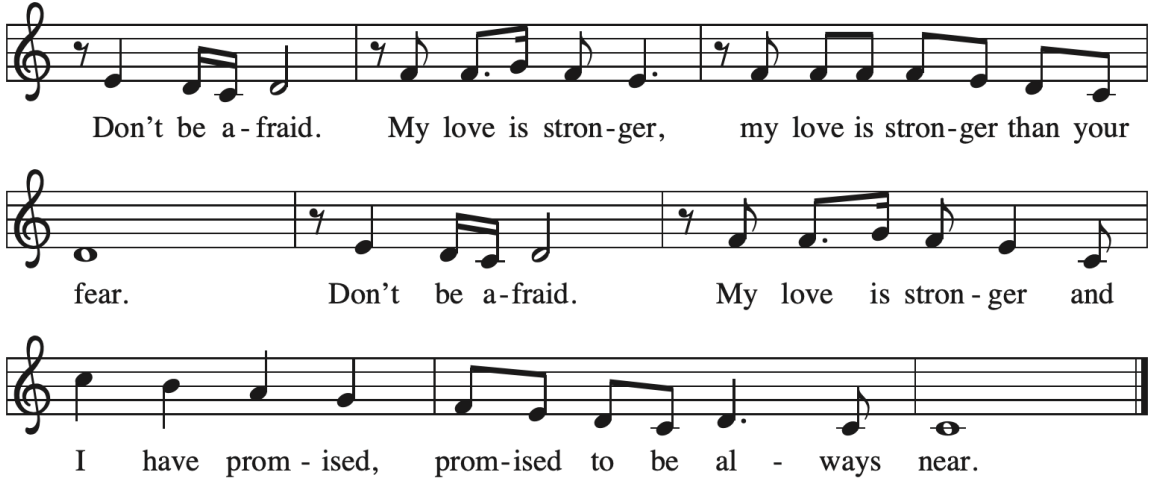
**O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths untrodden, through things unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us, and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## God's Blessing

God the Creator who delights in us, Jesus the Savior who is born for us, † and the lifegiving Spirit who shines on us, remain with you, and those you love, serve, and resist, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Sending Song

**“Don't Be Afraid”**



Don't be a - fraid. My love is stron-ger, my love is stron-ger than your  
fear. Don't be a-fraid. My love is stron - ger and  
I have prom - ised, prom-ised to be al - ways near.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949, and Graham Maule, 1958–2019

Music: DON'T BE AFRAID, John L. Bell

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## Dismissal to Mission

No matter what, be at peace, and shine with the love of Christ.

**Thanks be to God!**

## Hospitality

† Our Worship Has Ended. Our Service Begins. †

## **FELC ANNUAL MEETING | SUNDAY, JANUARY 26**

Worship at 10:00 AM - *Onsite and online*

Potluck Hospitality at 11:30 AM - *Bring a dish to share as you are able*

Annual Meeting at Noon - *Fellowship Hall and via Zoom*

## **AUSTIN INTERNATIONAL HALF MARATHON | SUNDAY, JANUARY 19**

This race begins at the Domain and ends at Waterloo Park. Be aware of road closures and spectators as you make your way to FELC on Sunday morning.

**Route information can be found at <https://downhilltodowntown.com/course-elevation/>**

## **SUPPORTING MICAH 6 MINISTRIES**

First English and the community provide year-round support for the Micah 6 Food Pantry and Street Youth Drop-in Center. Current Critical needs for the Micah 6 Food Pantry and Youth Drop-in Center:

- Winter clothing: hospital socks, coats, thermal underwear, sweaters, mittens, gloves, winter caps, scarves, jackets, sweatpants
- 15 oz. Canned Vegetables, including Green Beans, Corn, Spinach/greens, Pinto or Black Beans
- 15 oz. Canned Fruit, any variety
- 15 oz. Canned Meat, including Chicken and Tuna
- Luncheon meat
- Dry Goods
- Rice, 1 to 2 lb. bags
- Dried beans, 1 to 2 lb. bags
- Skillet dinners (hamburger helper or other boxed meals)
- Side dishes (Rice a Roni, Mac n Cheese, or other side item)
- 18 oz. peanut butter

Please do not send large containers or bulk products that have to be divided prior to distribution. Leave donations in the bins at the front of the Sanctuary.

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## MINISTERS SERVING IN LEARNING, LITURGY, & HOSPITALITY | JANUARY 12

Ministers	All the People of God
Adult Faith Formation	Finance Committee
Altar Care	Barbara Wiederaenders
Assisting Minister	Shannon Aguirre
Building Open/Close	Charlie Boas
Children's Faith Formation	Merrily Porter
Crucifer	Betsy Appleton, Beatrix Appleton
Hospitality	Merrily Porter
Lectors	JD Aguirre, Charlie Boas, Monica Lund, Desmond Peterson, Barbara Wiederaenders
Livestream Minister	JP Northcutt-Benson
Music Ministers	FELC Choir; Elijah Aguirre, oboe; David Francis, harpsichord builder; Cantor Bryan Rust
Presiding Minister	The Rev. Robert Karli
Ushers	Randy Baden, Terry Porter

### ABOUT FELC

We welcome you to this house of prayer for all people. Visit our website to learn more about the FELC welcome, worship, community life, learning, engagement, racial justice and reconciliation ministries, our child development center, and ways to care and serve.

FELC is in a transition ministry that includes the call process for our next pastor of word and sacrament ministry. This transition is the work of the whole congregation and our partners, to God's glory, and for the congregation and community. For more information visit the *FELC in Pastoral Transition* page on our website.

Since 1972, the First English Lutheran Child Development Center has been serving the community by offering safe, loving, and engaging care for children (infant - 5 years) and families of the Austin area. Our mission is to provide a quality full-day child care experience that helps each child develop cognitively, physically, socially, and emotionally, and we're passionate about our work. Visit [www.firstenglishcdc.org](http://www.firstenglishcdc.org) or call 512-478-5424.

## PRAYER CONCERNS & JOYS

As a community of faith, we pray for:

the citizens, immigrants, & refugees of the United States;  
the national, state, local leaders of the United States;  
President Joe Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris, & their families & administration;  
President-elect Donald Trump, Vice President-elect JD Vance, & their families & administration;  
the people of Israel/Gaza/Palestine & for the people of Iran;  
the people of Ukraine, Russia, Sudan, & all places of war;  
the people of New Orleans;  
Those living with & recovering from severe weather & natural disasters;  
those who advocate for safety, justice, & equity for all;  
all communities & families living with gun violence;  
all in need of safe shelter, nourishing food, & quality care, & for those who offer it;  
all who offer protection, defense, & advocacy in our communities & in this nation;  
those of various faith traditions & people of goodwill;  
the whole church throughout the world & all leaders of the church;  
the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, & his family, following his resignation;  
God's guidance for our congregation community in ministry transition & renewal;  
our Congregation Council members;  
our Congregation Council nominees;  
our Pastoral Call Committee, & the candidates they interview;  
our Church & CDC staff;  
our CDC Board members;  
our Child Development Center students & families;  
Micah 6 Ministries & partner congregations, & executive director, the Rev. Barry Smith;  
our benevolence ministry partner LuMin, & campus pastor, the Rev. Bradley Fuerst;  
our benevolence ministry partner Global Refuge, & CEO Krish O'Mara Vignarajah;  
Lutheran Disaster Response;  
all seeking healing, and those living with addiction, cancer, & spiritual, health, & employment crises;  
our Care Ministers;  
our Prayer Circle, who faithfully pray;  
all our beloved who are homebound;  
Marian Klumpp, in home hospice care;  
Charlie Boas, recovering from cancer treatment;  
Sarah Roberts, in treatment for cancer;  
Jim Templeton, in skilled nursing care;  
the family & friends of Ada Wanstrom, upon her death;  
the family & friends of Shannon Lind McNamara, upon her death;  
the family, friends, & all who mourn the death of James E. Carter, Jr.;  
all who have died;  
all in any need & thanksgiving.

**The FELC Prayer Circle** gathers faithfully and confidentially to offer prayer contact: [bschutz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bschutz@sbcglobal.net).

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