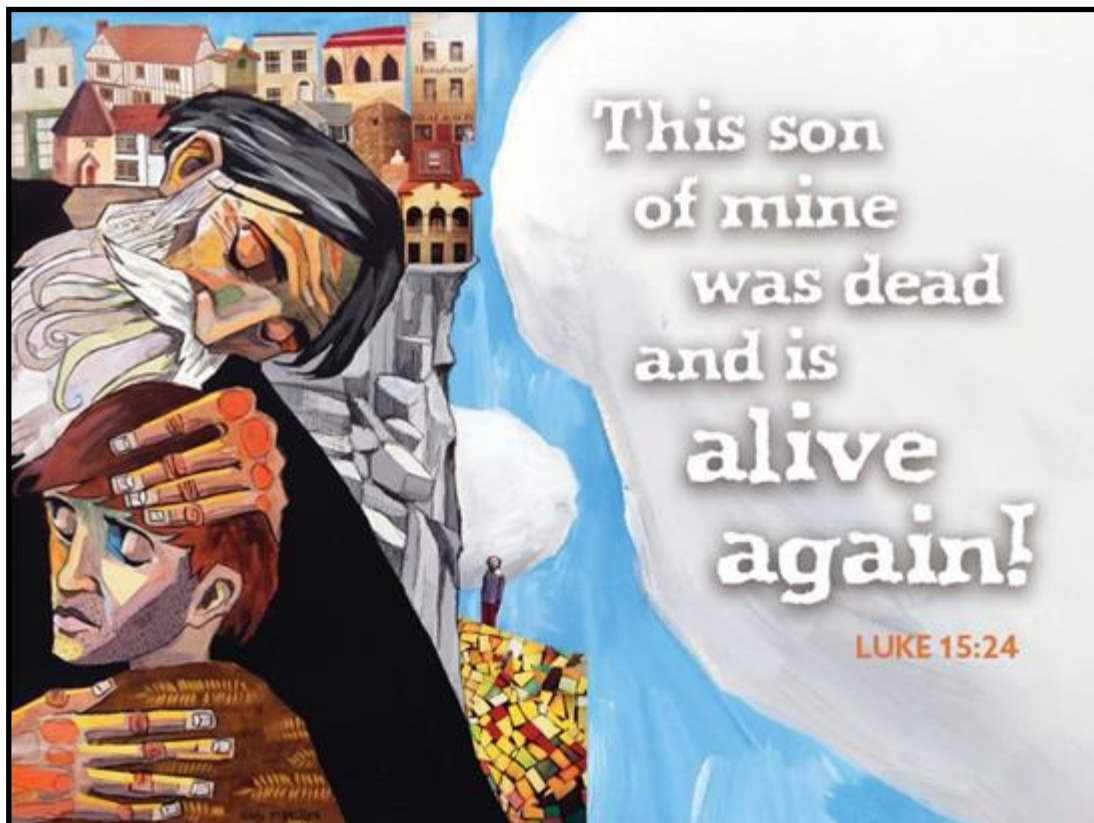


Fourth Sunday in Lent | Laetare Sunday
Word & Eucharist
March 30, 2025 | 10 AM | Onsite & Online



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.

If this is one of your first times with FELC, please use the online **Welcome Visitors information form** and provide feedback on your visit <http://www.felcaustin.org/forms/visitors>.

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 in the narthex.

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.

The Holy Spirit gathers us into community.

Laetare Sunday is the fourth Sunday in Lent in the western Christian liturgical calendar. This Sunday has been a day of celebration, within the austere season of Lent, and gets its name from the first few words of the traditional entrance verses in Latin, Laetare, meaning **Rejoice**. On Laetare Sunday (as similarly with the Third Sunday of Advent's Gaudete Sunday) the church expresses hope and joy in the midst of our Lenten wandering and fasting. Call it pink — or, more fittingly, rose — a traditional color on this day indicates a glimpse of the joy that awaits us at Easter. Before we enter into the holy days of Passiontide, our music, prayers, and liturgical texts reflect this “mini” Easter. Happy are those for whom the forgiveness of God has “rolled away the disgrace” of former times. Happy is the parent at the return of a prodigal child. Happy are we that our sins are forgiven by God’s love in Jesus. *Rejoice!*

The assembly offers responses and acclamations printed in bold.

Hymns and Songs are also found in the red worship book.

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 campaign for our valued and aged pipe organ.

Gathering Introit

Music: John Darwall (1731-1789)

This ancient text for Laetare Sunday is sung by the choir.

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and gather all around, all you who were in sorrow let your joy abound.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, Jerusalem, rejoice!

Exult, Jerusalem, and all who love her best, rejoice and be refreshed at her consoling breast.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, Jerusalem, rejoice!

based on Philippians 4:4,5 (adapted by Luke Massery)

Call to Praise & Prayer

At the sound of the singing bowls, the assembly may stand.

We face the main entrance to the church and the cross in procession as we sing.

Gathering Song at the Procession

Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart | ELW 873 stanzas 1, 2, 3, 4

Text: Edward H. Plumptre (1821-1891) alt.

Music: MARION, Authur H. Messiter (1834-1916)

Confession & Forgiveness of Sin

Blessed be God: Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit.

God's mercy endures forever. Amen.

The Lord God is merciful and full of grace – patient, true, and kind.

Therefore, let us confess our sin against God, ourselves, and our neighbors.

The assembly kneels or is seated. Extended silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and live in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness.

Beloved, God continues to show mercy. God always pardons you from all your sin, through the grace of Christ. God will forever strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, as Christ lives in you through faith. You are God's forgiven people, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The assembly continues to kneel or be seated for prayer.

Greeting & Prayer of the Day

Beloved, rejoice and be glad, for God wanders with you.

And also with you.

God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. Grant that with eager faith we may hasten toward the celebration to come, rejoicing forever in the joy of your resurrection power; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

Welcome to Community

✝WORD✝

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

First Reading

Joshua 5:9-12

⁹ The LORD said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.” And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. ¹⁰ While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal, they kept the Passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹ On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and roasted grain. ¹² The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly remains seated.

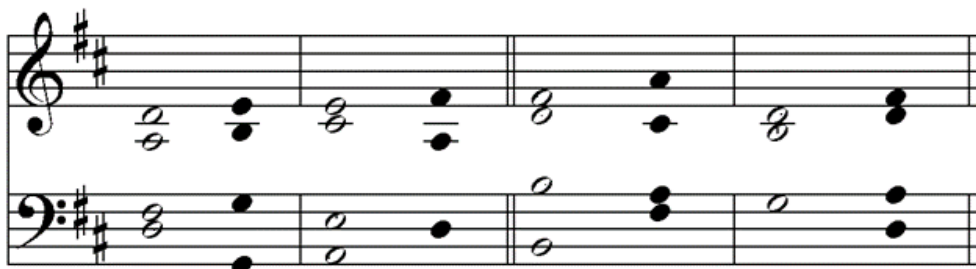
Response

Psalm 32:1-4, 7, 11

Refrain: Anne Krentz Organ (b. 1954); Anglican Chant

The assembly sings the refrain.

The assembly chants the psalm verses in bold print.



¹Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!

²Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!

³**While I held my tongue my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.**

⁴**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer. Refrain**

⁷You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

¹¹Be glad you righteous and rejoice in the Lord;
shout for joy all who are true of heart.

**Glory to the Creator and to the Christ
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning is now,
and will be forever. Amen. Refrain**

Children and families are invited to gather near the baptismal font.

Faith of a Child & Spirit Space

Prayer: Thank you, God, for your beautiful world, for Jesus' love, for church friends and family, and for making me, me. Amen.

We welcome children with a Spirit Space in the North Transept for gentle play and reading, including a rug, floor pillows, soft blocks, and coloring supplies. Children and adults can engage the Spirit Space throughout the liturgy. We welcome children by encouraging them and celebrating the joy and livelihood they offer in life and throughout the liturgy and space.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who has reconciled us to God's very self through Christ, and has given us this ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world unto God's very self, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making an appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake God made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Christ we might become the righteousness of God.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

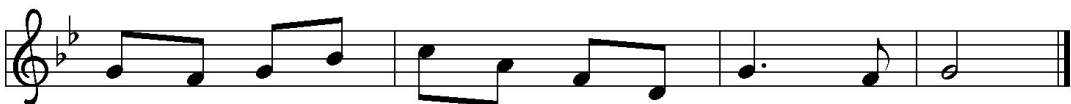
The assembly may stand as we welcome Christ in the Good News.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Music: Joel Martinson (b. 1960); Psalm 119:41-42



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." ³So he told them this parable: ⁴Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. ⁵The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. ⁶A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ⁷When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ⁸So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ⁹He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁰But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹¹I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹²I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" ¹³So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ¹⁴Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ¹⁵But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe — the best one — and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ¹⁶And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ¹⁷for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. ¹⁸Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ¹⁹He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁰He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²¹Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²²But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ²³But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ²⁴Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ²⁵But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Sermon

The assembly may stand to proclaim the word of God in song.

Hymn of the Day

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing | ELW 807

Text: Robert Robinson (1735-1790) alt.

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

Apostles' Creed

Let us affirm the baptismal faith of the whole church.

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

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.

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.

* catholic, meaning universal

Prayers of Intercession

After each intercession: God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A prayer list is found on page 18.

The assembly may stand.

Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

The assembly returns to their places.

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.

Birthday Blessing

Gracious God, our times are in your care.

Bless your people as they live another year of grace. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and joy, and strengthen their trust in your abiding goodness. Amen.

Welcome to Communion & Offering

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.

Anthem

My Shepherd is Lord Harrison Oxley (1922-2009)

My shepherd is Lord, I have all I need.

Giving me rest in green and pleasant fields, reviving my soul by finding fresh water,
guiding my ways with a shepherd's care.

Though I should walk in death's dark valley, I fear no evil with you by the my side,
your shepherd's staff to comfort me.

You spread my table in sight of my foes, anoint my head, my cup runs over.

You tend me with love, always loyal. I dwell with the Lord as long as I live.

based on Psalm 23

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

Offering Song

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God Richard Hillert (1923-2010); Psalm 51:10-12



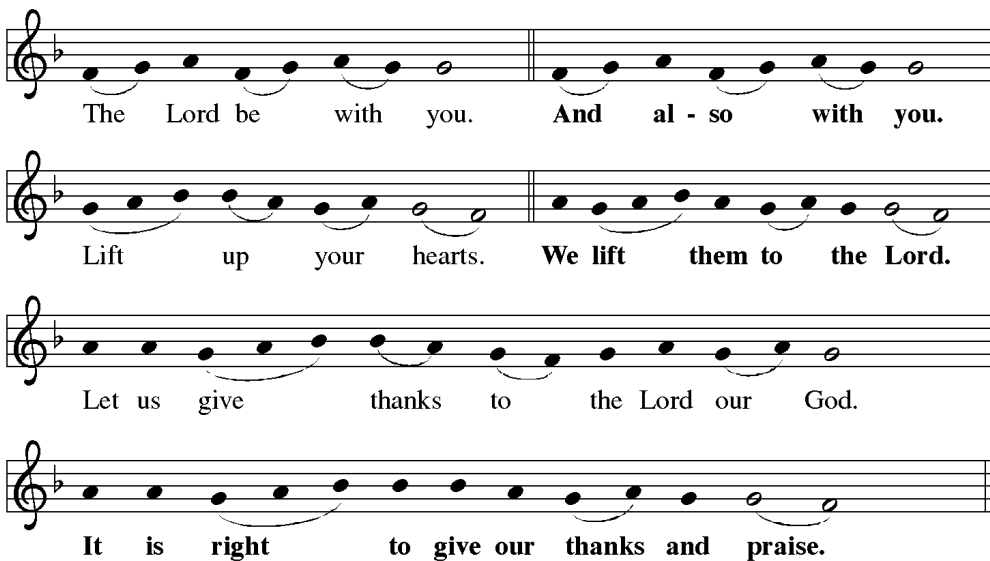
Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

Offering Prayer

Bless us, Lord God, and these your gifts, which we are about to receive from your bounty; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

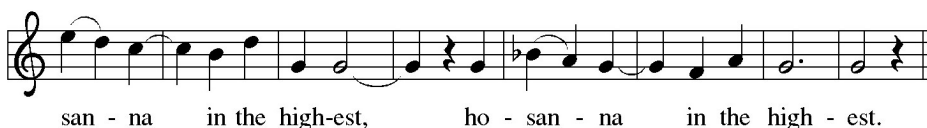
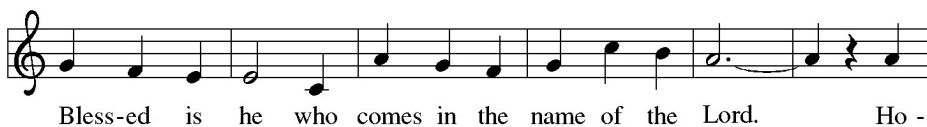
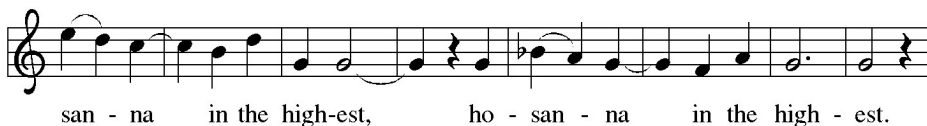
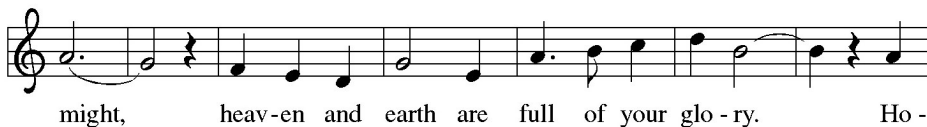
Joel Martinson (b. 1960)



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:

Sanctus



Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy God, Merciful Guide . . . because of sin, fear, and rejection.

In the night in which he was betrayed . . .

Trusting that Christ journeys with us through life and death,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Send your Spirit to be our beacon as we are led by your grace.

Bless this meal as it brings us close to you and you close to us.

Send us out from the gift of this table . . . of love and compassion.

Glory and praise to you, O God, through ✝ Jesus, our Way, with the Spirit, our Companion,
in your holy church and your holy world, with our fellow travelers, now and forever.

AMEN.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, 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.**

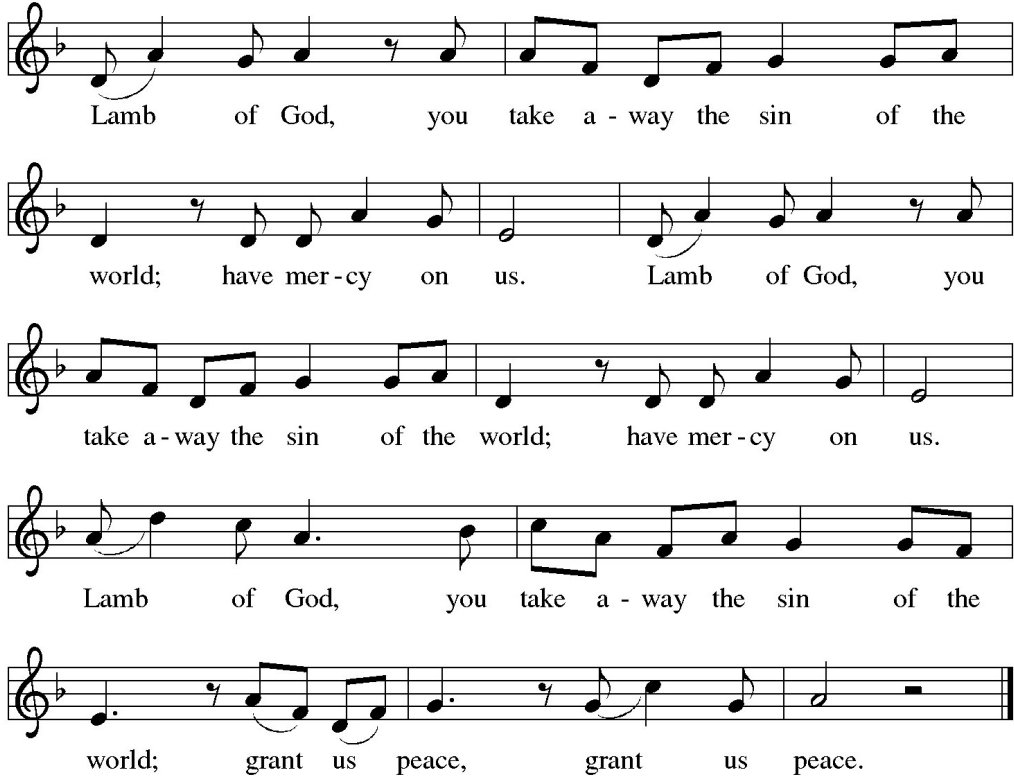
Breaking the Bread

We break this bread to be the body of Christ.

We will love one another as Christ loves us.

The assembly may be seated.

Agnus Dei: Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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.

For those participating onsite, 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.



1 One there is, a - bove all oth - ers, well de - serves the name of friend;
 2 Which of all our friends, to save us, could or would have shed his blood?
 3 When he lived on earth, they scorned him; "friend of sin - ners" was his name.



his is love be - yond a broth - er's, cost - ly, free, and knows no end;
 But this Sav - ior died to have us rec - on - ciled in him to God;
 Though the an - gels have a - dored him, still he an - swers to that claim;



they who once his kind - ness prove find it ev - er - last - ing love.
 this was bound - less love in - deed; Je - sus is the friend we need.
 still he calls them dear - est friends and to all their needs at - tends.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.

Music: AMEN SJUNGE HVARJE TUNGA, Andreas P. Berggren, 1801–1880

The assembly remains seated as we offer our thanks.

Prayer after Communion

Dear Jesus, in this meal of grace, you have blessed and nourished us with your real presence. Thank you. We humbly pray that we may bear your life-giving hope in a world of beauty and need. **Amen.**

✠SENDING✠

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

Community Invitations & Announcements

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

based on Romans 12

Live with courage; hold fast to what is good; render to no one evil for evil;
bless those who persecute you – bless and do not curse them;
love your neighbor, love your enemy, love your true self;
empower the weak; lend to those who ask;
align yourself with the least, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit;
and the blessing of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
be with you, and all you love, serve, and resist, now and forever. Amen.

Sending Song

On Our Way Rejoicing | ELW 537

Text: John S. B. Monsell (1811-1875) alt.

Music: HERMAS, Frances R. Havergal (1836-1879)

Dismissal to Mission

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

Thanks be to God.

Hospitality

† Our Worship Has Ended. Our Service Begins. †

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MINISTERS SERVING IN LEARNING, LITURGY, & HOSPITALITY | MARCH 30

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Crucifer	Jerry Don Aguirre
Hospitality	Fritz Woody
Lector	Erin McCracken
Livestream Minister	JP Northcutt-Benson
Music Ministers	FELC Choir; Elijah Aguirre, oboe; Oliver Rajamani, percussion; Cantor Bryan Rust
Presiding & Preaching	The Rev. Travis Fitzgerald
Usher	Terry Porter

SAVE THE DATE: Chicken BBQ | Saturday, April 26, 6 PM

View the website and upcoming weekly newsletter for details on this great community event!

ONGOING NEEDS FOR MICAH 6 FOOD PANTRY

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:

- 15 oz. Canned Vegetables, including Green Beans, Corn, Spinach/greens, Pinto or Black Beans
- 15 oz. Canned Fruit, any variety
- 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 in the north transept.

Visit felcaustin.org to learn more about the FELC welcome, worship, community life, learning, engagement, racial justice, and reconciliation ministries, and the CDC. To subscribe to a weekly email newsletter, contact office@felcaustin.org.

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;
the people in all places of war, oppression, & conflict;
those who advocate for safety, justice, & equity for all;
all families living with violence, including 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 living with & recovering from severe weather & natural disasters;
those of various faith traditions & people of goodwill;
Muslim friends & neighbors who observe the month of Ramadan;
the whole church throughout the world & all leaders of the church;
His Holiness, Pope Francis;
God's guidance for our congregation community in ministry transition & renewal;
the Congregation Council members;
the Pastoral Call Committee;
the Church & CDC staff;
the Child Development Center students & families;
the CDC Board members;
Micah 6 Ministries & partner congregations, & executive director, the Rev. Barry Smith;
benevolence ministry partner LuMin, & campus pastor, the Rev. Bradley Fuerst;
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;
FELC Care Ministers;
FELC Prayer Circle, who weekly gather for prayer;
all who are homebound;
Marian Klumpp, in home hospice care;
Sarah Roberts, in treatment for cancer;
family and friends of Jesse Highum;
Pastor Rosemarie Doucette, friend of Michelle Lingo, post-surgical healing;
all who have died;
all in any need & thanksgiving.

The FELC Prayer Circle gathers faithfully to offer prayer. Contact: bschutz@sbcglobal.net.

CELEBRATE LENT, HOLY WEEK, & EASTER

Sundays in Lent | March 30; April 6, 2025

Faith Formation (9AM)

Worship (10AM)

Hospitality (11:15AM)

Onsite & YouTube livestream

Wednesdays in Lent | April 2, 9, 2025 | 7PM

A service of quiet reflection in the FELC sanctuary with the liturgy of Holden Evening Prayer.

This service will not be available online

Palm Sunday | April 13, 2025 | 10AM

Blessing & palm procession, Holy Communion, & special music

Hospitality after worship

Maundy Thursday | April 17, 2025 | Noon & 7PM

The Noon liturgy will be abbreviated.

7PM: Confession and Absolution, Holy Communion, footwashing ritual, & stripping the altar in preparation for Good Friday

Good Friday | April 18, 2025 | Noon to 3:00 PM & 7PM

Noon to 3PM: Tre Ore (3 hours) service on the Seven Last Words of Christ (come & go for prayer, reflections, & music)

7PM: Adoration of the Cross liturgy with reading of the passion narrative, choral & instrumental music, & prayer around the cross

Virtual Stations of the Cross will be available online

Holy Saturday: The Easter Vigil | April 19, 2025 | 8:01PM (sunset)

Candlelight procession, stories of salvation, baptismal renewal, Holy Communion, & special music

Champagne and chocolate reception

Easter Sunday Worship, Hospitality, & Egg Hunt | April 20, 2025 | 10AM

Flowering of the indoor cross before worship (bring your cut flowers)

Worship with the resurrection story, Holy Communion, choral & instrumental music

Hospitality & Easter Egg Hunt after worship (bring a basket for little ones)

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