WORD & EUCHARIST SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST September 15, 2024 10:00 am ~ Online & Onsite





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Everyone is welcome. This means you.

Welcome to First English Lutheran Church & Child Development Center. 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.

In these pages you will find a guide for liturgy, which is the action of all the people—whether you are joining on this campus or from a distance. Use what helps you and set aside what doesn't. We hope that, whether you are here for the first time, the first time in a long time, or just the first time this week, you will have what you need today.

If you are connecting online, you are invited to embrace the sacred in the space where you are. If this is one of your first times with FELC, please use the online Welcome Visitors information form and provide feedback on your visit <u>http://www.felcaustin.org/forms/visitors</u>.

If you are on campus and there is something you need, whether that is to stand up, remain seated, or take a break from the worship space for a moment, we hope you will take care of yourself.

Worship is at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. We encounter God within worship and are formed and transformed as the people of God. Liturgy literally is "the work of the people," and refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted. Sometimes it may seem that the way to "do church" is inflexible... but the fact is, we have been finding our way in building community ever since the church was first born. We are gathered together, receive the Word of God in its variety, give great thanks (the meaning of Eucharist), and are sent to be living, active images of divine love. We hope you will be gentle with yourself and gracious with others as you decide how to be present. This gathering wouldn't be complete without each person who joins here, and we're glad you are here.

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. Let's continue to grow in new and beautiful ways, being a community together. For more on our welcome and life, visit <u>www.felcaustin.org</u>.

For your care: **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, are available from an usher.

₽GATHERING

The Holy Spirit gathers us into community.

The church season after the 50 days of Eastertide and Pentecost Day celebrations is half of the year, yet it has no "official" name. It is called "Time after Pentecost" or "Ordinary Time" because of the numbering (ordinals) of the Sundays. It includes the distinct natural seasons of summer and fall, which have different themes emphasized. The primary color is green. This highlights the first part of Ordinary Time with themes of growth and celebration in community, and the renewal of faith and discipleship in the ministry and teaching of Jesus.

Gathering Music

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.

Land & Water Acknowledgement

The ELCA's Truth & Healing Movement increases understanding of our impacts on Indigenous people in the past and present. Knowing and embracing the truth brings healing for all of us.

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.

Welcome to Worship & Community

The assembly may stand, as willing and able.

We offer acclamations and songs printed in bold. Songs and hymns are sung from the red worship book (ELW).

Gathering Song

"O God in Heaven" | ELW 748

Text: Daniel T. Niles (1908-1970) Music: Honggo (Philippines) traditional, adapt. Elena G. Maquiso (1961-2005); arr. *Cantate Domino*, 1980

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.

Confession & Forgiveness of Sin

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who is compassion, forgiveness, and healing. Blessed be God forever! Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

The assembly kneels, as willing and able. Silence is kept, inviting self-reflection.

Have mercy, O God, for against you, you alone, we have sinned. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt. Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit and overflow your joy within us. Amen.

As tender as a loving parent to a child, so deep is God's compassion for you. As boundless as heaven is from earth, so vast is God's love for you. As far as east is from west, +so far God removes your sin from you, renewing your life in Christ. Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love. **Blessed be God forever! Amen.**

The assembly may stand, as willing and able.

Song of Praise

"Jesus, We Love You"



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Greeting & Prayer of the Day

The grace, love, and communion of God be with you all. And also with you.

O God, because without you we are not able to love you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

₽₩ORD

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

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a New Revised Standard Version

The servant is vindicated by God.

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Word of God. Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

The assembly remains seated to sing.

Response

Psalm 116:1-9



¹I love the LORD, who has ¹ heard my voice, and listened to my ¹ supplication,

²for the LORD has given [|]ear to me wheney- [|]er I called.

³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave ¹ came upon me; I came to ¹ grief and sorrow.
⁴Then I called upon the name ¹ of the LORD:

"O LORD I pray you | save my life."

⁵Gracious is the ¹LORD and righteous; our God is full ¹ of compassion.
⁶The LORD watches o-¹ ver the innocent; I was brought low, ¹ and God saved me.
⁷Turn again to your rest, ¹O my soul. for the LORD has dealt ¹ well with you.
⁸For you have rescued my ¹ life from death, my eyes from tears, and my ¹ feet from stumbling;
⁹I will live in the presence ¹ of the LORD in the land ¹ of the living.

Second Reading

James 3:1-12

Dangers of the unbridled tongue.

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my beloved, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My beloved, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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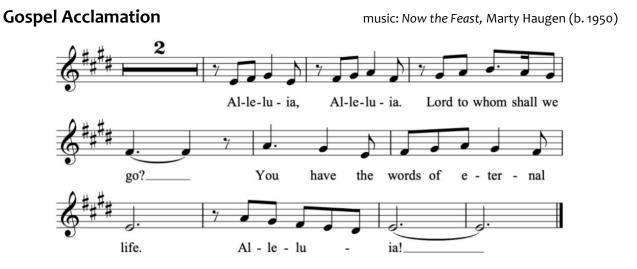
Children and families are invited to gather near the baptismal font.

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 Chapel of the Saints (or 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.

The assembly may stand to welcome Christ in the gospel.



The holy gospel according to Mark. Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel

Peter's confession of Faith.

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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

The assembly is seated.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said" | ELW 667

Text: Charles W. Everest (1814-1877) Music: W. Hauser, *Hesperian Harp*, 1848; arr. Hymnal version

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

Intercession response: Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

The assembly may stand.

Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all. And also with you.

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 altar for Eucharist.

The assembly is seated.

₽₩EAL

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.

Offering Music

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

Offering Song

"Seek Ye First"

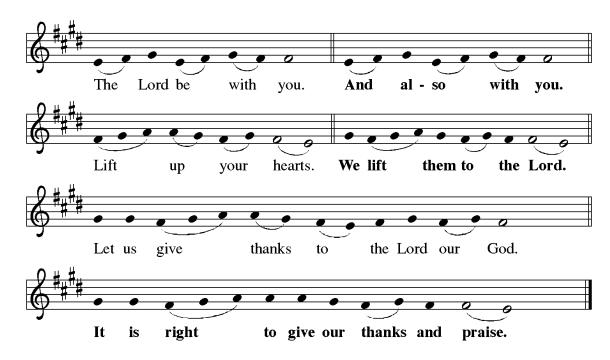


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Offering Prayer

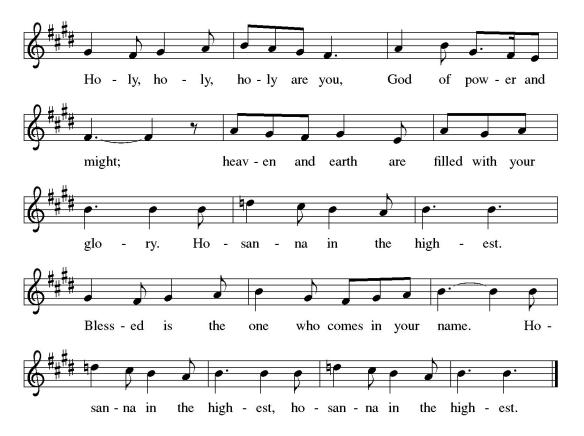
Blessed are you, O God, source of all life and being. By these gifts and with our lives, empower us to serve one another and all in need. Amen.

Sursum Corda MUSIC from ELW Holy Communion, Setting 4



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Great Thanksgiving



Thanksgiving at the Table

adapted from Pastor Rick Fry (FELC Vicar #43)

Most holy God, we bless you, for in a labor of love, you created the earth and the first humans tended the shimmering beauty of the primordial garden.

You heard the cry of the Israelites as they toiled under harsh labor and liberated them from oppression and slavery. In the wilderness you sustained them with daily bread from heaven.

You provided them a double portion on the sixth day, so they could rest on the seventh. In fierce loyalty and love, Ruth followed Naomi and labored in the fields of Bethlehem and was graciously grafted into the history of your people. At the right time, you gave us your dear Son, our brother Jesus, a humble carpenter, who at the wedding in Cana transformed water into wine, and revealed signs of your glory first to the hired hands. He abundantly provided bread for the hungry multitudes and taught that even the most undesired laborer hired last would receive a just wage to feed a family.

This bread, the vessel of your holy body, was nourished and formed by the hands of those who labor in fields. This wine, the flowing channel of your precious blood, was gently nurtured by the care of workers.

Even with these most gracious signs, we approach your altar with reserve, afraid of your glory, undone by our sin, fearful of scarcity.

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 give you thanks, most holy God, for this bread and wine of your abundance, as it grafts us into the life, death, and resurrection of Christ.

Pour your Holy Spirit on these gifts, that our bodily and material needs are met with dignity and justice. Awaken our communities, nation, and the world to the signs of your gracious presence, that all find your healing love.

Most holy God, thank you for your generosity, for you are steadfast in loving-kindness, fierce to provide the needs of the poor, merciful beyond all knowing, + and you live and reign in love, in the church and in the world, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

We are bold to pray as our Savior taught:

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 dia. 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.

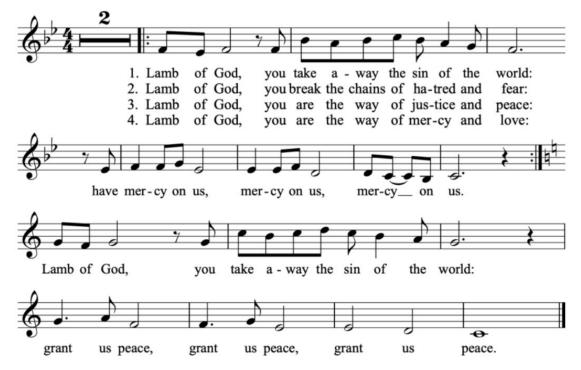
Breaking the Bread

We are one bread and one body. We will love one another as Christ loves us.

The assembly is seated.



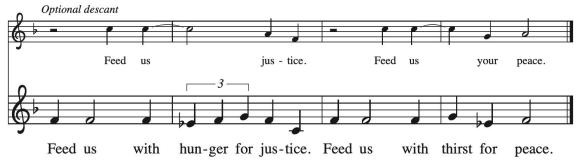




Communion & Blessing Invitation

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 as you request them. 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 Music



Text: Anne Krentz Organ, b. 1960 Music: HUNGER FOR JUSTICE, Anne Krentz Organ

As we are thankful for God's love, forgiveness, and strength in this meal, we pray for good courage. The assembly remains seated.

Prayer after Communion

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

₽SENDING

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

Community Announcements & Invitations

The community may stand to receive God's blessing and protection.

The good news of Christ, who brings us the love and mercy of God as a gift, liberates us to love, serve, and give. We rejoice in the diversity that has nurtured and enriched the whole church. Whether you're from another faith tradition, a seeker and questioner searching for more to life and a place to explore, or even a lifelong Lutheran, we're glad to have you.

God's Blessing

adapted from Henri-Frédéric Amiel (1821-1881)

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So, be swift to love, make haste to be kind, and be at peace, while making no peace with your own or others oppression; may the blessing of God, Creator, + Redeemer, and Sustainer, be with you, and all those you love and pray for, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord" | TFF 152



Text: Adelaide A. Pollard, 1862–1934 Music: ADELAIDE, George C. Stebbins, 1846–1945

Dismissal to Mission

Go in peace to love and serve as Christ. Thanks be to God!

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As a faith community, First English prays for...

the citizens, immigrants, and refugees of the United States; the national, state, local leaders of the United States; the people of Ukraine, Russia, Sudan, and the Middle East, and all places of war; those responding to severe weather; those who advocate for safety, justice, and equity for all; all communities and families living with gun violence; all in need of safe shelter, nourishing food, & quality care, and for those who offer it; all who offer protection, defense, and advocacy, in our communities and in our nation; God's guidance for our congregation community in ministry transition and renewal; our staff, council, care ministers, and child development center board of directors; our child development center students and families; our pastoral call committee as they participate in call interviews; all our beloved who are homebound; Micah 6 Ministries, and our benevolence ministry partners: LuMin, Global Refuge, and FELCDC; all people seeking healing, including those living with addiction, cancer, and those enduring mental, spiritual, health and employment crises; the Olson and Kopp families on the death of the Rev. Gary Olson, Gretchen's father; Charlie Boas, undergoing radiation treatment; Marian Klumpp, in home hospice care, for tender care, and for Marian's family; all in any need and thanksgiving.

The FELC Prayer Circle gathers faithfully to offer prayer (including confidentially) contact: <u>bschutz@sbcglobal.net</u>.

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