

**WORD & EUCHARIST**  
**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

OCTOBER 20, 2024

10:00 AM ~ ONLINE & ONSITE



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. 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 <http://www.felcaustin.org/forms/visitors>.

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 [www.felcaustin.org](http://www.felcaustin.org).

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.

*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.

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.

## Land & Water Acknowledgement

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 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.

## Welcome to Worship & Community

*The assembly may stand, as willing and able, for the gathering song.*

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

## Gathering Song

## **“You Servants of God” | ELW 825**

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) alt.

Music: LYONS, altr. Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806)

## 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 stands.*

## Song of Praise

## “Jesus, We Love You”

Je - sus, we love you, we praise you, we a - dore you.

Glo - ri - fy your Name in all the earth.

Glo - ri - fy your Name, glo - ri - fy your Name,

Glo - ri - fy your Name in all the earth.

Words and Music: Donna Adkins, arr. Betty Carr Pulkingham Copyright 1976, 1981 Marantha Music. All rights reserved:

## Greeting & Prayer of the Day

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

**And also with you.**

Sovereign God, your greatness and goodness abound for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your new kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will; through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

# ✝WORD✝

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

## First Reading

**Isaiah 53:4-12**

NRSV

*The suffering servant.*

<sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup>But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. <sup>6</sup>All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. <sup>7</sup>He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. <sup>8</sup>By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. <sup>9</sup>They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. <sup>10</sup>Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. <sup>11</sup>Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. <sup>12</sup>Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly may remain seated.*

# Response

# Psalm 91:9-16

The assembly chants the appointed psalm responsively.



<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the | Lord your refuge,  
and the Most High your | habitation,

<sup>10</sup>**no evil | will befall you,  
nor shall affliction come | near your dwelling.**

<sup>11</sup>For God will give the angels charge | over you,  
to guard you in | all your ways.

<sup>12</sup>**Upon their hands they will | bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.**

<sup>13</sup>You will tread upon the lion | cub and viper;  
you will trample down the lion | and the serpent.

<sup>14</sup>**I will deliver those who | cling to me;  
I will uphold them because they | know my name.**

<sup>15</sup>They will call me and I will | answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and | honor them.

<sup>16</sup>**With long life will I | satisfy them,  
and show them | my salvation.**

*Through suffering, Christ becomes the source of salvation.*

<sup>1</sup>Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup>He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; <sup>3</sup>and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. <sup>4</sup>And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. <sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; <sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” <sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*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.*



## Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia”

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in the key of D major (one sharp). The melody is simple and repetitive, with the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' written below the notes. The first system covers the first two phrases, and the second system covers the next two phrases. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Music: South African; arr. Gobingca Mxadana  
Arr. © Gobingca Mxadana

Verse: The Son of Man came not to be served | but to serve,  
\* and to give his life as a ran- | som for many.

Mark 10:25

*The assembly repeats the acclamation.*

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## Gospel

**Mark 10:35-45**

NRSV

*Warnings to ambitious disciples.*

<sup>35</sup>James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” <sup>36</sup>And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” <sup>38</sup>But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” <sup>39</sup>They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized;

<sup>40</sup>but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” <sup>41</sup>When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup>So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>43</sup>But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

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

*The assembly is seated.*

## **Sermon**

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

## **Hymn of the Day**

**“O Christ, What Can it Mean for Us” | ELW 431**

Music: ALL SAINTS NEW, Henry S. Cutler (1824-1902)

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

*The assembly may stand.*

## **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: God of grace, **hear our prayer.***

## Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*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 altar for Eucharist.

## ✠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

**“Glory be to God”** Thomas Lock

“Glory be to God in the highest. Gloria!  
And on earth peace, goodwill to all.” Luke 2:14

*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”

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/2. The lyrics are: 1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God, And God's right-yeousness, And all these things shall be added un-to you. Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia! 2. Ask and it shall be giv-en un-to you, Knock and the door shall be o-pened un-to you, Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!

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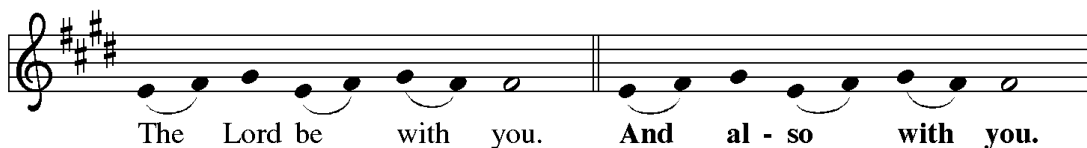
## Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, source of all life and being.

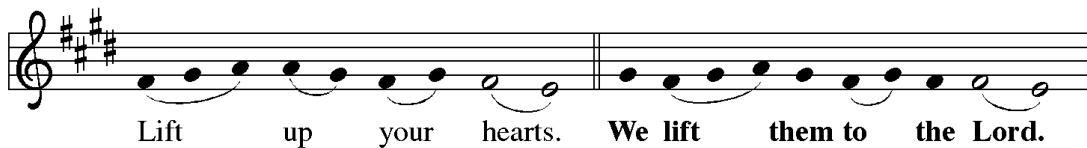
**By these gifts and with our lives, empower us to serve one another and all in need. Amen.**

# Great Thanksgiving

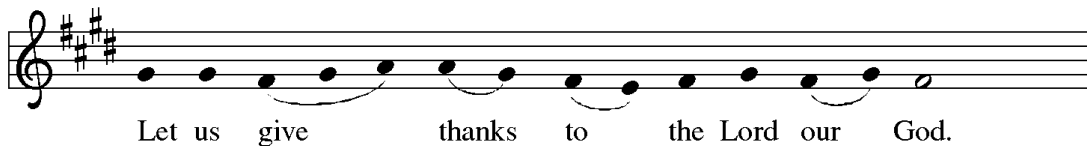
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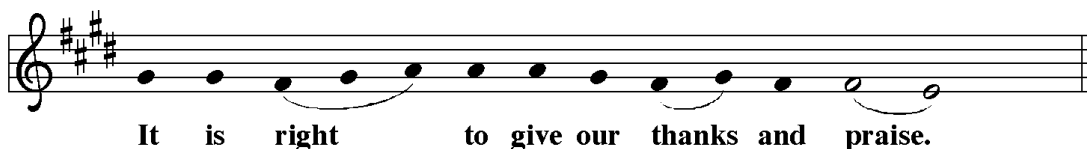
The Lord be with you. **And al - so with you.**



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 . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy

music: *Now the Feast*, Marty Haugen (b. 1950)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

*The assembly is 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.

Text: "Agnus Dei," tr. International Consultation on English Texts  
Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923  
Music © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

## 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 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 Music

“River” by Patty Griffin (b. 1964)

Isn't she a river? She doesn't need a diamond to shine  
You can't really have her, but you can hold her for a time.

Takes an army just to bend her, be careful where you send her,  
You can't hold her back for long; a river is just too strong, and She's a river.

Arms made out of silver, moving in a crooked line,  
Carrying some dreamers off into the end of time.

You don't need to save her or teach her to behave,  
Just let her arms unwind, ever changing and undefined, She's a river.

You can ride her easy when she's slow, walk across her when she's low  
Follow wherever she goes, She's a river.

Run for cover when she's mad, drown in her tears when things are bad,  
Don't you ever forget it, that, She's a river. Isn't She a river?

She doesn't need a diamond to shine so people call you clever,  
But she's been here a long, long time.

And she's seen so many faces and places down the line.  
She's been left for dead a million times, keeps coming home, arms open wide,  
Ever changing and undefined, She's a river.

*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.*

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.

## Community Announcements & Invitations

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

### 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

### “O Jesus I Have Promised” | ELW 810

Text: John E. Bode, 1816-1874, alt.

Music: MUNICH, *Neuermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1963

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## FELC & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Chorus Austin | Sunday, October 20, 4 PM | FELC

Join the Chamber Ensemble of Chorus Austin in concert at FELC this afternoon at 4pm for the Community Outreach Sunday. Artistic Director Ryan Heller leads a cappella classics from the renaissance to today as Chorus Austin continues the celebration of 60 years of harmony in Austin. This concert is a pay-what-you-can event. For information, including other Chorus Austin performances this weekend and upcoming concerts, visit <https://www.onthestage.tickets/chorus-austin-inc/season>.

### UT's NEW Repertory Chorus in Concert | Monday, October 21, 8 PM | FELC

Repertory Chorus is the newest addition to the choral area at UT's Butler School of Music, and the concert on Monday, October 21 at 8pm will be its debut public performance! This new choir serves as a laboratory chorus for the master's and doctoral students in choral conducting at UT, along with some upper division undergraduate students majoring in music education. FELC is excited to collaborate with UT in this new music and teaching endeavor. This concert is free-of-charge.

### Reformation Sunday | October 27

At the festival of the Reformation we celebrate the heart of our faith: the good news of Christ that makes us free to live God's love fully. We pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to re-form and empower the whole church in this age and in this place in our witness of love, justice, healing, and joy. The church color associated with the Holy Spirit is red, and we invite you to wear some red on that Sunday.

### All Saints' Sunday | November 3

The Feast of All Saints' - a time to remember and give thanks for the saints in our lives and in the world. As part of the observance we will read the names of those from FELC who have died during the past year. **We invite everyone to bring photos, drawings, and/or mementos** to place on our sacred space of remembrance in the Chapel of the Saints, and to write the names of anyone who has died in the past year in the Book of the Dead. The sacred space of remembrance will remain in the Chapel through November.

### FELC Fall Fest | November 3, 6-8 pm

The FELC Fall Fest returns on **Sunday, November 3, 6pm in the FELC parking lot & fellowship hall**. We'll celebrate the fall, our founding heritages, & our community of faith. The cooks will provide brats with brotchen & schnitzel. We'll also enjoy the sides that you choose to bring! A Karlihaus Brew will also be on site; feel free to bring your favorite beverage. RSVP to Randy Baden, [towbar-city@yahoo.com](mailto:towbar-city@yahoo.com).

### Evening Prayer for the Election | November 4, 7 PM

As we experience this general election, we come together at FELC (onsite & online) on Monday, November 4 at 7pm for a time of prayer, music, reflection, scripture, and connection. This is a non-partisan event and open to the public.

## FELC & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Transition Ministry | Call Committee Update**

The Southwestern Texas Synod is working on connecting FELC with additional pastor candidates. When candidates prayerfully accept to enter into conversation with FELC, Deacon Darcy Mittelstaedt sends those names to the Call Committee. Last week, the Call Committee met with a new candidate and will be setting up a follow-up interview with this candidate soon. We are grateful for your prayers as this Spirit-led work continues to unfold. For questions about the call process, feel free to contact the Call Committee: [FELCTransitionMinistry@felcaustin.org](mailto:FELCTransitionMinistry@felcaustin.org).

### **Lutheran Disaster Response | Hurricane Relief**

We invite you to pray for the safety and strength of communities impacted by recent hurricanes and for emergency and trade services personnel who are responding diligently. May God's healing presence give peace and hope. Pray that God will comfort those who mourn. Lutheran Disaster Response is already on the ground in North Carolina and Tennessee. You are invited to pray for them and support their work financially by going to [www.elca.org/ldr](http://www.elca.org/ldr) and clicking on the give now button.

**Visit [felcaustin.org](http://felcaustin.org) to learn more about the FELC welcome, worship, community life, learning, engagement, racial justice and reconciliation ministries, and our CDC.**

### **Supporting Micah 6 Ministries**

Thanks to all for the continued support of the Micah 6 Food Pantry and the Youth Drop-in Center. Here are the current pressing needs:

#### **Micah 6 Food Pantry:**

Canned fruit  
Canned vegetables  
Canned meat  
Rice  
Clothing of any type—adult and children's

#### **Youth Drop-in Center:**

Extra large size men's clothing  
Small and medium size women's clothing  
Men's shoes, both tennis and other  
Men's tee shirts  
Cell phone chargers  
Old laptop computers, iPads and phones, which have had their data scrubbed

## PRAYER CONCERNS & JOYS

### **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 the US & all election officials, as we begin early voting;  
the people of Ukraine, Russia, Sudan, & all places of war;  
the people of Israel/Gaza/Palestine & for the people of Iran;  
those recovering from severe weather, including those in North Carolina, Tennessee, & Florida;  
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, and for those who offer it;  
all who offer protection, defense, and advocacy, in our communities & in this nation;  
the whole church throughout the world & all leaders of the church;  
God's guidance for our congregation community in ministry transition & renewal;  
our Congregation Council members;  
our Pastoral Call Committee, & the candidates they interview;  
our church & CDC staff;  
our CDC Board members;  
all 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, including those living with addiction, cancer, & those in 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, & for Marian's family;  
Pam Williams, recovering from complications after surgery;  
Charlie Boas, under treatment for prostate cancer;  
the repose of Harold Baden, uncle of Randy Baden, upon his death, & for comfort for his family & friends;  
all in any need & thanksgiving.

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

# MINISTERS SERVING IN LEARNING, LITURGY & HOSPITALITY

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

Ministers	All the People of God
Adult Faith Formation	Cantor Bryan Rust
Altar Care	Margaret Bruesch
Assisting Minister	Shannon Aguirre
Building Open/Close	Ben Rode
Children's Faith Formation	Bailey Barlow
Lector	Margaret Bruesch
Livestream Minister	JP Northcutt-Benson
Music Minister	FELC Choir; Eli Aguirre, oboe; Nikki Northcutt, vocalist ; Ajit D'Sa, piano; Oliver Rajamani, percussion; Cantor Bryan Rust
Hospitality Host	Merrily Porter
Presiding	The Rev. Robert Karli
Preaching Minister	Cantor Bryan Rust
Usher Leader	Randy Baden, Terry Porter

# FELC LEADERSHIP

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## ***Needing a confidential care minister?***

Contact Mari Ward, [marirward@gmail.com](mailto:marirward@gmail.com)

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## **Custodial Care**

Teresa del Aguila & family

**FELC Bookkeeper**

In Transition

**FELCDC Bookkeeper**

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## **Call Committee**

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