

**WORD & EUCHARIST**  
**THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS'**

**NOVEMBER 3, 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.

# ✠GATHERING✠

# The Feast of All Saints'

*The Holy Spirit gathers us into community.*

Today we commemorate a three-fold feast in one. All Hallows Eve, All Saints Day, and All Souls Day (Oct. 31, Nov. 1, Nov. 2) serve as a call to God's people to remember all who have died, and all who are alive in God's love. The gift of All Saints' Sunday is that all our sorrows become bearable as we - together - recall the stories of those who have died and how their stories point to the greater story of God's enduring and inseparable love with all creation and humanity. On All Saints Day, we read aloud the names of loved ones who have died in the last year. We call them saints, not because they were perfect, rather because they were loved by us and by God. We acknowledge that all people, being simultaneously sinners and saints, lead complex lives full joy and sorrow. We are confident in the sure promise that at the end of our life, God has welcomed our loved ones to their eternal home. This year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death.

## Gathering Music

***Improvisation on "For All the Saints"*** arr. Leo Sowerby (1895-1968)

Text: hymn #422 in the 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.

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 face the cross in procession.

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

## Gathering Song in Procession

## “Oh, What Their Joy”



1 Oh, what their joy and their glo - ry must be,  
2 In new Je - ru - sa - lem joy shall be found,  
3 We, where no trou - ble dis - trac - tion can bring,  
4 Now let us wor - ship our Lord and our King,



those end - less Sab - baths the bless - ed ones see!  
bless - ings of peace shall for - ev - er a - bound;  
safe - ly the an - thems of Zi - on shall sing;  
joy - ful - ly rais - ing our voic - es to sing:



Crowns for the val - iant, to wea - ry ones rest;  
wish and ful - fill - ment are not sev - ered there,  
while for your grace, Lord, their voic - es of praise  
praise to the Fa - ther, and praise to the Son,



God shall be all, and in all ev - er blest.  
nor the thing prayed for come short of the prayer.  
your bless - ed peo - ple shall ev - er - more raise.  
praise to the Spir - it, to God, Three in One.

Text: Peter Abelard, 1079–1142; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
Music: O QUANTA QUALIA. *Antiphoner*, Paris, 1681

## Acclamation

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.

**We glorify you.**

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave and opened the fullness of eternal life, we praise you.

**We praise you.**

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.

**We worship you.**

To you, O blessed † Trinity, be glory and honor, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

*The choir sings the Introit and Kyrie*

A requiem is a liturgy of holy communion that is held in thanksgiving and consolation to honor the dead. The term comes from the Latin phrase *Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine*, which translates to “Grant them eternal rest, O Lord”.

## Introit and Kyrie

*from Requiem, Opus 48, Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)*

Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine, | Rest eternal grant them, Lord,  
et lux perpetua luceat eis. | and may light perpetual shine on them,  
Te decet hymnus, Deus, in Sion, | A hymn becomes You, God, in Zion,  
et tibi reddetur votum | and to you may be paid a vow in Jerusalem.  
Exaudi orationem meam, | Hear my prayer,  
ad te omnis caro veniet. | to You all flesh shall come.

Kyrie eleison. | Lord have mercy.

Christe eleison. | Christ have mercy.

Kyrie eleison. | Lord have mercy.

*Following the Kyrie, the assembly stands in silence, and for prayer.*

## **Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared in love for your whole world; 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 25:6-9**

NRSV, adapted

- <sup>6</sup> On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
- <sup>7</sup> And God will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
- <sup>8</sup> God will swallow up death forever.  
Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of the people the Lord will take away from all the earth,  
for the Lord has spoken.
- <sup>9</sup> It will be said on that day,  
Lo, this is our God; we have waited, so that God might save us.  
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in God's salvation.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

The choir and the assembly chant the psalm responsively.

## Response: Psalm 24:1-6



- <sup>1</sup> The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,  
the world and those who dwell therein.
- <sup>2</sup> **For the Lord has founded it up- on the seas  
and established it up- on the rivers.**
- <sup>3</sup> Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord,  
and who may stand in God's holy place?
- <sup>4</sup> **Those of innocent hands and purity of heart,  
who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by what is false.**
- <sup>5</sup> They shall receive blessing from the Lord  
and righteousness from the God of their salvation.
- <sup>6</sup> **Such is the generation of those who seek you, O Lord,  
of those who seek your face O God of Jacob.**

## Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6a

NRSV, adapted

- <sup>1</sup> I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. God will dwell with them; they will be the Lord's peoples, and God will be with them; <sup>4</sup> God will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."  
<sup>5</sup> And the One who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also the One said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6a</sup> Then the One said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

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. The gospel is proclaimed among the people.

## Gospel Acclamation in Procession

**“Alleluia”**



Based on *For All the Saints*; music: arr. Michael E. Krentz (b. 1962)

Verse: Jesus Christ is the firstborn<sup>1</sup> of the dead;\* to Christ be glory and dominion forev-<sup>1</sup>er and ever.

Revelation 1:5,6

The assembly repeats the Alleluias.

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**



## **Gospel: John 11:32-44**

<sup>32</sup> When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup> He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” <sup>35</sup> Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?” <sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” <sup>43</sup> When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

*The assembly repeats the Alleluias.*

## **Sermon**

## Remembrance and Thanksgiving

*You are invited to the Chapel of the Saints. You may come to pray, reflect upon the saint's icons, bring pictures and mementos to place on the Altar of Remembrance, light a candle, and write names in the Book of the Dead of those who have died in the past twelve months. The hanging "Cloud of Witnesses" mobile in the Chapel of Saints contains the names of all from FELC who have died since our founding in 1936. The Altar of Remembrance will remain in the Chapel through November.*

## Music During the Remembrance

### **"Pie Jesu"**

from *Requiem*, Opus 48, Gabriel Faure (1845-1924)

Pie Jesu Domine, | Blessed Lord Jesus,  
dona eis requiem; | grant them rest;  
dona eis sempiternam requiem. | grant them everlasting rest.

### **"Panis Angelicus"**

César Franck (1822-1890)

Panis Angelicus fit panis hominum  
Dat panis coelicus figuris terminum  
O res mirabilis! Manducat Dominum  
Pauper, pauper, servus et humilis.

The angel's bread becomes the bread of humanity  
The heavenly bread ends all symbols  
Oh, miraculous thing! The body of the Lord will nourish  
the poor, poor, and humble servant.

"Panis Angelicus" (which translates as 'Bread of Angels') is a verse from the hymn 'Sacris solemniis', which was written by Saint Thomas Aquinas for the Feast of Corpus Christi in the 13th century. The verse – also referred to as a 'strophe' – later became famous in its own right, and has often been set to music separately. César Franck composed a beautiful Mass (*Messe à trois voix*) dating from 1861 that incorporates 'Panis Angelicus'.

*The assembly may stand.*

## **Apostles' Creed**

We are united across generations, across centuries, across oceans, and across all that divides the human community. Let us affirm together our baptismal faith as we are kept in communion with those past, those present, and those yet to come.

**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**

*During this liturgy, we pray the intercessions normally offered at a funeral or memorial.*

*Intercession response:* God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*The assembly may stand.*

## **Sharing the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**†MEAL†**

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

*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.

## 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).

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

## Offering Song

### “In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful”

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re -  
joice! Look to God, do not be a - fraid. Lift up your  
voic - es, the Lord is near. Lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near." There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes) in the piano accompaniment: one in the second system and two in the third system.

Text: Taizé Community, based on Isaiah 12  
Music: Jacques Berthier

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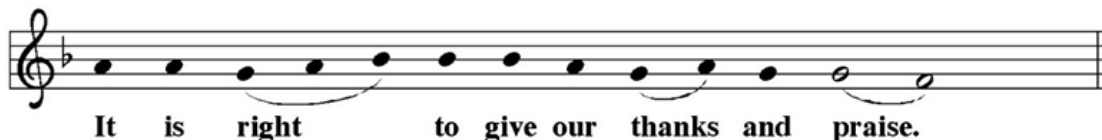
## Offering Prayer

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

Sursum Corda music from ELW Holy Communion, Setting 3



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

# Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy

Richard Hillert (1923-2010)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. 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

With all the saints of Africa and Asia, India and the islands, . . .

In the night in which he was betrayed . . . Do this for the remembrance of me.

With Peter and all the martyrs, we honor Christ's death, saying Amen. **Amen!**

With Mary Magdalene and all the apostles, we proclaim his resurrection, shouting Amen!  
**Amen!**

With John and all the theologians and mystics, we look for Christ's returning, pleading  
Amen. **Amen.**

With Mary, Mother of God, and all who sang of your greatness. . .

Now with all of the family you saved by your love, we shout

blessing        **blessing,**

glory            **glory,**

wisdom         **wisdom,**

thanksgiving **thanksgiving,**

honor           **honor,**

power          **power,**

might          **might,**

be to our God, forever and ever. Amen!

**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.

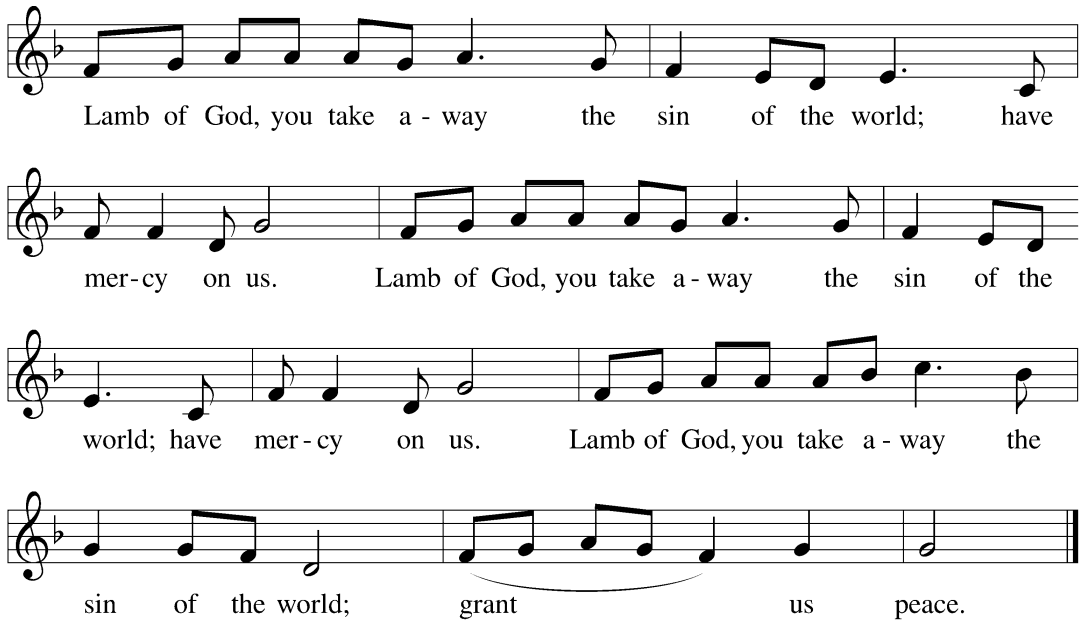


## Breaking the Bread

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  
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## 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 Music

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

Text & Music: Robert Lowry (1826-1899)

*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

Holy God, thank you for refreshing and blessing us at this feast, where, with your saints, we receive resurrection life. Give us faith, hope, and love as we follow Jesus, 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 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

text: Wm. Sloane Coffin (1924-2006)

May God give you grace never to sell yourself short.  
Grace to risk something big for something good.  
Grace to remember that the world is too dangerous for anything but truth,  
and too small for anything but love;  
may the blessing of God, Creator, ✝ Christ, and Comforter, be with you,  
and those you love and pray for, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Sending Song

## “If We Live”

Text: Romans 14:8; Rolf Vegdahl (b. 1955)

If we live, we live to the Lord. If we  
die, we die to the Lord. So then, wheth-er we live or  
wheth-er we die, we are the Lord's.

## Acclamation

Rest eternal grant them, O Lord;

**and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

May the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**May we rise in glory. Amen.**

## Prayer for the General Election

Almighty God, bring calm to our hearts and minds as we head toward election day. We express gratitude for the right to vote, and we lament the brokenness of our country. Empower us, gracious Lord, to make decisions rooted in the ways of Jesus. Give us wisdom and discernment, casting our vote with a humble spirit. Let our voting be an act of prayer. Remind us that the candidates we vote for are not our savior, but you are the only bringer of peace with justice, and our ultimate hope is in you. Be with Donald and JD, with Kamala and Tim, and with their families, and with all who seek public office. In faith, we put our trust in you, and we commend this nation to your loving care; we ask all these things through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## Prayer for Good Courage

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.**

## Hymn

### **“God Bless Our Native Land” | ELW 891**

Music: *Thesaurus Musicus*, London, 1744

Text: Charles T. Brooks (1812-1883; John S. Dwight (1813-1893)

## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

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## FELC & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **We Remember & Give Thanks**

We give thanks for the saints of God, close to the congregation of First English, who have died since All Saints' Day last year: Elmer Lee Johnson (December 9, 1947—July 27, 2024), Sacha Elmer Kopp (October 3, 1967—August 15, 2024), and Dean Scott Collmann (January 16, 1963—June 30, 2024). *“Rest eternal grant them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them.”*

### **Chapel of the Saints Columbarium**

In 2012 we dedicated the south transept of our nave into the Chapel of the Saints. As part of this transformation, we added the columbarium -- a place to inter cremated remains. The columbarium consists of separate niches that can hold up to two urns each. Names are engraved on the stone tile in front of the niche. This option for interment is available to all FELC members and family. For more information, contact Fred “Fritz” Woody or David Neuse (leader of the Columbarium Committee) or the church office. 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.

### **Icons of the Saints**

Our Chapel of the Saints includes icons of saints by artist Kelly Latimore. Using FELC memorial funds, we purchased and installed sixteen icons of diverse saints, ancient and contemporary, in the chapel and eight more are installed in the hallway outside the north transept entrance. There are more icons and images from the life of Christ in the artist’s series. They include saints contemporary and ancient from various heritages. Additional icons are displayed in the parlor and rotated through the Chapel of the Saints. If you’re interested in donating one, please contact the Cantor.

### **FELC Fall Fest | TONIGHT, 6-8 pm**

**Sunday, November 3, 6pm in the FELC parking lot & fellowship hall.-celebrating** the fall, our founding heritages, & our community of faith. Brats with brotchen & schnitzel provided. All are welcome to bring sides. A Karlihaus Brew will also be on site; feel free to bring your favorite beverage. RSVP to Randy Baden, [towbarcity@yahoo.com](mailto:towbarcity@yahoo.com).

### **Evening Prayer for the Election | TOMORROW NIGHT, 7 pm**

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

## FELC & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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. 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. May God's healing presence give peace and hope to those rebuilding their lives and comfort for those who mourn.

### Transition Ministry/Call Committee

The Call Committee met with an additional candidate this week. We will next meet as a group the week of November 10th to prayerfully discern next steps with candidates. We are grateful for your continued prayers as we follow this Spirit-led process. To contact the Call Committee, email [FELCTransitionMinistry@felcaustin.org](mailto:FELCTransitionMinistry@felcaustin.org).

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.

## MINISTERS SERVING IN LEARNING, LITURGY & HOSPITALITY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Ministers	All the People of God
Adult Faith Formation	The Rev Bradley Fuerst
Altar Care	Barbara Wiederaenders
Assisting Minister	Shannon Aguirre
Building Open/Close	Nancy Neuse, JD Aguirre
Children's Faith Formation	LaRu Woody
Lector	Marilynn Olson
Livestream Minister	JP Northcutt-Benson
Music Ministers	FELC Choir; Elijah Aguirre, oboe; Oliver Rajamani, percussion Nikki Northcutt & Lillian Martinez-Rodriguez, soloists Cantor Bryan Rust;
Hospitality Host	Gwen Flory
Presiding & Preaching	The Rev. Bradley Fuerst
Usher Leader	Randy Baden, Terry Porter

## PRAYER CONCERNS & JOYS

the citizens, immigrants, & refugees of the United States;  
the national, state, local leaders of the United States;  
all US election officials;  
the candidates for public office in the US, including Donald & JD, Kamala & Tim, & their families;  
the people of Israel/Gaza/Palestine & for the people of Iran;  
the people of Ukraine, Russia, Sudan, & all places of war;  
those recovering from severe weather;  
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;  
those of various faith traditions & people of goodwill;  
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;  
Charlie Boas, under treatment for prostate cancer;  
Pam Williams, for healing;  
Michael Woody, Fred Woody's cousin, struggling in recovery from cancer surgery;  
all who have died in the hope of Christ's resurrection, & those whose faith & life are known to God alone;  
all in any need & thanksgiving.

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

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