

**WORD & EUCHARIST**  
**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**NOVEMBER 17, 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, as our discipleship grows.

## 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**

## **“We Praise You, O God” | ELW 870**

Text: Julia C. Cory (1882-1963)

Music: A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626

## **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.*

# Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord,

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

Music: *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Schubert, 1797–1828; adapt. Richard Proulx, b. 1937  
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## Greeting & Prayer of the Day

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

**And also with you.**

Gracious and eternal God, your love brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done; 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

**Daniel 12:1-3**

NRSV

<sup>1</sup> “At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. <sup>2</sup> Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup> Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

The choir and the assembly chant the psalm responsively.

## Response

## Psalm 16



- <sup>1</sup> Protect me O God for I take ref-<sup>l</sup>uge in you;  
I have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord, my good a-<sup>l</sup>bove all other.”
- <sup>2</sup> **All my delight is in the godly that are<sup>l</sup> in the land,  
upon those who are noble a-<sup>l</sup>mong the people.**
- <sup>3</sup> But those who run after<sup>l</sup> other gods  
shall have their troubles<sup>l</sup> multiplied.
- <sup>4</sup> **I will not pour out drink offerings<sup>l</sup> to such gods,  
never take their names up-<sup>l</sup> on my lips.**
- <sup>5</sup> O Lord, you are my portion<sup>l</sup> and my cup;  
it is you who up-<sup>l</sup>hold my lot.
- <sup>6</sup> **My boundaries enclose a<sup>l</sup> pleasant land;  
indeed I have a<sup>l</sup> rich inheritance.**
- <sup>7</sup> I will bless the Lord who<sup>l</sup> gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me night<sup>l</sup> after night.
- <sup>8</sup> **I have set the Lord al-<sup>l</sup>ways before me;  
because God is at my right hand I shall<sup>l</sup> not be shaken.**
- <sup>9</sup> My heart therefore is glad, and my spir-<sup>l</sup>it rejoices;  
my body also shall<sup>l</sup> rest in hope.
- <sup>10</sup> **For you will not abandon me<sup>l</sup> to the grave,  
nor let your holy one<sup>l</sup> see the pit.**
- <sup>11</sup> **You will show me the<sup>l</sup> path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for-<sup>l</sup> evermore.**

<sup>11</sup> Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup> But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” <sup>13</sup> and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” <sup>14</sup> For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. <sup>15</sup> And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, <sup>16</sup> “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,” <sup>17</sup> he also adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” <sup>18</sup> Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. <sup>19</sup> Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical score consists of two systems, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line is in G major and 4/4 time. The lyrics are 'Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The bass line provides harmonic support with chords and single notes. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system also ends with a double bar line.

*Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.*

Music: "Alleluia 7," Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994, and the Taizé Community  
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Verse: Be alert<sup>1</sup> at all times,\* praying that you may have the strength to come before the<sup>1</sup> Son of Man.

Luke 23:36

*The assembly repeats the acclamation.*

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” <sup>2</sup> Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

<sup>3</sup> When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup> “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” <sup>5</sup> Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup> Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup> When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. <sup>8</sup> For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”

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

## Sermon

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

## Hymn of the Day

**“All Who Love and Serve Your City” | ELW 724**

Text: Erik Routley (1917-1982)

Music: Paul D. Weber b. 1949

## 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

*The assembly may stand.*

## 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

### **“Come, Ye Disconsolate”**

text: Thomas Moore (1779-1852); music: Gilbert Martin (b. 1941)

1 Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish,  
Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel.  
Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish;  
Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.

2 Joy of the desolate, light of the straying,  
Hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure!  
Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying,  
“Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot cure.”

3 Here see the bread of life, see waters flowing  
Forth from the throne of God, pure from above.  
Come to the feast of love; come, ever knowing  
Earth has no sorrow but heaven can remove. Amen.

The assembly may stand as bread, wine, and other gifts are presented and the meal 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 -  
joyce! 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 triplets in the piano accompaniment on the second and third systems.

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

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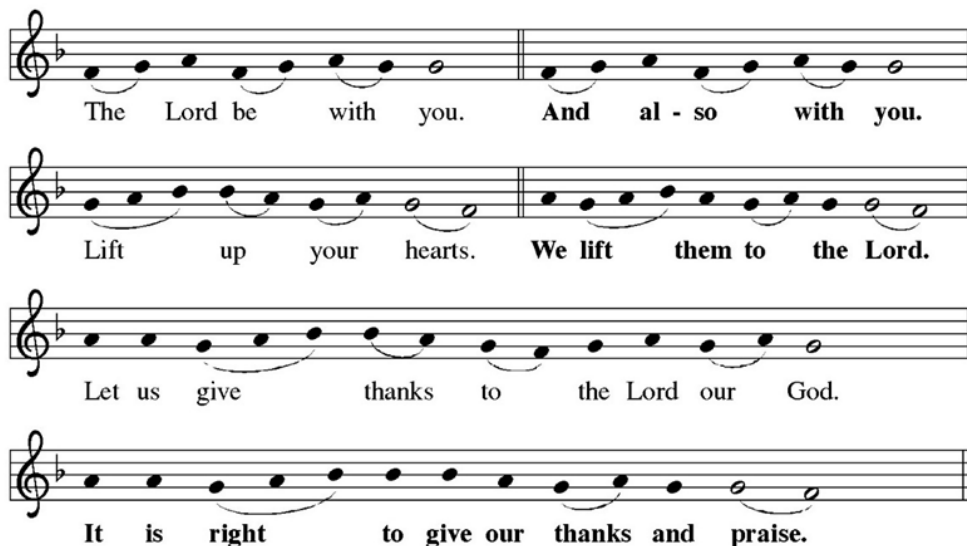
## Offering Prayer

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



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

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

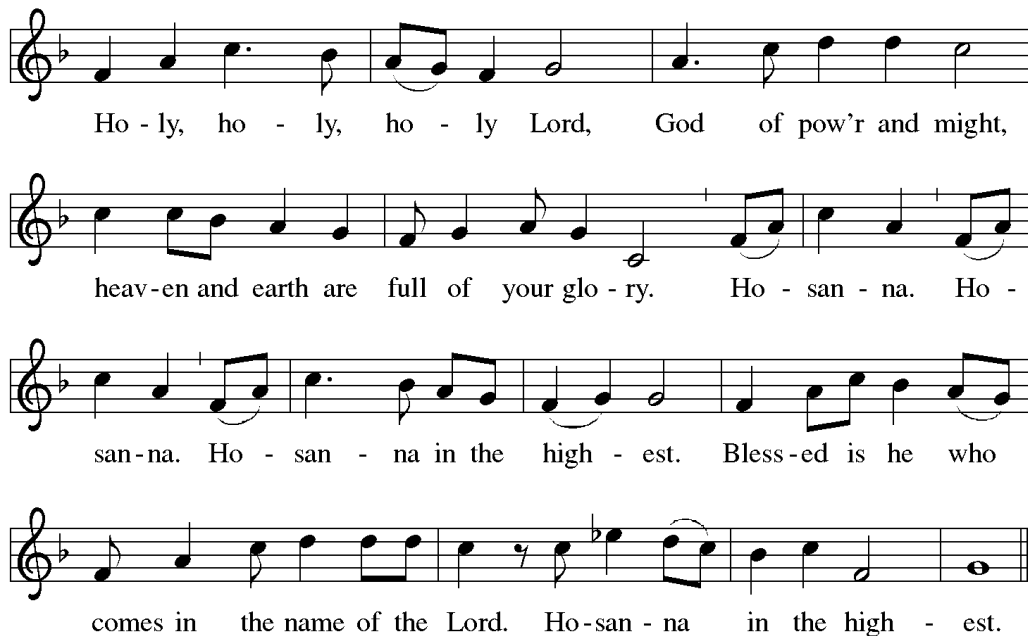
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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

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.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way.

**In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you send prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity.**

The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to proclaim good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

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 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.**

Remembering, therefore, Christ's death and resurrection, we await the day for his return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord of Hope! And let the people say Amen. **Amen.**

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread, cup, and blessing with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the people Amen. **Amen.**

Join our prayers and praise with your saints, prophets, and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in hope and freedom. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, ✝ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, gracious God, 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.

## 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.*



# Remembrance & Thanksgiving

During communion distribution, 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.

## Communion Music

## "We Are Waiting for Jesus" | ACS 905



1 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.  
2 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.



We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.  
We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.



Sun of jus - tice, shine up - on us; we are trust - ing in your prom - ise.  
Lov - ing Shep - herd, walk be - side us; stir our hearts, and gent - ly guide us.



We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.  
We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.

Text: John Helgen, b. 1957

Music: JESUS BRINGS PEACE, John Helgen

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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

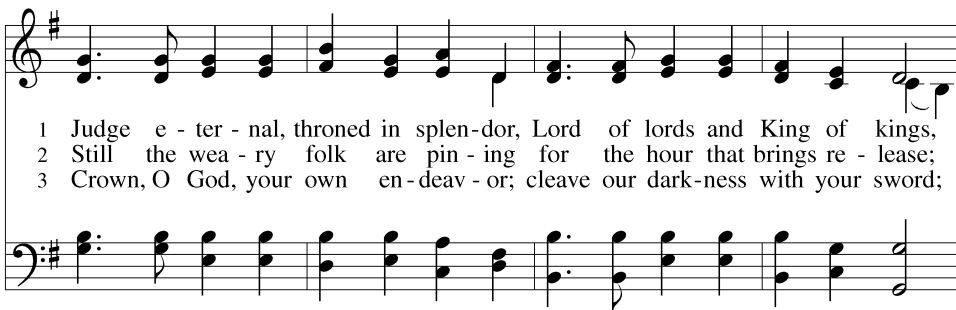
The good news of Christ, who brings us the love and mercy of God as a gift, liberates us to love, serve, and give. We rejoice in the diversity that has nurtured and enriched the whole church. Whether you're from another faith tradition, a seeker and questioner searching for more to life and a place to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

*The assembly may stand as we receive God's protection and blessing.*

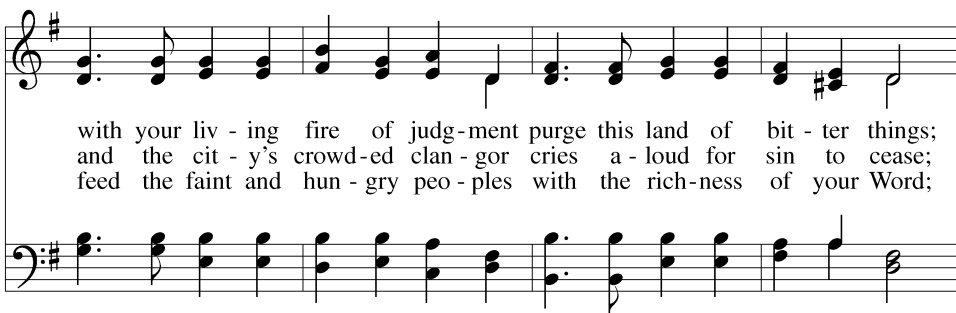
## God's Blessing

text: Wm. Sloane Coffin (1924-2006)

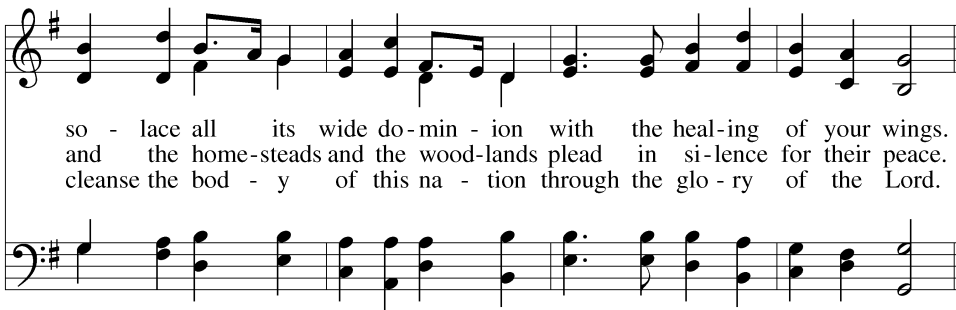
May God give you grace never to sell yourself short.  
Grace to risk something big for something good.  
Grace to remember that the world is too dangerous for anything but truth,  
and too small for anything but love;  
may the blessing of God, Creator, ✝ Christ, and Comforter, be with you,  
and those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



1 Judge e - ter - nal, throned in splen - dor, Lord of lords and King of kings,  
 2 Still the wea - ry folk are pin - ing for the hour that brings re - lease;  
 3 Crown, O God, your own en - deav - or; cleave our dark - ness with your sword;



with your liv - ing fire of judg - ment purge this land of bit - ter things;  
 and the cit - y's crowd - ed clan - gor cries a - loud for sin to cease;  
 feed the faint and hun - gry peo - ples with the rich - ness of your Word;



so - lace all its wide do - min - ion with the heal - ing of your wings.  
 and the home - steads and the wood - lands plead in si - lence for their peace.  
 cleanse the bod - y of this na - tion through the glo - ry of the Lord.

Text: Henry S. Holland, 1847–1918  
 Music: RHUDDLAN, Welsh, 18th cent.

## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **FELC & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **FELC Advent Event | TODAY**

All are welcome to the annual FELC Advent Event immediately following worship today. Join us for a simple meal and a contemplative exploration of Advent themes of watching, waiting, and wondering. This annual intergenerational event will be hosted by the Learning Ministry and Hospitality teams. All ages are welcome to participate!

### **40th Annual Interfaith Day of Thanks: Service and Celebration | November 24**

Interfaith Action of Central Texas (iACT) is hosting a family-friendly service of thanks and celebration Sunday, November 24, 3 pm, at First Baptist Church of Austin, 901 Trinity St, Austin. A reception will follow the service at 4:30 pm. Bring a dish to share, ready to serve and labeled for those with dietary restrictions. No pork or shellfish, please. To learn more about iACT, visit [interfaithtexas.org](http://interfaithtexas.org).

### **Welcome Pastor Alex LaChapelle**

Today we welcome back to FELC Vicar # 46 (2012-2013), Pastor Alex LaChapelle, as our preaching & presiding minister. Pastor Alex is in Austin for the national Progressive Youth Ministry Conference, which now makes its home with FELC neighbor, Austin Presbyterian Seminary. The Progressive Youth Ministry strives to be a space of connection and collaboration for youth workers seeking to lead young people into a faith that's compassionate, just, and inclusive in the ways of Jesus. Pastor Alex is currently called to Prince of Peace Lutheran in Harvey, Michigan. Previously Pastor Alex served as associate pastor of St. Luke's Lutheran in Park Ridge, Illinois; as country coordinator in Southern Africa and Tanzania for the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program; and as pastor of Nairobi International Lutheran in Kenya. Pastor Alex completed undergraduate studies in theology at Concordia University Chicago and, in 2014, received a Master of Divinity degree from The Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago.

### **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:

Canned fruit, vegetables, meat  
Rice  
Adult & Children's clothing, shoes & boots  
Winter caps, scarves, gloves, jackets, sweatpants  
Books  
Toiletries

If you are able to help with the next distribution process in early December, contact Andy MacLaren, [andymaclaren@cs.com](mailto:andymaclaren@cs.com), 512-947-4186.

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### **Word in Season Devotional Booklets**

October/November/December devotional books are available in the narthex at the main church entrance and near the Second Readings Library in the hallway to the fellowship hall. Large print editions are also available.

### **Transition Ministry/Call Committee**

The Call Committee met this week for prayer and discernment of next steps with pastor candidates. Since the end of September, we have received two additional pastor candidates from the Southwestern Texas Synod. The Call Committee has voted to prayerfully release one of those candidates from further consideration and has voted to keep the other candidate in the process with us. A second interview with this candidate will be scheduled to take place in the coming weeks. Thank you for your continued prayers and patience as we follow this Spirit-led process. To contact the Call Committee, please email us at: [FELCTransitionMinistry@felcaustin.org](mailto:FELCTransitionMinistry@felcaustin.org).

### **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 (leaders 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.

## **Ministers Serving in Learning, Liturgy & Hospitality | Sunday, November 17**

Ministers	All the People of God
Altar Care	Nancy Neuse
Assisting Minister	Nikki Northcutt
Building Open/Close	Nancy Baden, Ben Rode
Lector	LaRu Woody
Livestream Minister	JP Northcutt-Benson
Music Ministers	FELC Choir; Elijah Aguirre, oboe; Cantor Bryan Rust
Hospitality Host	Merrily Porter
Presiding & Preaching	The Rev. Alex LaChapelle
Usher Leader	Randy Baden, Terry Porter

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## PRAYER CONCERNS & JOYS

As a community of faith, we pray for:

the citizens, immigrants, & refugees of the United States;  
the national, state, local leaders of the United States;  
the people of Israel/Gaza/Palestine & for the people of Iran;  
the people of Ukraine, Russia, Sudan, & all places of war;  
those recovering from severe weather, including from hurricanes & wildfires;  
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;  
Sarah Roberts, in treatment for cancer;  
Pam Williams, in thanksgiving for continued healing;  
Fred Woody & family, on the death of Fred's cousin, Michael Woody, survived by his wife, Dyann;  
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)

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