WORD & EUCHARIST NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Eighty-Eighth Anniversary of the Congregation July 21, 2024

10:00 AM ~ ONLINE & ONSITE





God Loves. We Love.

Everyone!

Dios Ama. Amamos.

Todos!

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Bienvenidos!

Everyone Is welcome. This means you.

Welcome to First English Lutheran Church. You're 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. 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. We're Lutheran, so that means we believe in grace for everyone. The good news of Jesus Christ, who brings us the love and mercy of God as a gift, liberates us to love as we are loved, serve as we are served, and give as we have been given much. We rejoice in the diversity that has nurtured and enriched the whole church. Whether you're from another faith tradition, a seeker and questioner looking for more to life and a place to explore, or even a lifelong Lutheran, we're glad to have you.

At First English, we strive to use language for God, Christ, and humanity that is inclusive and diverse. Our use of feminine, non-gender, and masculine names and metaphors for God, both biblical and contemporary, helps us to experience God more fully. Languages that include persons of all gender identities, sexualities, ethnicities, and color, helps us better reflect God's expansive love and diversity.

Land and Water Acknowledgement

The ELCA's <u>Truth & Healing Movement</u> is an opportunity for the church to increase our understanding of our impacts on Indigenous people in the past and present. We believe that the truth, and our knowing and embracing it, is a first step toward healing for all of us.

All Gender Restrooms with changing tables are located in the hallway off of the sanctuary near the fellowship hall.

Hearing assistance devices are available for use in the sanctuary. Two options are available: an earpiece, or a hearing loop for those who use hearing aids. Please connect with an usher if you would like a hearing assistance device.

Esta Liturgia This Liturgy

If this is one of your first times to connect with FELC, WELCOME! **Use the online Welcome Visitors information form** and provide feedback on your visit http://www.felcaustin.org/forms/visitors.

We ask everyone to respect each individual's safety needs and desires.

We welcome children in this community and in this liturgy including with a Spirit Space. Children with adults are invited to a space among the chairs of other worshipers for play and reading, including a rug, floor pillows, soft blocks, coloring supplies, and other interactive items. Children and adults can engage the Spirit Space throughout the liturgy. There is a time for Faith of A Child in this liturgy that functions as a brief sermon for the young and young at heart. We welcome children by encouraging them and celebrating the joy and livelihood they offer in life and throughout our worship space.

We welcome your generosity in person and online. The reign of God is not something that we can point to and say, "There it is!" Yet, in moments of waiting on the Spirit, we discover God's presence among us. In our gathering of gifts, food, silence, song, scripture, prayer, and ourselves, we are encountering the living power of Jesus – a leader who truly cares for people and knows our pain and our beauty. In the amazing and extravagant love that he shows us, we find strength to love others.

Music, in a rich diversity, is an important part of our ministry and witness at First English, including the outstanding acoustics of our nave. As we grow our music ministry, we are embarking on a significant restoration campaign for our valued and aged pipe organ.

In an effort to connect with the broadest number of people, we livestream and archive our services and events for broadcast on the internet. Your attendance at an event constitutes your consent to be included in filming, photographing, audio recording, or broadcast and for any other use in whole or in part, including promotion. If you prefer to avoid being filmed, please sit opposite the camera.

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Anniversary Sunday

Since July 19, 1936 we have offered vibrant, life-giving ministry in Austin as First English Evangelical Lutheran Church. We give thanks to God for all the saints who have and continue to shape the welcome, character, ministry, worship, learning, engagement, and outreach of FELC for 88 years strong. We welcome Robert Karli as our preacher and presider. Bob served as the fourth pastor of FELC from 1984-2007. For information on our history, mission, and life, visit: www.felcaustin.org/information/aboutfelc/felc-history

HAL CONGREGARSE

GATHERING +

Everyone is welcome here! This means you.

We continue praying for and supporting the people and leaders of Ukraine as conflict continues. We light a candle in the chancel with the colors of the Ukrainian flag. We rightly pray for the people and land in all places of war and conflict.

As you pass the baptismal font upon entering or leaving the space, and at communion distribution, you are invited to dip your hand in the water and make the sign of the cross. This is an ancient body prayer to remember baptism into the risen Christ. You may touch your hand to your forehead, then to your chest, then from one shoulder to another shoulder.

Gathering Music

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word (BWV 126)

Text for meditation: ELW 517, Martin Luther (1483-1546) Arr. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Reconocimiento de Tierras y Agua

Land and 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.

Les damos la Bienvenida!

Welcome!

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The singing bowls sound throughout the liturgy, calling us to focus our prayer.

The assembly stands, as willing and able.

The assembly faces the cross in procession.

The assembly offers acclamations and songs printed in bold.

Songs and hymns are sung from the red worship book (ELW).

GATHERING SONG

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord!



Text: Timothy Dwight (1752-1817)

Music: St. Thomas, Aaron Thomas (1731-1776)

This hymn was sung at the first anniversary service of the congregation on July 19, 1937, at the groundbreaking of the church held on January 22, 1939, at the laying of the cornerstone on Easter Sunday, April 9, 1939, and at the dedication of the Parish House (Child Development Center, offices, classrooms) held on May 3, 1953.

In this anniversary month of our congregation, the text of the corporate confession and absolution of sin is from the Evangelical Lutheran Hymnal, 1896 and the Service Book and Hymnal, 1948, and was the primary form of confession used by Lutherans in worship until 1978.

Confession and Absolution of Sin

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

In the name of the Father, + and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth!

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God, beseeching God, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

The assembly may kneel or be seated.

Silence is kept for self-reflection and prayer.

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer,

we confess that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace. Have mercy upon us, and grant us remission of all our sin. By the Holy Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will, and true obedience to Thy holy Word, that by Thy grace we may come unto the fullness of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the Almighty and Merciful God grant unto you, being truly penitent, + full pardon and remission of all of your sin, time for amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The assembly stands.

SONG OF PRAISE

Blessèd City, Heavenly Salem

Latin, 7th c., trans. John Neale (1851)

1 Blessèd City, Heavenly Salem, vision dear of peace and love, Who, of living stones upbuilded Art the joy of heaven above, and, with angel hosts encircled, as Thy love to earth dost move!

3 To this temple, where we call Thee, Come, O Lord of Hosts, today; with Thy wonted loving-kindness hear Thy servants as they pray, and Thy fullest benediction shed outside these walls alway.

2 Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the Head and comer-stone, chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the Church in one, Holy Zion's help forever, and Her confidence alone. 4 Laud and honor to the Father, Laud and honor to the Son, Laud and honor to the Spirit, Ever Three, and ever One, One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.

Blessed City, Heavenly Salem (from the Evangelical Lutheran Hymnal, 1896) was sung at the FELC Service of Dedication on Sunday, September 24, 1939. This hymn, to the more familiar tune of Angels, from the Realms of Glory, speaks of the vision in the scriptures of the heavenly City of God, Salem (abbreviated for Jerusalem), and the earthly Zion (another name for the Church, Her) which builds a foundation on Christ, the head, past, present, and future goal of the whole Church. The people of God are the living, servant stones carrying the mission of God's blessing throughout the world.

Saludo Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **And also with you.**

Oración del Diá

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, you promise to be with your Son's Church forever. Thank you for those who founded this community of faith, and for the signs of your presence in our life together now. Increase our trust in you. May this community be a witness of mercy and justice, as we welcome, love, and serve all people; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

 +PALABRA
 WORD+

Primera Lectura

1 Kings 8:22-30

New Revised Standard Version

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand.

Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.'

Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David. "But will God indeed dwell on the earth?

Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built!

Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly sings the refrain and chants the psalm verses in bold type.





¹How dear to me [|] is your dwelling,

O LORD of hosts!

²My soul has a desire and longing for the courts [|] of the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the [|] living God.

³Even the sparrow has found her a home,

and the swallow a nest where she may | lay her young, by the side of your altars O LORD of hosts, my king | and my God.

⁴Happy are they who dwell | in your house!

They will always be praising you. Refrain

⁷They will climb from [|] height to height, and the God of gods will be [|] seen in Zion.

⁸LORD God of hosts, [|] hear my prayer; give ear O | God of Jacob.

⁹Behold our defend- | er O God;

and look upon the face of | your anointed.

¹⁰For one day in your courts is better than a l thousand elsewhere.

I would rather come to the threshold of the house of my God, than dwell in the tents | of the wicked.

¹¹For the LORD God is both sun and shield, bestowing [|] grace and glory; no good thing will the LORD withhold from those who live [|] with integrity.

¹²O | LORD of hosts,

happy are they who put their | trust in you! Refrain

Fe de los Niños Faith of a Child

Children and families are invited to gather near the baptismal font for a time of welcome, water, wonder, and worship.

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

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel as the word dwells among us.

Gospel Acclamation in Procession

Alleluia, Lord and Savior

ELW Holy Communion Setting 10 Music: Unser Herrscher, J. Neander (1650-1680)



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem.

It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon.

So the people gathered around him and said to him,

"How long will you keep us in suspense?

If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered,

"I have told you, and you do not believe.

The works that I do in my Father's authority testify to me; but you do not believe.

My sheep know my voice. I know them, and they follow me.

I give them eternal life, and they will never perish.

No one will snatch them out of my hand.

What God has given me is greater than all else,

and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand.

The Father and I are one."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel Acclamation in Procession

God's Word is Out Great Heritage

Nikolai Grundtvig (1783-1872) EIN FESTE BURG, MARTIN LUTHER (1483-1546)



La asamblea se sienta. / The assembly is seated.

Sermón

The assembly is invited to gather near the baptismal font as we sing.

Hymn of the Day

Veni Sancte Spiritus | ELW 406



Text: Pentecost sequence; Taizé Community Music: TAIZÉ VENI SANCTE, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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Litany of Thanksgiving and Renewal

As we gather at this baptismal font in the light of this Easter Candle, reminding us of our beginnings as Christ's Church, we call on the Holy Spirit to come among us as we give thanks to God. Let us renew our commitment to God's mission.

Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord!

Praise the Lord! Give thanks to God!

God has blessed us and brought us to this time.

God has blessed us and brought us to this place.

God has come to dwell in our midst.

God has stirred our hearts and made us glad.

God has been known through the Beloved Word.

God has shown us the way of life.

Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord!

Praise the Lord! Give thanks to God!

For eighty-eight years, God has nurtured and fed us.

For eighty-eight years, God has shown us grace.

For eighty-eight years, God has been revealed in Word and Sacrament.

For eighty-eight years, God has empowered us with the Holy Spirit.

For eighty-eight years, God has made us witnesses in the church and in the world.

For eighty-eight years, God has placed us in community with one another.

For eighty-eight years, God has invited us to welcome all people to Christ's table.

For eighty-eight years, God has empowered us to love everyone.

Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord!

Praise the Lord! Give thanks to God!

The Lord God, in great goodness, has blessed us in mission and ministry as First English Lutheran Church.

We are a remembering people, and it is good that we recall that God has chosen us, baptized us, and brought us together as the Church of Christ in this place.

We are a remembering people, and we know the saving acts of God: the Creation, the Flood, the Covenant, the Exodus, the Incarnation, the Crucifixion, the Resurrection of Christ, and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

We are a remembering people, and we are also a people of this day, brought together by God to be a beloved community: the Body of Christ, sharing, caring, working in the world, and living in the hope and joy of the Gospel.

We look back with thanksgiving. We look forward in hope.

Therefore, with thanksgiving for the past, trust in the present, and hope for the future, let us dedicate ourselves and our lives to the mission which God gives us as the Church of Jesus Christ in this place.

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the work you have done in this place. We give you thanks for your love and faithfulness. When we called on your name, you made your presence known to us. When we prayed, you received us. When we preached your Word

and celebrated your Sacraments, you were in our midst. You have accepted our humble sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving. You have listened to our confessions and forgiven our sins. You have sent your Holy Spirit to heal and comfort our hurts, our sorrows, our infirmities, and our losses, and to show us the beauty and celebrations of life.

Continue to empower us with your Spirit, as we proclaim your Gospel to all people. **We dedicate our lives to your service.**

Help us to witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ in all that we do and say. **We dedicate our lives to your service.**

Show us how to care and support those in need, being with the broken and marginalized in love and mercy.

We dedicate our lives to your service.

Show us new ways of loving and welcoming one another and those around us. **We dedicate our lives to your service.**

Break down those prejudices and barriers which divide, and make us all one in the healing power of Jesus Christ.

Hear our prayer.

Renew us by the Spirit, as you challenge us to move beyond our ruts, our apathy, and our anxieties.

Hear our prayer.

Grant that we may grow in the Spirit and in the ministry that you give us, as we carry out your mission of love and service.

Hear our prayer.

Continue to comfort, heal, and abide with the broken and afflicted, those in any need, and all whom we name now... By the promise of your presence, bring your healing and renewal. **Hear our prayer.**

Bring us at last to the fullness of your eternal joy, where, with the faithful of this church who have gone before us, with all your saints, and with all your people, we will praise you forever.

Hear our prayer.

Blessed God, draw our hearts to you, guide our minds, fill our imaginations, control our wills and make us wholly yours. Use us as you will, always to your glory and the care of all people; we pray all of this, and all those things that you know we need, in the strong name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen! Thanks be to God!

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La Paz

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

We offer signs and gestures of peace. We are aware of the desire for distance to be maintained and touch to be respected. We are invited to make a comment in the chat on YouTube or to text someone.

La asamblea se sienta. / The assembly is seated.

Ofreciendo Invitación

Offering Invitation

An offering is gathered for the mission of God in the world through the care of those in need. Worshipers may give financially online at: www.felcaustin.org/information/giving.

As the offering is gathered, an offering of music is made.

Offering Music

Locus Iste

Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

Locus iste a Deo factus est, inaestimabile sacramentum; irreprehensibilis est. This place was made by God, a priceless sacrament;

it is without reproach.

based on Genesis 28:16, Exodus 3:5

The assembly stands as bread, wine, money, and other gifts are presented and the table is prepared.

Offering Song

Lord, You Give the Great Commission



Hymn 780 in Wonder, Love, and Praise Words: Jeffrey Rowthorn (b. 1934); copyright 1978 Hope Publishing Co.

Music: Abbot's Leigh, Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991); copyright 1942. Renewal 1970, Hope Publishing Co.

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things.

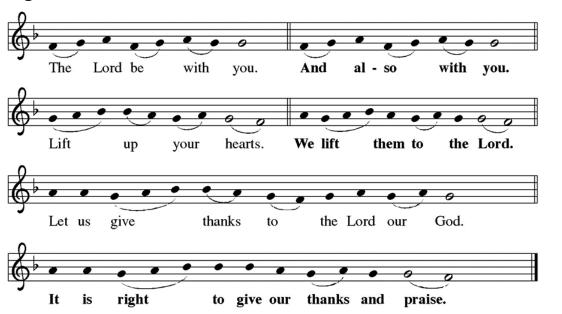
Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts.

With them we offer ourselves to your service,

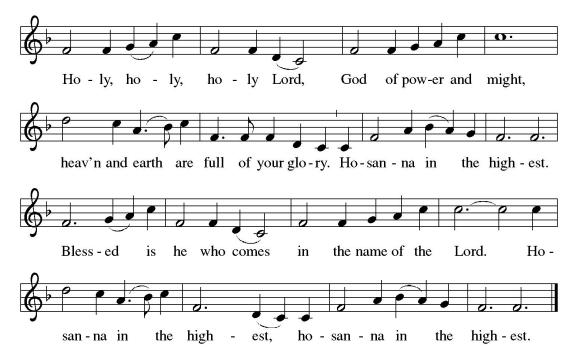
and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made. Amen.

Gran Plegaria Eucharística

Land of Rest, North America (1844)



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



Thanksgiving at the Table

We praise you, all-holy God . . . in remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We pray, all-holy God, for your life-giving Spirit, your breath, your fire, your wisdom, your law, your grace, your freedom. Bless this meal, all who share it, and all who are blessed by this gathering; inspire all people for love and service; and renew the whole world with mercy, with healing, with justice, and with peace.

We praise you, all-holy God, through Jesus Christ, who is the first-born of all creation, the head of the church, and the author of our salvation.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, + in the unity and power of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, all-holy God, in the church and in the world, now and forever. **AMEN!**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray, in our own languages, as Jesus taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen. Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre. Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada dia. Perdona nuestras ofensas como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria, ahora y siempre. Amén.

Our Creator in heaven, holy is your name, your kin-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sin, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kin-dom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Acclamation

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

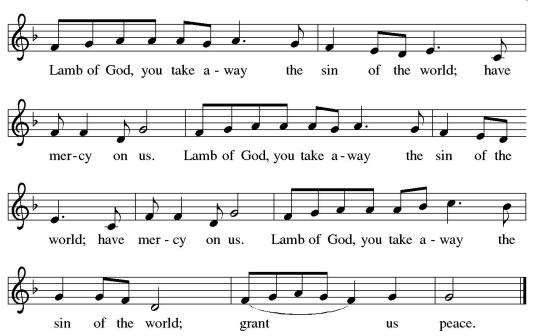
We who are many are one body, for we all share in one bread and one cup.

La asamblea se sienta. / The assembly is seated.

Partiendo el Pan

Agnus Dei

Music: Richard HIllert (1923-2010)



Invitación a la Comunión

All people, including children, are invited to the Lord's Supper. We encourage you to participate in a way that is meaningful for you. Ushers will direct you by the center aisle to a station to receive bread in your hand. Proceed to a station and receive a small cup, where wine will be poured. Gluten-free wafers/grape juice are available. Please ask a minister. Return to your seat by a side aisle.

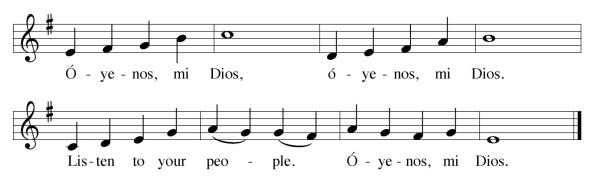
Communion Distribution

You are invited to remain seated in prayer, meditation, and singing.

If you are not communing, you are invited to a station where a minister will offer a prayer of blessing. If you desire communion or a blessing at your seat, let an usher or minister know.

Musica de Comunion

O'yenos, mi Dios



Text and music: Bob Hurd, alt.

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Here I Am, Lord | ELW 574

Text and Music: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

The assembly remains seated as we offer our thanks.

Oración Después de la Comunión

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

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Anuncios Announcements

Please read your bulletin and view our website for information on ministries. For those in the building, following the liturgy, we invite you to a time of hospitality in the Fellowship Hall.

Please stand as we receive God's protection and blessing.

Bendición

The peace of God, which passes all understand, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's beloved One, Jesus Christ the Lord; and the blessing of God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, remain with you, and those you love and pray for, now and forever. Amen.

Sending Song

Now Thank We All Our God | ELW 840

Text: Martin Rinkhart (1586-1649); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

Music: Johann Cruger (1598-1662)

Dismissal to Mission

Go in peace. Serve the Lord! Thanks be to God!

CHURCH COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ministers Serving in Learning, Liturgy & Hospitality | Sunday, July 21

Ministers All the People of God Altar Care Margaret Bruesch Assisting Minister Shannon Aguirre

Crucifer JD Aguirre Lector Lois Holck

Livestream Minister JP Northcutt-Benson

Music Ministers FELC Choir, Cantor Bryan Rust

Hospitality Hosts Nancy and Randy Baden, Claudia Barlow, Nancy Neuse

Preaching Minister Rev. Bob Karli

Usher Randy Baden, Terry Porter

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in gratitude for God's faithfulness to our congregational community.

TODAY is our monthly Intergenerational Faith Formation time. All are welcome to join us **after Anniversary Sunday worship & hospitality** for a potluck picnic and swimming at **Shipe Pool**. Bring your favorite picnic dish in a pool-safe container, along with your suits and sunscreen!

Learning Ministry | July 28

On Sunday, July 28, Children's Faith Formation will continue with the Sermon on the Mount, led by Betsy Appleton. Children will be engaged in service learning as they work together to prepare a side dish to be frozen/reheated for FELC's next Micah 6 Youth Drop-In Meal on August 3. Adult Faith Formation will continue with the Faith and Food series with the session, Feed the Hungry, led by Michele Hockett Cooper.

Save the Date! God's Work. Our Hands. | September 8, 11:30 am - 2 pm

This year is the tenth anniversary for ELCA's churchwide event, "God's Work. Our Hands." FELC participated years ago, and it was wonderful! We are considering both outdoor and indoor community service projects. Do YOU have suggestions?

Contact Paul Barlow, tpaulbarlow@gmail.com, or Anne Wiebe, wiebeanne@hotmail.com.

Special Request from Micah 6

Micah 6 needs someone with organizational skills to spend some time at the Micah 6 Food Pantry and the youth drop in center to finish organizing all of the clothing donations for easier use by the clients. Contact Andy MacLaren, 512-947-4186. <u>Andymaclaren@cs.com</u>. Andy can accompany to either location if preferred.

FELC Transition Ministry | Call Committee Update

FELC is in a transition ministry that began in January, 2023, and has two parts: the transition itself and the call process for our next pastor of word and sacrament. This transition is the work of the whole congregation and our partners, and for the congregation and community to God's glory. For information, visit the FELC in Pastoral Transition page on our website.

The Call Committee process is underway! The FELC Ministry Site Profile (MSP) is live in the ELCA system. We know that the Spirit is at work and that God will connect us with our next pastor. The Call Committee is receiving names of pastor candidates from the Southwestern Texas Synod office and scheduling initial interviews with those candidates. The names of and conversations with all potential candidates will be kept confidential. This part of the call process will continue to unfold in the coming weeks. We continue to pray for open minds and open hearts as we seek to do the work that God would have us do. For any questions about the call process, contact the Call Committee: felcaustin.org.

Micah 6 Critical Needs for Summer

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Micah 6 ministries! Summer brings the following needs:

- Plastic bags for shopping, preferably with handles
- Refillable water bottles
- Backpacks for carrying food, used or new
- New or used clothing, especially small women's and large men's (identified by size if possible)
- Canned meat and veggies
- Volunteers on Thursdays, 5-7pm and Saturdays, 8am-12 noon, at 2203 San Antonio St, Austin.

Food and clothing may be left in the Micah 6 identified containers in the narthex, sanctuary or fellowship hall. Backpack container is marked as such. For questions about donations, contact Andy MacLaren, 512-947-4186, <u>Andymaclaren@cs.com</u>. To volunteer, contact Anthony, 346-717-2736.

First English Lutheran Child Development Center

Since 1972, the FELCDC has been serving the community by offering safe, loving, and engaging care for children (infant - 5 years) and families of the Austin area. Our mission is to provide a quality full-day child care experience that helps each child develop cognitively, physically, socially, and emotionally. Visit https://www.firstenglishcdc.org or call 512-478-5424.

Visit our website to learn more about the FELC welcome, worship, community life, learning, engagement, racial justice and reconciliation ministries, and our CDC.

COMMEMORATIONS AND PRAYERS

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

the citizens, immigrants, and refugees of the United States; the national, state, local leaders of the United States; the people of Ukraine, Russia, Sudan, and the Middle East, and all places of war; those responding to severe weather;

those who advocate for safety, justice, and equity for all; all communities and families living with gun violence;

all in need of safe shelter, nourishing food, & quality care, and for those who offer it; all who offer protection, defense, and advocacy, in our communities and in our nation;

God's guidance for our congregation community in this time of ministry transition and renewal; our staff, congregation council, care ministers, and child development center staff and board of directors,

our child development center students and families;

our pastoral call committee as they receive candidates for call interviews; all our beloved who are homebound;

Lee and Susan Johnson & family, as Lee is hospitalized;

Fran & Larry Collmann, and family & friends, upon the death of Fran and Larry's son, Dean Collmann;

Micah 6 Ministries, and our benevolence ministry partners: LuMin, Global Refuge, and FELCDC; all people seeking healing, including those living with addiction, cancer, and mental and spiritual health crises;

all in any need and thanksgiving.

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

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