

**WORD & EUCHARIST**  
**PALM SUNDAY WITH PROCESSION**

**APRIL 2, 2023**

**10:00 AM ~ ONLINE & ONSITE**



# 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.

## 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 worshipping in the sanctuary to respect each individual's safety needs and desires,** especially anyone at high risk for Covid complications. Masking is encouraged for those in need.

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.

**Hearing assistance devices** are available for use. 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.

**Children and adults are welcome here** to be fully present and fully themselves. There is a *Faith of a Child* children's time before the sermon.

**We welcome your generosity in person and online.** All of life is an offering to God. Before the offering time, which is near the middle of the liturgy, all worshipping in person are invited to place a financial offering in a basket located at the welcome table at either entrance. Baskets will not be passed during the liturgy.

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 use a back pew.

**All Gender Restrooms** with changing tables are in the left side hallway as you face the front of the sanctuary.

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*As we gather, you are invited to have an open heart and mind.*

*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) each week.*

## **PALM SUNDAY**

“Hosanna” or “Hoshana” (הושענא) is a Hebrew word meaning *save us now*. Saint Augustine, fourth century bishop of the church, called Holy Week, the “Great Week” because of the great things that were accomplished during these days. Augustine said, “Unless the church can learn to identify itself with Christ in his death and resurrection, unless it can, on Palm Sunday, approach Jerusalem with Jesus, die with him on Holy Friday, and rise with him at the culmination of the Easter feast, the church cannot accomplish its mission, which is not only to proclaim the good news but to embody it in the world.” Many in the church in recent history celebrate Palm Sunday in two parts – the entry into Jerusalem and then the Passion of Jesus. FELC chooses to observe the more ancient custom and celebrate Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and reserve the Passion for Holy Friday. We celebrate the Lord of heaven and earth riding on a donkey – and we, too, join the procession of people – whoever we are and from wherever - Jesus welcomes all to follow him.

*The assembly gathers on the terrace at the main entrance of the church building for the procession with palm branches. Those not able to join in the procession may take their place inside.*

## **GATHERING OUTSIDE**

Psalm 104:33; music: Taizé, France

Sing to the Lord, all my be-ing, let ev-'ry-thing in me pro-claim God's sal-va-tion.

Sing to the Lord, all my be-ing, and re-mem-ber all of God's mar-ve-lous deeds!

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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*The assembly stands, as willing and able, in body or spirit.*

### ACCLAMATION

Blessed is the one † who comes in the name of the Lord!

**Hosanna in the highest!**

*The assembly raises palm branches as able.*

### BLESSING

Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along the way.

Bless these branches † and those who carry them.

Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### PROCESSION

Let us go forth in peace,

**in the name of Christ! Amen!**



*The assembly proceeds into the church building while waving palm branches and singing.*

*When reaching a place inside, please remain standing, as willing and able.*

### SONG IN PROCESSION

**Hosanna** (repeated)

music: Nancy Raabe (b. 1954)

Assembly

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est heav'n!

The musical notation is a single staff in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. This is followed by a dotted quarter note G4, then quarter notes A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The piece ends with a double bar line.

## **SALUDO**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

### **Hosanna in the highest!**

The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the life formed in the Spirit, are with you now.

**And also with you.**

## **ORACIÓN DEL DIÁ/PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Sovereign God,

you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ.

By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord, and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*La asamblea se sienta. / The assembly is seated.*

## **✠PALABRA**

## **WORD✠**

### **PRIMERA LECTURA**

Zechariah 9:9-12

New Revised Standard Version

<sup>9</sup> Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>10</sup> He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war-horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. <sup>11</sup> As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. <sup>12</sup> Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

The Word of the Lord.

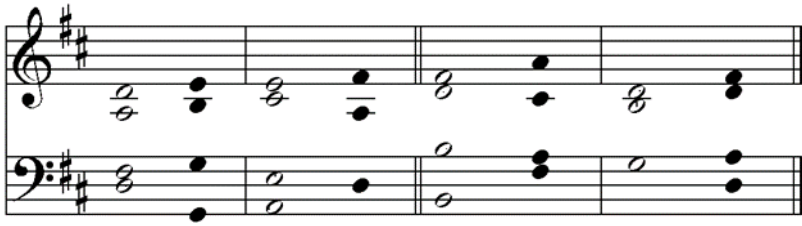
**Thanks be to God.**

*Worship of God, in Christ, by the power of the Spirit is the center of Christian life. Through encountering God we are formed and transformed. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, elements, words, silence, and actions of people through which public worship happens.*

## RESPONSE

PSALM 118:1–2, 19–20, 26–27

Plainsong mode 1 (10th cent.); Anglican chant



<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD for the LORD is <sup>1</sup> good;  
God's mercy endures <sup>1</sup> forever.

<sup>2</sup>Let Israel now <sup>1</sup> declare,  
"God's mercy endures <sup>1</sup> forever."

<sup>19</sup>**Open for me the gates of <sup>1</sup> righteousness;**  
**I will enter them and give thanks to the <sup>1</sup> LORD.**

<sup>20</sup>**"This is the gate of the <sup>1</sup> LORD;**  
**here the righteous may <sup>1</sup> enter."**

<sup>26</sup>**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the <sup>1</sup> LORD;**  
**we bless you from the house of the <sup>1</sup> LORD.**

<sup>27</sup>**The LORD is God and has given us <sup>1</sup> light.**  
**Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the <sup>1</sup> altar.**

## SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5-11

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*La asamblea se pone de pie para recibir el evangelio./  
The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

**ACLAMACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO O Jesus, King Most Wonderful!**

Bernard of Clairvaux (1091-1153)  
Hiding Place, John Leavitt, 1831



1 O Je - sus, king most won - der - ful! O Con - quer - or re - nowned!  
2 When once you vis - it dark - ened hearts, then truth be - gins to shine,  
3 O Je - sus, light of all be - low, the fount of life and fire,  
4 May ev - 'ry heart con - fess your name, for - ev - er you a - dore,  
5 You may our tongues for - ev - er bless; you may we love a - lone



O Source of peace in - ef - fa - ble, in whom all joys are found:  
then earth - ly van - i - ty de - parts, then kin - dles love di - vine.  
sur - pass - ing all the joys we know, all that we can de - sire:  
and, seek - ing you, it - self in - flame to seek you more and more!  
and ev - er in our lives ex - press the im - age of your own!

**EVANGELIO**

Matthew 21:1-11

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, <sup>5</sup>“Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” <sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup>they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

<sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?”

<sup>11</sup>The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

*Following the gospel: The gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

## FE DE LOS NIÑOS/FAITH OF A CHILD

*Children and families are invited to gather at the baptismal font for Faith of A Child, a time for Welcome, Water, Wonder, and Worship. Families are then invited to the Spirit Space.*

### SERMÓN

*La asamblea se pone de pie para proclamar la palabra de Dios en canción.*

#### HYMN OF THE DAY

**All Glory, Laud, and Honor**

Theodulph of Orléans (760-821)

Melchior Teschner (1584-1635)

*Refrain*

**All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!**

1 **You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son,  
now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One.**

*Refrain*

2 **The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.**

*Refrain*

3 **Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring,  
Great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King.**

*Refrain*

*The assembly kneels or sits for the prayers.*

#### ORACIÓN

*Each intercession of the prayers ends with:*

Merciful God,

**hear our prayer.**

*The assembly stands.*

#### 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 or to text someone.*

*La asamblea se sienta. / The assembly is seated.*





**PRESENTACIÓN DE LAS OFRENDAS**

*Our generosity is invited to support the mission of the church, and the care of those in need.*

*Offering baskets are on the Welcome tables at the entrances to the nave.*

*Worshippers may give online: [www.felcaustin.org/information/giving](http://www.felcaustin.org/information/giving)*

*The assembly stands as bread, wine, money, and other gifts are presented and prepared.*

**PRESENTATION OF GIFTS**

**Bread of Life**

Susan Briehl (b. 1952); Argentina

*Refrain*

Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en,

we eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.

**OFFERING PRAYER**

All things come from you, O God,  
**and we give back to you the gifts that come from you.**

May the Lord God accept these sacrifices of praise, offered to God's glory,  
 and for the good of all God's people. **Amen.**

*The offering is our response to God's grace. Time, labor, wisdom, skill, energy, wonder, rest, finances, resistance, prayers, protest, care, silence, and play all serve God's purposes.*

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 . . . and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful God,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor and marginalized,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await Christ's coming in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O God,  
and unite the wills of all who share in this heavenly food and blessing,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **PADRE NUESTRO**

Joining our prayers with the Church Universal, so we say, each in our own language, the prayer Jesus taught us:

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

*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.*

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, grant us peace.

**COMMUNION INVITATION & DISTRIBUTION**

*All people, including children, are invited to the Lord's Supper.*

*We encourage you to participate in a way that is meaningful for you.*

*The Eucharist is offered to one side of the church at a time.*

*Ushers will direct you via the center aisle to a station to receive bread in your hand.*

*Then you may 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.*

*Then make your way to your seat by a side aisle.*

*You are invited to kneel or sit 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, please let an usher or minister know.*

**COMMUNION MUSIC****Ride On, King Jesus**

African American spiritual

Ride on, King Jesus, no one can-a hinder me.

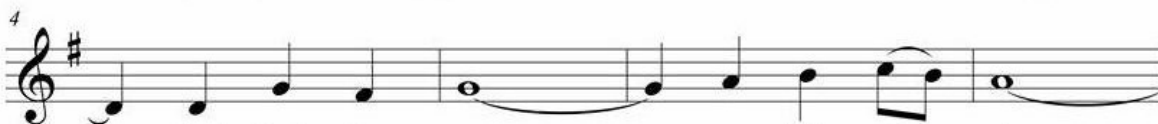
- 1 King Jesus rides a milk white horse, no one works like him,  
the river Jord'n he did cross, no one works like him.
- 2 I know that my redeemer lives, no one works like him,  
and of his blessing freely gives, no one works like him

COMMUNION SONG

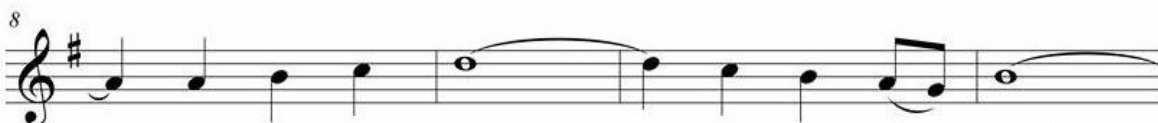
*If We Just Talk of Thoughts and Prayers*



If we just talk \_\_\_\_\_ of thoughts and prayers \_\_\_\_\_  
 If we just dream \_\_\_\_\_ of what could be \_\_\_\_\_  
 If we just sing \_\_\_\_\_ of do - ing good \_\_\_\_\_  
 God, may our prayers \_\_\_\_\_ and dreams and songs \_\_\_\_\_



— And don't live out \_\_\_\_\_ a faith that dares, \_\_\_\_\_  
 — And do not build \_\_\_\_\_ com - mun - i - ty, \_\_\_\_\_  
 — And don't walk through \_\_\_\_\_ our neigh - bor - hood \_\_\_\_\_  
 — Lead to a faith \_\_\_\_\_ that takes on \_\_\_\_\_ wrongs -



— And don't take on \_\_\_\_\_ the ways of \_\_\_\_\_ death, \_\_\_\_\_  
 — And do not seek \_\_\_\_\_ to change our \_\_\_\_\_ ways, \_\_\_\_\_  
 — To learn its hope, \_\_\_\_\_ to ease its \_\_\_\_\_ pain, \_\_\_\_\_  
 - That works for peace \_\_\_\_\_ and just - ice, \_\_\_\_\_ too, \_\_\_\_\_



— Our thoughts and prayers \_\_\_\_\_ are fleet - ing breath. \_\_\_\_\_  
 — Our dreams of change \_\_\_\_\_ are false dis - plays. \_\_\_\_\_  
 — Our talk of good \_\_\_\_\_ is simp - ly \_\_\_\_\_ vain. \_\_\_\_\_  
 — Then will our prayers \_\_\_\_\_ bring joy to \_\_\_\_\_ you. \_\_\_\_\_

Biblical References: Isaiah 58; Matthew 7:21, 24-27; 1 Corinthians 13:1; James 2:14-26; 1 John 3:18-24  
 Tune: Traditional English melody

*The assembly remains seated as we offer our thanks.*

### **ORACIÓN DESPUÉS DE LA COMUNIÓN**

Blessed Jesus, thank you for this meal of grace,  
and for nourishing us with your living presence.

Now send us to bear your life-giving hope to a world of beauty and need. **Amen.**

### **✝ENVIO**

### **SENDING✝**

#### **ANUNCIOS**

#### **BENDICIÓN**

You are beloved of God, strengthened for the journey.

May our Faithful God, Motherly, ✝ Majestic, and Mighty,  
bless you this day and always. **Amen.**



SENDING SONG

Lord, What a Parade!

1. Lord, what a parade! The crowd quick-ly grew; what  
 2. They wel- comed you in, a con- quer- ing king, yet  
 3. Did those in that crowd, ex- pect more than  
 4. Lord Je- sus, it's true— we give you glad praise, yet

noise they all made in wel- com- ing you. "Ho -  
 what kind of reign would you— real- ly It  
 one who reached out in love— to the poor? Did  
 liv- ing for you will chal- lenge our ways. So

san - na!" they shout - ed. "It's Dav - id's own son! Ho -  
 was - n't a war horse you rode on that day; a  
 they think a sav - ior with ar - mies was best, or  
 may we be o - pen and wel - come your reign. Ho -

san - na! Come save us! God's reign has be - gun!"  
 crea - ture of peace car - ried you— on your way,  
 did they re - mem - ber: the peace - ful are blessed?  
 san - na! Come save us! Re - new - us a gain!

Biblical references: Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-40; John 12:12-19; Zechariah 9:9-10; and Matthew 5:9

Tune: attr. Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806)

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## DESPEDIDA

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

**Hosanna in the highest!**

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

**Thanks be to God!**

*With reminders of God's presence we go to love through words and actions. **All are invited to take palm branches** and place them above a door, or behind a wall cross or other symbol of sacred witness.*

## ENVIANDO MÚSICA Y HOSPITALIDAD/SENDING MUSIC & HOSPITALITY

*All are invited to a time of hospitality in the fellowship hall. Todos están invitados a la hospitalidad.*

# CHURCH COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## *Anuncios de la Comunidad de la Iglesia*

### ECOPALMS

Today we use EcoPalms, which promote social justice, environmental stewardship, and are gathered through sustainable harvest programs. At least half of the farmers in Central Guatemala earn additional income from harvesting fronds and, more than a quarter of household heads support themselves exclusively by collecting fronds. Lutheran World Relief supports and promotes awareness of EcoPalms.

### WELCOME CHILDREN

One way we welcome children at FELC is with a Spirit Space in the Chapel of the Saints. Children with adults will be welcomed to a child's space for quiet play and reading, including a rug, floor pillows, soft blocks, coloring supplies, lap desks, Bible story books, and other interactive items. Each week they will receive a coloring page relating to the scripture stories for the day. Adults have chairs to sit in while worshipping with children. Children and adults can remain in the Spirit Space until the Hymn of the Day following the sermon, and then return to the pews for the remainder of the liturgy—or remain in the Spirit Space. We welcome children by encouraging them and celebrating the joy and livelihood that children offer.

### MICAH 6 FOOD PANTRY

Micah 6 is in need of canned vegetables—**other than green beans**—up to 16 oz. cans. Please bring these items to a basket in the fellowship hall on Sunday. Contact Andy MacLaren at 512-947-4186 or email at [andyaclaren@cs.com](mailto:andyaclaren@cs.com).

### MONTGOMERY PILGRIMAGE: SHARING THE JOURNEY

Pilgrims from FELC journeyed to Montgomery, Alabama on February 18-20 to visit “The Legacy Museum: From Enslavement to Mass Incarceration” and “The National Memorial for Peace and Justice” sponsored by The Equal Justice Initiative.

Travelers will be sharing highlights of that pilgrimage in April, including:

--on **Sunday, April 16:** a three-minute video during Sunday worship describing the message of the legacy museum

--on **Sunday, April 23:** highlights of the National Memorial for Peace and Justice will be shared during Sunday worship

--on **Sunday, April 30:** an Adult Forum will follow Sunday worship and hospitality at 11:30 AM. All are invited and encouraged to attend to participate in conversation around issues of social and racial justice.

For more information on this pilgrimage sharing, contact Nancy Baden [nkab13@gmail.com](mailto:nkab13@gmail.com).

**Holy Week & Easter liturgies** invite us into the central story of Christian faith: the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ that renews our lives. We hope you will make the most of these worship and fellowship opportunities for your own spiritual renewal. They are also an excellent opportunity to invite others to visit FELC.



Liturgies will be livestreamed/archived on our YouTube channel and onsite.

**Holy (Maundy) Thursday: April 6 at Noon & 7 PM**

- The Noon liturgy will be abbreviated, and a simple meal will be offered following
- A simple meal of soup and bread will be served in the fellowship hall at 6:00 PM, prior to the 7:00 PM liturgy
- Confession and absolution, with individual pronouncement of forgiveness
- Foot washing ritual offered
- Holy Communion
- Stripping the altar in preparation for Holy Friday

**Holy (Good) Friday: April 7 at 7 PM**

- Virtual Stations of the Cross available online for meditation and prayer
- Adoration of the Cross liturgy at 7 PM, with reading of the passion narrative, choral and instrumental music, and prayer and meditation around the cross

**Holy Saturday Easter Vigil: April 8 at 8:00 PM**

- Lighting the new fire outside and blessing the new paschal candle
- Candlelight procession and liturgy
- Stories of salvation, baptismal renewal, and the first Easter Eucharist
- Visitation of the bishop
- Guests from various communities of faith
- Choral and instrumental music
- Festive reception following the liturgy

**EASTER DAY WORSHIP & HOSPITALITY: APRIL 9 AT 10 AM**

*Join together as we celebrate the good news of the resurrection of Christ*

- Flowering of the indoor cross before worship / this cross is fashioned from a previous Christmas tree *(bring your cut flowers)*
- Full Holy Communion liturgy
- Rite of renewal of baptism
- Choral and instrumental music
- Festive hospitality after worship *(egg bake, baked goods, Easter eggs, chocolate, and more!)*
- Easter Egg hunt during hospitality *(bring a basket for little ones)*



# GROW IN SERVICE, WORSHIP, FORMATION, & CARE

To learn about our faith community, greet one another and visit our webpage. You'll find information about our weekly updates and emails, online connections, racial justice action, adult and children's formation, our Child Development Center, our serving, locally and globally. God loves. We love. Everyone!

<b>Webpage</b>	<a href="http://www.felcaustin.org/">http://www.felcaustin.org/</a> updates and news about ministry & mission
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<b>Disaster Response</b>	<a href="http://www.elca.org/">www.elca.org</a> / —800-638-3522 give directly to Lutheran Disaster Response
<b>Immigration &amp; Refugee Services</b>	<a href="https://www.lirs.org">https://www.lirs.org</a> & <a href="https://www.casamarianella.org/">https://www.casamarianella.org/</a> for advocacy & donation

## PRAYER LIST REQUESTS: WE PRAY FOR...

03/30/2023

the citizens, immigrants, and refugees, and the national, state, and local leaders of the United States;  
the people of Ukraine and of Russia; for those living in Türkiye, Syrian, Afghanistan, and Brazil;  
all conflicts, communities, and families living with gun violence;  
the students, families, and staff of Covenant School in Nashville, and the community;  
all who protect, defend, care, and advocate for others;

God's guidance for our community of faith in this time of ministry transition, renewal, and growth;  
our congregation council, staff, child development center students and families;  
our care ministers as they continue training;

all enduring recovery and repair from severe weather;

all in need of healing and those seeking justice, including those in treatment from Covid-19, Flu, RSV, Cancer, and other illnesses;

Teresa Ringness, for healing as she recovers from surgery;

Pr. Kris Franke Hill, on the death of her husband, Don Hill, and for the Franke, Flory, and Andries families;

healing for Cecily, colleague of Nancy Baden, diagnosed with Leukemia and in treatment.

**Please submit prayer requests for the FELC prayer list online:** <https://www.felcaustin.org/forms/prayer-request>

**The FELC Prayer Circle gathers** faithfully to pray. If you desire prayers offered (including confidentially) for you, your loved ones, needs and thanksgivings, our faith community, the church, the world, contact Barbara at [bschutz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bschutz@sbcglobal.net).

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## SAVE THE DATE

### 2023 CHICKEN BBQ: SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 4 TO 8 PM

Make plans now for the longest-running community & social event of FELC (since 1964): our annual chicken bbq, to be held in our parking lot (weather permitting)!

Our pit masters will start smoking chickens in our outdoor smoker pit in the afternoon, and our potato salad and beans team will be getting the sides ready.

You're welcome to come and visit beginning at 4 PM. BYOB.

Dinner will be served around 6 PM, and includes bbq chicken, beans, potato salad, drinks, and ice cream. More information forthcoming on preparations and celebrations!



#### SIRVIENDO/SERVING

**Altar Care Server** Barbara Wiederaenders  
**Assisting Minister** Shannon Aguirre  
**Children's Minister** Nikki Northcutt  
**Crucifer** Jerry Don Aguirre  
**Lector** Monica Lund  
**Livestream Ministers** Margaret Bruesch,  
JP Northcutt-Benson

#### **Music Ministers**

FELC Choir;  
Oliver Rajamani, Bryan Rust  
Terry Porter  
Hospitality Team  
J. Mills  
Randy Baden, Terry Porter

#### **Offering Counter**

**Hospitality Hosts**  
**Presiding Minister**  
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*Everyone!*  
**DIOS AMA. AMAMOS.**  
*Todos!*

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