

# THE THREE DAYS: HOLY THURSDAY

## WORD & EUCHARIST

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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.

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**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.*

*Offering baskets will not be passed during the liturgy. Before the time of the offering near the middle of the liturgy, all worshiping in the nave are invited to place an offering in a basket located at the welcome table at either entrance.*

*Information about Holy Week is found on the back page.*

*The assembly gathers in quiet prayer and meditation.*

*The assembly remains seated and sings the repeated gathering music.*

### GATHERING MUSIC

### Nada de Turbe

Saint Teresa of Ávila (1515-1582)

Jacques Berthier (1923-1994), Taizé, France

Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es - pan - te.  
*Noth-ing can trou - ble, noth - ing can fright - en.*

Quien a Dios tie - ne na-da le fal - ta. Na - da te tur - be,  
*Those who seek God shall nev-er go want - ing. Noth-ing can trou - ble,*

na - da te es - pan - te. So - lo Dios bas - ta.  
*noth-ing can fright - en. God a - lone fills us.*

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*As the singing bowls sound, the assembly stands, as willing and able in body and spirit, and sings the Introit on the next page.*

INTROIT

Create in Me a Clean Heart

J. Freylinghausen (1670-1739); Psalm 51:10-12

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

## CONFESSION Y ABSOLUCION/CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*An invitation to confession is offered.*

*Following the invitation, all may kneel or sit.*

*Extended silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.  
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.  
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,  
so that we may delight in your will and live in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of God, Jesus Christ was given to die,  
and for his sake, God forgives us all our sin.  
As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ  
and by his authority,  
I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sin,  
in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

### **INDIVIDUAL ABSOLUTION**

*The assembly may come forward and stand before a minister of word and sacrament for an individual pronouncement of forgiveness (absolution.)*

*A minister addresses each in turn:*

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, all your sins are forgiven. Amen.

*During this time the assembly may kneel or sit.*

*After all who wish have received individual absolution, the assembly stands to sing the song on the next page.*

1 A - round you, O Lord Je - sus, your own you gath - er still  
 2 We hear your in - vi - ta - tion, and heed, O Lord, your call;  
 3 We are your own for - ev - er; un - til our fi - nal breath

to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill.  
 your word of con - so - la - tion is spo - ken here to all.  
 we will be true and nev - er— in joy, in grief, in death—

You say to us so lov - ing - ly, "Take, eat! This is my  
 It draws us to your lov - ing heart; it brings to us your  
 de - part from you, for you are still a - mong your peo - ple

bod - y! Take, drink! This is my blood!"  
 bless - ing, which nev - er will de - part.  
 dwell - ing, as you have said you will.

## **SALUDO/GREETING**

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

**And also with you.**

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

Holy God, source of all love,

on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us.

Write this commandment in our hearts,

and give us the will to serve others as Christ was the servant of all,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

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## **✝PALABRA/WORD**

### **LECTURA/READING**

1 Corintios 11:23-26

*In the bread and cup of the Lord's Supper, we experience intimate fellowship with Christ and with one another, because it involves his body given for us and the new covenant in his blood.*

<sup>23</sup> Porque yo recibí del Señor lo que también os he enseñado: Que el Señor Jesús, la noche que fue entregado, tomó pan; <sup>24</sup> y habiendo dado gracias, lo partió, y dijo: “Tomad, comed; esto es mi cuerpo que por vosotros es partido; haced esto en memoria de mí.” <sup>25</sup> Asimismo tomó también la copa, después de haber cenado, diciendo: “Esta copa es el nuevo pacto en mi sangre; haced esto todas las veces que la bebiereis, en memoria de mí.” <sup>26</sup> Así, pues, todas las veces que comiereis este pan, y bebiereis esta copa, la muerte del Señor anunciáis hasta que él venga.

<sup>23</sup>For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>25</sup>In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” <sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Palabra de Dios.

*The word of the Lord*

**Te alabamos, Señor.**

*Thanks be to God.*

**ANTHEM***Ave Verum Corpus* (K 618)

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, having truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for humanity, from whose pierced side water and blood flowed:

Be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet] in the trial of death. text: 14th century Eucharistic hymn

*The assembly remains seated as we welcome Christ in the gospel.*

**EVANGELIO**

San Juan 13:1-17, 31b-35

*The story of the Last Supper in John's gospel recalls a remarkable event not mentioned elsewhere: Jesus performs the duty of a servant, washing the feet of disciples and urging them to do the same.*

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup>The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup>got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup>Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup>After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord — and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. <sup>31b</sup>"Now the Son of Righteousness has been glorified, and God has been glorified in them. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified, God will also glorify that one in God's self and will glorify at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the [religious leaders] so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Palabra de Dios.

*The word of the Lord.***Te alabamos, Señor.***Thanks be to God.*



## SERMON

### FOOTWASHING

*Those who desire to participate in the footwashing are invited to the Chapel of the Saints. Move to an empty chair and remove any shoes and stockings, leaving them under the chair. You may then move to an open foot washing station to have your feet washed, then you may wash the feet of the person after you. Gently pour water on the person's feet one at a time and then dry them with a towel. You may then return to your chair to put on shoes, and return to the pew.*

*The assembly remains seated to proclaim the word of God in song.*

### SONG

### Ubi Caritas

Jacques Berthier (1923-1994), Taizé, France

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor, / Where true char - i - ty and love a - bide,". The piano accompaniment starts with a bass clef and a key signature of one flat. The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line continues with: "u - bi ca - ri - tas, De - us i - bi est. / God is dwell - ing there; God is dwell - ing there." The piano accompaniment continues with the same bass clef and key signature. There are triplets in the vocal line for "i - bi" and "dwell - ing".

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# SONG

## Live Christ

Words and Music by Celia Whitley

=78  
Guitar (capo 3) G C G D G C G D  
Bb Eb Bb F Bb Eb Bb F

1. Live	Christ,	love	Christ,	share	Christ,	be	Christ.
2. Live	peace,	love	peace,	share	peace,	be	peace.
3. Live	hope,	love	hope,	share	hope,	be	hope.
4. Live	love,	love	love,	share	love,	be	love.
5. Live	Christ,	love	Christ,	share	Christ,	be	Christ.

G/B C G D G/B C G D  
Bb/D Eb Bb F Bb/D Eb Bb F

All these things do to - day. All these things a - long your way.

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*The assembly stands.*

### LA PAZ

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Those participating in the nave are invited to offer a sign and gesture of peace.*

*We are aware of others' desire for distance to be maintained and touch to be respected.*

*Those participating via livestream are invited to make a comment in the chat or to text someone with whom you would like to share the peace of Christ.*

*The assembly is seated.*

# ✠COMIDA/MEAL

## OFFERING INVITATION

*An offering supports the mission of the church, and the care of those in need.*

*For worshipers in the nave, offering baskets are on a Welcome table at each entrance.*

*All worshipers may give online: <http://www.felcaustin.org/information/giving>*

*The assembly stands.*

*In quiet, bread, wine, money, and other gifts are presented and the altar is set.*

## PRESENTACIÓN DE LAS OFRENDAS/PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

### OREMOS

Blessed are you, O living God,  
through your goodness we offer you this bread:  
fruit of the earth and work of human hands.

### **Blessed be God forever!**

Blessed are you, O living God,  
through your goodness we offer you this wine:  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.

### **Blessed be God forever!**

We praise you, O living God, for you create the fruits of the earth and vine. **Amen.**

## GRAN PLEGARIA EUCARISTICA

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

*Early Christians prayed extended forms of a prayer of great thanks and were invited to give praise for God's gifts and Christ's command to "do this in remembrance of me." The prayer includes the words spoken by Jesus at the last supper. The language of this prayer, and its variety, changes for seasons and circumstances.*

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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O living God,  
sovereign of time and space.  
You bring forth bread from the earth  
and fruit from the vine.

Your word leads us  
across the sea to freedom,  
and you have carried us together  
to these holy Three Days.

Blessed be God forever!

**Blessed be God forever!**

Blessed are you, O living God,  
for your glory revealed in Jesus Christ.  
He is our Servant,  
who washes our feet with love.  
He is our Lamb,  
whose blood takes away our sin.

He is our Host at this meal,  
offering us the cup of life.  
In the night in which he was betrayed . . .  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Blessed be God forever!

**Blessed be God forever!**

Blessed are you, O living God,  
for the gift of your loving Spirit.  
Fill this meal with the life of Christ.

Make us servants of one another  
and of everyone.

Bring us with all your people  
to the joy of Christ's resurrection.

Blessed be God forever!

**Blessed be God forever!**

Amen, and amen.

**Amen, and amen.**

## PADRE NUESTRO (OUR FATHER)

God, remember us in your kin-dom, and teach us to pray:

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.

## BREAKING THE BREAD

Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
**have mercy on us.**

Jesus, bearer of our sins, you take away the sin of the world,  
**have mercy on us.**

Jesus, redeemer of the world, you take away the sin of the world,  
**grant us peace. Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## 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.*

*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, let an usher or minister know.*

## COMMUNION MUSIC

### Bless the Lord, My Soul

Psalm 103; Taizé, France

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

SONG AFTER COMMUNION

Three Holy Days

1 Three ho - ly days en - fold us now in wash - ing  
 2 The mys - t'ry hid from a - ges past is here re -  
 3 Christ, lift - ed high up - on the tree, be - fore you

feet and break - ing bread, in cross and font and  
 vealed in word and sign, for Je - sus' sto - ry  
 ev - 'ry knee shall bend and ev - 'ry tongue in

life re - newed: in Christ, God's first - born from the dead.  
 is our own: new life through death is God's de - sign.  
 praise pro - claim: "You are the Lord of all. A - men."

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731-1807, adapt.

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

**ORACIÓN DE LA POSCOMMUIÓN**

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection.

May the blessing of this meal so work in us that the fruits of your love will show forth in the way we live; for you live and reign, now and forever. **Amen.**

## LA DESNUDACIÓN DEL ALTAR/STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

*The assembly kneels or sits during the stripping of the altar, table, and furnishings.*

*We view a symbolic representation of the barrenness of Jesus before his death, in preparation for Friday. At the conclusion of the psalm, the altar is washed in silence. We view a symbolic representation of the Lord being offered to death, and this altar of God in Christ being washed with wine and water as further acts of care near death.*

*Solista canciones Salmo 22./A soloist chants Salmo/Psalm 22.*

<sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you for-<sup>1</sup>saken me?

Why so far from saving me, so far from the words<sup>1</sup> of my groaning?

<sup>2</sup>My God, I cry out by day, but you<sup>1</sup> do not answer;

by night, but I<sup>1</sup> find no rest.

<sup>3</sup>Yet you are the<sup>1</sup> Holy One,

enthroned on the prais-<sup>1</sup>es of Israel.

<sup>4</sup>Our ancestors put their<sup>1</sup> trust in you,

they trusted, and you<sup>1</sup> rescued them.

<sup>5</sup>They cried out to you and<sup>1</sup> were delivered;

they trusted in you and were not<sup>1</sup> put to shame.

<sup>6</sup>But as for me, I am a worm<sup>1</sup> and not human,

scorned by all and despised<sup>1</sup> by the people.

<sup>7</sup>All who see me laugh<sup>1</sup> me to scorn;

they curl their lips; they<sup>1</sup> shake their heads.

<sup>8</sup>“Trust in the LORD; let the<sup>1</sup> LORD deliver;

let God rescue him if God so de-<sup>1</sup>lights in him.”

<sup>9</sup>Yet you are the one who drew me forth<sup>1</sup> from the womb,

and kept me safe on my<sup>1</sup> mother’s breast.

<sup>10</sup>I have been entrusted to you ever since<sup>1</sup> I was born;

you were my God when I was still in my<sup>1</sup> mother’s womb.

<sup>11</sup>Be not far from me, for trou-<sup>1</sup>ble is near,

and there is no<sup>1</sup> one to help.

<sup>12</sup>Many young bulls en-<sup>1</sup>circle me;

strong bulls of Ba-<sup>1</sup>shan surround me.

<sup>13</sup>They open wide their<sup>1</sup> jaws at me,

like a slashing and<sup>1</sup> roaring lion.

<sup>14</sup>I am poured out like water; all my bones are<sup>1</sup> out of joint;

my heart within my breast is<sup>1</sup> melting wax.

<sup>15</sup>My strength is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the roof<sup>1</sup> of my mouth;

and you have laid me in the<sup>1</sup> dust of death.

- <sup>16</sup>Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers<sup>1</sup> circles round me;  
they pierce my hands<sup>1</sup> and my feet.
- <sup>17</sup>I can count<sup>1</sup> all my bones  
while they stare at<sup>1</sup> me and gloat.
- <sup>18</sup>They divide my gar-<sup>1</sup>ments among them;  
for my clothing,<sup>1</sup> they cast lots.
- <sup>19</sup>But you, O LORD, be not<sup>1</sup> far away;  
O my help, hasten<sup>1</sup> to my aid.
- <sup>20</sup>Deliver me<sup>1</sup> from the sword,  
my life from the power<sup>1</sup> of the dog.
- <sup>21</sup>Save me from the<sup>1</sup> lion's mouth!  
From the horns of wild bulls you have<sup>1</sup> rescued me.
- <sup>22</sup>I will declare your name<sup>1</sup> to my people;  
in the midst of the assembly<sup>1</sup> I will praise you.
- <sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's<sup>1</sup> line, give glory.  
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off-<sup>1</sup>spring of Israel.
- <sup>24</sup>For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither is the LORD's face hid-<sup>1</sup>den from them;  
but when they cry out,<sup>1</sup> the LORD hears them.
- <sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the<sup>1</sup> great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who<sup>1</sup> fear the LORD.
- <sup>26</sup>The poor shall eat<sup>1</sup> and be satisfied.  
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts<sup>1</sup> live forever!
- <sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn<sup>1</sup> to the LORD;  
all the families of nations shall bow<sup>1</sup> before God.
- <sup>28</sup>For dominion belongs<sup>1</sup> to the LORD,  
who rules o-<sup>1</sup>ver the nations.
- <sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow<sup>1</sup> down in worship;  
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be-<sup>1</sup>fore the LORD.
- <sup>30</sup>Their descendants shall<sup>1</sup> serve the LORD,  
whom they shall proclaim to genera-<sup>1</sup>tions to come.
- <sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people<sup>1</sup> yet unborn,  
saying to them, "The<sup>1</sup> LORD has acted!"

*The liturgy concludes in silence tonight and continues tomorrow evening at 7:00 PM.  
You may remain for silent prayer. All depart in silence.*



# CHURCH COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## *Anuncios de la Comunidad de la Iglesia*

### **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. *Everyone is welcome!*

### **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.

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



**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>ELCA</b>	<a href="https://www.elca.org/">https://www.elca.org/</a> learn about our ecumenical, interfaith, & global mission
<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...

04/4/2023

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;

*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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# HOLY WEEK

The season of Lent culminates with **Holy Week**—the ritual participation in the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ. Through ancient liturgies and contemporary experience, we not only hear the story of Jesus, we become part of it now. The heart of the Christian faith is **the paschal mystery**—through the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, God brings transformation, salvation, and renewal for us and the whole creation. Holy Week is the time of deep contemplation that our lives are caught up in this mystery. **Palm Sunday** is the entry into Holy Week, with the celebration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem when he is hailed as the new king. Holy Week is the centerpiece of the entire Christian liturgical year, forming one worship event over three days. **Holy Thursday** (sometimes called 'Maundy' an English form of 'mandate' from the Latin name 'mandatum') connects us to the events of Jesus' last supper, and, at times, includes the foot washing ritual that leads us to participate in Jesus' own humility and loving service to others. **Holy Friday** is the solemn day of honoring Jesus' death, seeing in the way of the cross—rejection, suffering, death—the power of God to redeem and transform us. At **Easter Day** (and for 50 days after!) we celebrate that Christ renews our lives and the whole cosmos.

## **SIRVIENDO/SERVING**

### **Altar Care**

Barbara Schutz

### **Assisting Minister**

Shannon Aguirre

### **Lector**

Jerry Don Aguirre

### **Livestream Ministers**

Margaret Bruesch,  
JP Northcutt-Benson

### **Music Ministers**

FELC Choir,  
Gwen Flory, soloist  
Bryan Rust  
Timothy Lincoln  
J. Mills  
Terry Porter

### **Presiding Minister**

### **Preaching Minister**

### **Usher**



**GOD LOVES. WE LOVE.**

*Everyone!*

**DIOS AMA. AMAMOS.**

*Todos!*

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