

WORD & EUCHARIST
THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD
EASTER DAY

APRIL 9, 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.

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

Information about the Easter season is found on the back page.

GATHERING & FLOWERING OF THE CROSS

Before and during the gathering music, the assembly is invited to decorate the cross with flowers. The assembly is seated and welcomes one another.

GATHERING SONG

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!

The singing bowls sound and the assembly stands to face the main entrance.

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

PROCESSION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Let us go forth in peace,

in the name of Christ! Amen!

SONG IN PROCESSION

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876-1947, alt.
 Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623
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SALUDO

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Siblings, 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

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for Christ is alive and has become the Lord of life.

Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

La asamblea se sienta. / The assembly is seated.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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✝PALABRA

WORD✝

PRIMERA LECTURA

Acts 10:34-43

New Revised Standard Version

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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.

The assembly remains seated and sings the repeated response.

RESPONSE

Psallite Deo (repeated)

Psalm 118:24; music: Taizé

A soloist sings the refrain and the assembly repeats the refrain.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems. The first system has a tempo of quarter note = 120. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The time signature is common time (C). The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line in the left hand and chords in the right hand. The vocal line begins with a hummed introduction, followed by the lyrics: "Psal - li - te De - o, psal - li - te! This is the day the Lord has made!". The second system continues with another hummed introduction and the lyrics: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!". The score includes guitar chord symbols (Gm, Eb, D, Bb, F, Gm, Cm, D) and a double bar line with repeat dots at the end of the second system.

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SECOND READING

Colossian 3:1-4

¹If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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 and turns to face the procession as the Word dwells among us.

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,
 Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu,
 Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,
 hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.
 hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.
 hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

EVANGELIO

Matthew 28:1-10

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

Following the gospel: The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

The assembly repeats the gospel acclamation.

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.

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Be Not Afraid (repeated)

Taizé

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains a melody with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

The second system of musical notation is identical to the first, featuring a treble and bass staff with the same melody and accompaniment, and the lyrics written below.

✚BAUTISMO

BAPTISM✚

Holy Baptism is the sacrament of new birth into the life of Christ in the community of the church. The baptized people of God find in this liturgy an opportunity to renew and affirm their baptismal vows through their affirmation of faith in the Creed and sprinkling with water, receiving once again God's forgiveness and unconditional love.

INVITATION TO BAPTISMAL RENEWAL

Dear friends, with thanksgiving we make public affirmation of our baptism into the risen Christ. If you are not baptized, may this renewal be a blessing for your journey to a deeper relationship with Christ and the church.

RENUNCIATION OF EVIL AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to reject sin, profess your faith in Christ, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Together let us use the Apostles' Creed to affirm the faith that unites us with the whole church, across time, across oceans, across peoples.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

*At baptisms, affirmations and confirmations, commemorations, funerals, and throughout the fifty days of Easter, we light the large **Paschal candle** as a reminder of the light of Christ, the light of resurrection. The term "Paschal" comes from the Latin word "Pascha", which came from the Hebrew word Pesach, which in Hebrew means Passover. Each year at Easter, a paschal candle, made of beeswax, is prepared and blessed.*

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

You have made public profession of your faith.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

To live among God's faithful people,

To hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

To serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

And to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support
and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth,
cleanse us from sin, and keep us in eternal life.

Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit:

the spirit of wisdom and understanding,

the spirit of counsel and might,

the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,

the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly is sprinkled with water in remembrance of and invitation to baptism.

*The prayers of intercession
today are offered within the
Thanksgiving at the Table at
the communion liturgy.*

HYMN**Jesus Christ Is Risen Today**

Latin, 14th c.; Easter Hymn, 1708

Hymn 365 in the red worship book—for harmony on stanzas 2 & 3

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

*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

OFFERING MUSIC *Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands* text: Martin Luther (1483-1546)
 arr. J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

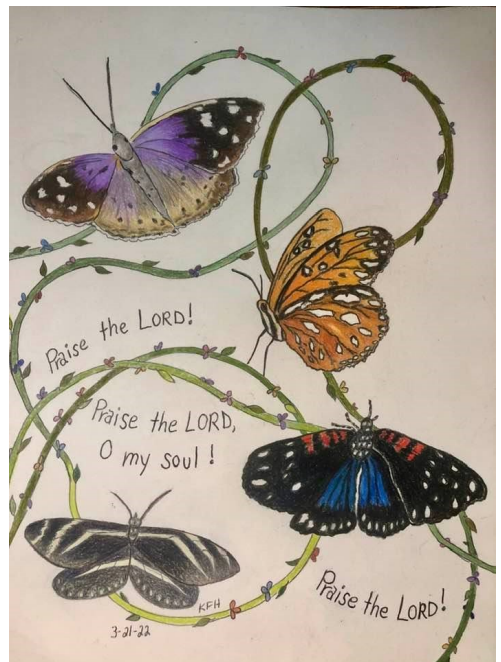
Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands for our offenses given;
 but now at God's right hand he stands and brings us life from heaven.
 Therefore let us joyful be and sing to God right thankfully loud songs of hallelujah! Hallelujah!

So let us keep the festival to which the Lord invites us;
 Christ is the very joy of all, the sun that warms and lights us.
 Now his grace to us imparts eternal sunshine to our hearts; the night of sin is ended. Hallelujah!

Then let us feast this Easter day on Christ, the bread of heaven;
 the Word of grace has purged away the old and evil leaven.
 Christ alone, our holy meal, the hungry soul will feed and heal; faith lives upon no other! Hallelujah!

We give thanks to God for many offerings, including:

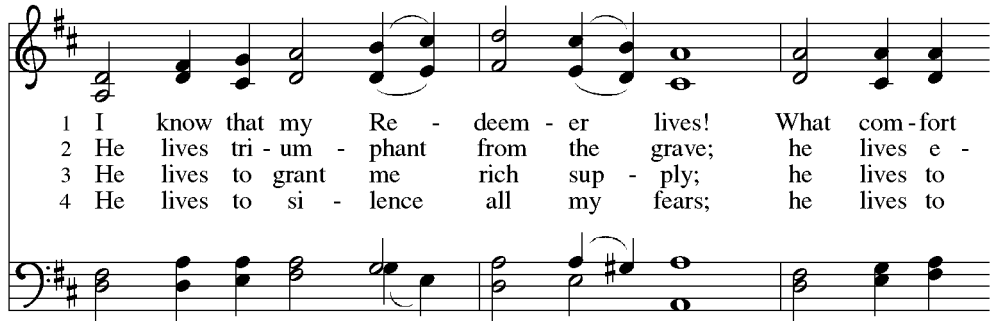
- the gift of Easter Lilies by Teresa Ringness in memory of Jeffrey David Tice;
- the Easter Cross, from the Christmas tree, fashioned by Terry Porter;
- those who prepared our hospitality time;
- those who prepare & serve food for those who are hungry;
- those who give financially;
- those who offer the gifts of art & music, poetry & preaching to glorify God;
- the gifts of children's wonder & elders wisdom;
- those who advocate, heal, teach, & serve;
- those who work, pray, & protest for peace and justice;
- every blessing today, and for the joy of welcoming God's presence in one another.



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

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

I Know My Redeemer Lives



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to
4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,
guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort
wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738–1799, alt.
Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

OFFERING PRAYER

Living God,

**you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your reign of peace,
and you welcome us all at your table.**

Abide in us through this meal,

that we may be nourished and blessed in Jesus Christ, our risen Savior and Lord. Amen.

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, living, and loving God . . .
and with a love stronger than death,
gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed...

Remembering, therefore,
Christ's life-giving death
and glorious resurrection,
we await your promised life
for all this hurting and beautiful world.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again!

Breathe your Spirit on us . . .
clothed in the new life of Christ.

Remember, Lord, your one, holy, . . .
and preserve us in peace.

Remember the people of the nations . . .
a new, peaceful day with lasting justice.

Remember the sick and all who cry out . . .
grant them healing and restoration.

Remember the people in this assembly . . .
that we may live for you alone.

Remember all who have died . . .
through the resurrection of Christ.

Through Christ all glory and honor
is yours, Almighty God,
with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church, both now and forever.

Amen!

PADRE NUESTRO

Joining our prayers with all of Christ's disciples, let us pray 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 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.**

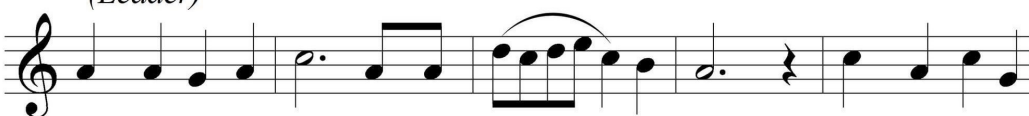
PARTIENDO EL PAN/BREAKING THE BREAD *Christ, Our Paschal Lamb*

(All)




Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

(Leader)



Christ, our pas-chal lamb, has been sac - ri - ficed. There-fore, let us

(All)



keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: 1 Corinthians 5:7,8

Music: Michael E. Krentz, b. 1954, based on *Christ lag in Todesbanden*

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 remain 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

Sergiu Popa

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.

Sergiu Popa is a virtuoso accordionist based in Montreal, Canada. He is a specialist in the traditional music of the Eastern Europe and the Balkans, while at the same time having an exceptional ability to adapt and borrow from different styles including jazz, Latin, and music from the middle east.

The assembly remains seated as we offer our thanks.

ORACIÓN DESPUÉS DE LA COMUNIÓN

Living God, thank you for making your home with us in this holy meal.
Empowered by the Spirit, may we wipe away tears,
tend to those in mourning and pain,
seek the healing of the nations,
and bring to earth the presence of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

✝ENVIO

SENDING✝

ANUNCIOS

The assembly stands.

BENDICIÓN

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

May the blessing of God, ✝
whose Spirit raised Christ to new life,
strengthen you in faith,
enrich you with hope,
and fill you for love, now and forever. **Amen.**

*We are sent with God's presence as we serve
in actions of faith, hope, and love.*

SENDING SONG

#376 Thine Is the Glory

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Go in peace to love and serve in newness of life!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

FESTIVE HOSPITALITY & EGG HUNT

All are invited to a time of festive hospitality on the terrace at the main entrance.

If weather does not permit, we will gather in the fellowship hall.

An Easter Egg hunt for little ones begins in the front courtyard during hospitality time.

CHURCH COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Anuncios de la Comunidad de la Iglesia

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 andymaclaren@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.

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!

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

PRAYER LIST REQUESTS: WE PRAY FOR...

04/7/2023

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.

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SAVE THE DATE

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

Join us for the longest-running community & social event of FELC (since 1964): the FELC 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. *All are welcome!*

THE EASTER SEASON

The Easter season is the church's fifty day celebration of the resurrection of Christ. It is the time of greatest joy as we gather in the good news of God's victory over death and the power to renew our lives in Christ. It is the counter-balance to the forty day season of Lent that prepared us for such great celebration. In the tradition of the whole church, it was also the time for the newly baptized to deepen their connection to Christ through sharing in the resurrection meal of communion, and to experience the mystery of new life in Christ as a gift of grace. **A Paschal candle** is a central symbol in the church's worship life. The paschal candle, newly made and lit throughout the Easter season, shines forth with the light of Christ's resurrection, reminding us that we have new life in resurrection love.

SIRVIENDO/SERVING			
Altar Care Server	Margaret Bruesch	Lector	Nancy Neuse
Assisting Minister	Shannon Aguirre	Livestream Ministers	Margaret Bruesch, JP Northcutt-Benson
Communion Ministers	Nikki Northcutt, Leigh Northcutt-Benson	Music Ministers	FELC Choir; Oliver Rajamani, Sergiu Popa
Children's Minister	Nikki Northcutt	Offering Counters	Trish and Bob Karli
Crucifer	Jerry Don Aguirre	Hospitality Hosts	Anne Wiebe, leader
Easter Egg Hunt	Betsy Appleton, Henri Atkinson, Anne Wiebe	Presiding Minister	J. Mills
		Ushers	Randy Baden, Terry Porter



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