

Holy Week: The Three Days

Holy Thursday

March 28, 2024

Noon ~ ONSITE

7pm ~ 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.

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.

The ELCA's Truth & Healing Movement is an opportunity for the church to increase our understanding of our impacts on Indigenous people in the past and present. Over the next several months, there will be opportunities to learn, raise awareness and engage in other ways to impact hearts and lives across this church. We believe that the truth, and our knowing and embracing it, is the first step toward healing for all of us.

If this is one of your first times to connect with FELC, WELCOME! **Use the online Welcome Visitors information form** and provide feedback on your visit:

<http://www.felcaustin.org/forms/visitors>.

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

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

We welcome children in the liturgy with a Spirit Space. Children with adults are invited 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. Adults have places to sit while worshipping with children. Children and adults can remain in the Spirit Space 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.

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

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.

‡ al congregarse

gathering ‡

We invite an open mind and heart as we gather.

We continue praying for and supporting the people and leaders of Ukraine as conflict continues, and in many places. We light a candle in the chancel (with the colors of the Ukrainian flag) each week.

Holy Week & The Three Days

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 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 (Good) Friday is the solemn day of honoring Jesus’ death, receiving in the way of the cross—rejection, suffering, death—the power of God to redeem and transform us. At Easter (and for 50 days after) we celebrate that Christ renews our lives and the cosmos.

gathering music

“Aus Tiefer Not Schrei Ich Zu Dir”

arr. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

From deep affliction I cry out to you, Lord God, hear my call;

incline your merciful ear here to me and be open to my prayer!

For if you want to look at this, what sin and injustice is done, who can, Lord, remain before you?

based on Psalm 130

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

The assembly stands, as willing and able, in body or spirit for the gathering song.

gathering song

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.

confesión de pecado

confession of sin

Bless the Lord, ☩ who forgives all our sin.

God's mercy endures forever. Amen.

As the season of Lent concludes, 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 to you and to one another,
and before the whole company of heaven,
that we have sinned by our fault,
by our own fault,
by our own most grievous fault,
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, and mind, and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.
In your great mercy, 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 almighty 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.

absolución individual

individual absolution

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

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.

song (7pm)

Nada te Turbe

Saint Teresa of Ávila (1515-1582); Jacques Berthier (1923-1994), Taizé, France

The musical score for 'Nada te Turbe' is presented in three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

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.

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

kyrie, eleison

Franz Schubert (ELW 152)

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

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Detailed description: This system consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. It features a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing harmonic support. The lyrics are 'Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.' with a 'Lord,' marking above the second measure of each phrase.

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

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

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

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saludo**greeting**

The abundant grace of Jesus Christ, the reconciling love of God, and the everlasting communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
And also with you.

oración del día**prayer of the day**

Let us pray . . .

Holy God, source of all love, in the time 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 he was the servant of all; we ask this through the same 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.

primera lectura

Exodus 12:1-14 New Revised Standard Version - English Updated

¹The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

The Word of the Lord.

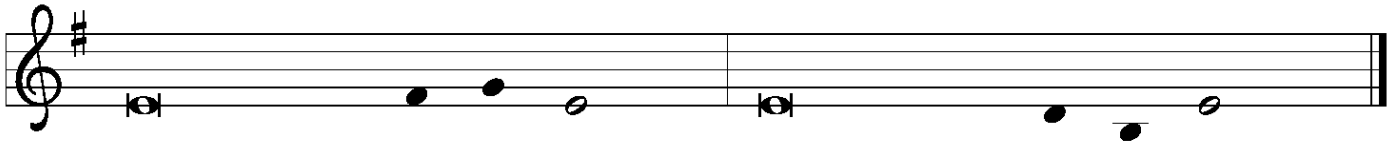
Thanks be to God.

respuesta (7pm)

response

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 (ELW)

The choir and the assembly chant the psalm responsively.



¹I love the Lord, who has | heard my voice,
and listened to my | supplication,

²**for the Lord has given | ear to me
whenev- | er I called.**

¹²How shall I re- | pay the Lord
for all the good things God has | done for me?

¹³**I will lift the cup | of salvation
and call on the name | of the Lord.**

¹⁴I will fulfill my vows | to the Lord
in the presence of | all God's people.

¹⁵**Precious in your | sight, O Lord,
is the death | of your servants.**

¹⁶O Lord, truly I | am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me | from my bonds.

¹⁷**I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving
and call upon the name | of the Lord.**

¹⁸I will fulfill my vows | to the Lord
in the presence of | all God's people,

¹⁹**in the courts of | the Lord's house,
in the midst of you | O Jerusalem.**

²³For 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, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁵In 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.” ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

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.*

gospel acclamation

Joel Martinson (b. 1960); Psalm 119:41-42

A soloist sings the acclamation first, then all repeat.



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

The holy gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now 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. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him.

And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then 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. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus 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." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²After 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? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."

^{31b}“Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him.
³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

La asamblea se sienta. / The assembly is seated.

sermón

lavatorio de pies (7pm)

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.

During the footwashing, the assembly proclaims the word of God in song.

music during the footwashing (7pm)

Ubi Caritas et amor (ELW 642)
Jacques Berthier (1923-1994), Taizé, France

The musical score is written for a four-part setting. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The first system contains the lyrics: "U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor, / Where true char - i - ty and love a - bide,". The second system contains the lyrics: "u - bi ca - ri - tas, De - us i - bi est. / God is dwell - ing there; God is dwell - ing there." The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note accompaniment in the left hand and chords in the right hand. The vocal line features a simple melody with some triplets in the second system.

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
Where true char - i - ty and love a - bide,

u - bi ca - ri - tas, De - us i - bi est.
God is dwell - ing there; God is dwell - ing there.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, ho - ly and might - y,

The first system of musical notation consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes with some slurs. The lower staff is in bass clef and provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and some moving lines. The lyrics are printed below the upper staff.

ho - ly and im - mor - tal, have mer - cy on us.

The second system of musical notation also consists of two staves in the same key signature and clefs as the first system. The melody continues with eighth and quarter notes, ending with a double bar line. The accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines. The lyrics are printed below the upper staff.

oraciones de intercesión

prayers of intercession

The assembly may kneel or sit for the intercession.

*Following each intercession: Merciful God, **hear our prayer.***

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths untrodden, through things unknown. **Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us, and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The assembly stands.

✠ **comida**

meal ✠

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.

ofreciendo invitación

offering invitation

An offering is gathered for the mission of God in the world through the care of those in need.

Worshippers may also give online: www.felcaustin.org/information/giving

offering music (7pm)

Locus Iste

Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

based on Genesis 28:16, Exodus 3:5

Locus iste a Deo factus est,
inaestimabile sacramentum;
irreprehensibilis est.

This place was made by God,
a priceless sacrament;
it is without reproach.

The assembly stands.

Bread, wine, money, and other gifts are presented, and the altar is prepared.

presentación de las ofrendas (7pm)

What Shall I Render

John Arthur(1922-1980); Psalm 119:41-42

What shall I ren- der to the Lord for all his ben - e - fits to me?

I will of- fer the sac- ri - fice of thanks- giv - ing and will call on the

name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal - va - tion and will

call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the

pres- ence of all his peo - ple, in the courts of the Lord's house,

in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

offering prayer

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 eucarística (noon-spoken)

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, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

sanctus: holy, holy, holy

Joel Martinson



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

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,
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.

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!

oración de los discípulos

disciple's prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom as we pray, in our own languages, as you have 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.

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

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu nombre.
Venga tu reino.
Hágase tu voluntad
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas
como también nosotros
perdonamos a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos
del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder,
y tuya es la gloria,
ahora y siempre. Amén.

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

La asamblea se sienta. / The assembly is seated.

partiendo el pan

breaking of the bread ~ Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
 take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

invitación a la comunión

invitation to communion

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.

communion 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 remain kneeling or seated in prayer, meditation, and singing.

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

musica de comunion (7pm)

Bless the Lord, My Soul

Psalm 103; Taizé, France

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

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

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."

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The assembly remains seated as we offer our thanks.

oración después de la comunión

prayer after communion

Let us pray . . . 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 our lives; for you live and reign, now and forever. **Amen.**

la desnudación del altar (7pm)

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 being offered to death, in preparation for Friday. At the conclusion of the psalm, the altar is washed in silence. This altar of God being washed with wine and water is a further act of care at death.

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

¹My God, my God, why have you for-^lsaken me?

Why so far from saving me, so far from the words^l of my groaning?

²My God, I cry out by day, but you^l do not answer;
by night, but I^l find no rest.

³Yet you are the^l Holy One,
enthroned on the prais-^les of Israel.

⁴Our ancestors put their^l trust in you,
they trusted, and you^l rescued them.

⁵They cried out to you and^l were delivered;
they trusted in you and were not^l put to shame.

⁶But as for me, I am a worm^l and not human,
scorned by all and despised^l by the people.

⁷All who see me laugh^l me to scorn;
they curl their lips; they^l shake their heads.

⁸“Trust in the LORD; let the^l LORD deliver;
let God rescue him if God so de-^llights in him.”

⁹Yet you are the one who drew me forth^l from the womb,
and kept me safe on my^l mother’s breast.

¹⁰I have been entrusted to you ever since^l I was born;
you were my God when I was still in my^l mother’s womb.

¹¹Be not far from me, for trou-^lble is near,
and there is no^l one to help.

¹²Many young bulls en-^lcircle me;

strong bulls of Ba-^l shan surround me.

¹³They open wide their^l jaws at me,
like a slashing and^l roaring lion.

¹⁴I am poured out like water; all my bones are^l out of joint;
my heart within my breast is^l melting wax.

¹⁵My strength is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the roof^l of my mouth;
and you have laid me in the^l dust of death.

¹⁶Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers^l circles round me;
they pierce my hands^l and my feet.

¹⁷I can count^l all my bones
while they stare at^l me and gloat.

¹⁸They divide my gar-^lments among them;
for my clothing,^l they cast lots.

¹⁹But you, O LORD, be not^l far away;
O my help, hasten^l to my aid.

²⁰Deliver me^l from the sword,
my life from the power^l of the dog.

²¹Save me from the^l lion's mouth!
From the horns of wild bulls you have^l rescued me.

²²I will declare your name^l to my people;
in the midst of the assembly^l I will praise you.

²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's^l line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off-^lspring of Israel.

²⁴For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither is the LORD's face hid-^lden from them;
but when they cry out,^l the LORD hears them.

²⁵From you comes my praise in the^l great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who^l fear the LORD.

²⁶The poor shall eat^l and be satisfied.

Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts^l live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn^l to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow^l before God.

²⁸For dominion belongs^l to the LORD,
who rules o-^lver the nations.

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow^l down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be-^lfore the LORD.

³⁰Their descendants shall^l serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to genera-^ltions to come.

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people^l yet unborn,
saying to them, "The^l LORD has acted!"

The liturgy ends in silence and continues tomorrow at noon or 7:00 pm.

You may remain for silent prayer. All depart in silence.

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anuncios de la comunidad de la iglesia church community announcements

Holy Week & Easter Day at FELC

Holy Week & Easter liturgies invite us into the central story of our faith: the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ that renews our lives. We hope you make the most of these worship opportunities for your own spiritual renewal and our community connections.

Holy (Good) Friday: March 29, 2024 at Noon and 7pm

The Rev. Robert Karli, preaching

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

Holy Saturday, The Great Easter Vigil: March 30, 2024 at 7:59pm (Sunset)

The Rev. Bradley Fuerst, presiding

- 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
- Choral music
- Festive reception following the liturgy

All Sunday morning and Holy Week evening liturgies will be livestreamed on YouTube.

Easter Sunday Worship & Hospitality: March 31, 2024 at 10am (on campus & online)

The Rev. Robert Karli, preaching; The Rev. Bradley Fuerst, presiding

- 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
- Celebration of Baptisms
- Choral and instrumental music
- Festive hospitality after worship
- Easter Egg hunt during hospitality (*bring a basket for little ones*)

word in season devotional booklets

April-June devotional books are available in the narthex at the main church entrance and near the Second Readings Library in the hallway to the fellowship hall. Large print editions are also available.

calendar of feasts & commemorations this week

Hans Nielsen Hauge, renewer of the church, died 1824

Friday, March 29, 2024

Hauge was a layperson who wished to revitalize the church in Norway. As a result of a mystical experience, he felt called to preach. Many professionals in the church feared his motives and influence, and he was imprisoned for leading unauthorized gatherings.

John Donne, poet, died 1631

Sunday, March 31, 2024

After finishing his education at Oxford University, Donne seemed headed for a career in the English public service. But a series of circumstances led him into the ordained ministry. He is well known as a writer of both secular and sacred poetry.

Benedict the African, confessor, died 1589

Thursday, April 4, 2024

Born into slavery on the island of Sicily, Benedict lived as a hermit until the pope ordered all hermits to attach themselves to a monastery, at which time Benedict joined the Franciscans. Though illiterate, he was highly respected as a confessor and later superior of his community.

Albrecht Dürer, died 1528; Matthias Grünewald, died 1529;

Lucas Cranach, died 1553; artists

Saturday, April 6, 2024

These great artists revealed through their work the mystery of salvation and the wonder of creation. Dürer's work reflected the apocalyptic spirit of his time. Though he remained a Roman Catholic, he was sympathetic to Martin Luther's reforming work. Grünewald's paintings are known for their dramatic forms, vivid colors, and depiction of light. Cranach's work includes many fine religious examples and several portraits of Martin Luther. Cranach was also widely known for his woodcuts.

Prayer list: we pray for...

the citizens, immigrants, and refugees of the United States;
the national, state, and local leaders of the United States;
the people of Ukraine, Russia, and the Middle East;
all communities and families living with gun violence;
all who protect, defend, feed, and care for others; our care ministers;
all who are LGBTQIA2S+, and for allies who advocate for safety, justice, and equity;
God's guidance for our faith community in this time of transition and renewal;
our staff, child development center board of directors, and congregation council;
Leon Noren, for healing; Marjorie Dawson, in hope for good health reports;
and those seeking healing and justice.

The FELC Prayer Circle gathers faithfully to offer prayer (including confidentially)
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