

## WORD & EUCHARIST

# THE DAY OF PENTECOST | DIA DE PENTECOSTÉS

MAY 19, 2024

10:00 AM ~ ONLINE & ONSITE



God Loves. We Love.  
Everyone!  
Dios Ama. Amamos.  
Todos!

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# Bienvenidos!

# Everyone Is welcome. This means you.

**Welcome to First English Lutheran Church.** You're invited to fully participate in a community of faith and friendship that gathers for worship, relationship building, personal growth, and service in the community and the world. Following the example of Christ, this congregation welcomes you exactly as you are. We are committed to the work of racial equity, justice, and advocating for marginalized groups. We welcome people in all places on the journey of faith and life. We celebrate differences in age, appearance, economic status, ethnic origin, nationality, race, family configuration, marital or relationship status, political leaning, religious background, and those who are differently abled physically or mentally.

Since 1989, FELC has openly welcomed persons of all sexual orientations and gender identities and expressions to full participation in the church and society. We're Lutheran, so that means we believe in grace for everyone. The good news of Jesus Christ, who brings us the love and mercy of God as a gift, liberates us to love as we are loved, serve as we are served, and give as we have been given much. We rejoice in the diversity that has nurtured and enriched the whole church. Whether you're from another faith tradition, a seeker and questioner looking for more to life and a place to explore, or even a lifelong Lutheran, we're glad to have you.

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

## **Land Acknowledgement**

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. We believe that the truth, and our knowing and embracing it, is a first step toward healing for all of us.

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

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 this worship service with a Spirit Space.** Children with adults are invited to a space in the Chapel of the Saints 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 they offer.

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

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

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

## **THE 50TH DAY OF EASTER | PENTECOST**

**The Easter season concludes today on this fiftieth day** (the name comes from the Greek pentekoste, “fiftieth”) of the celebration of the resurrection of Christ. It refers to the festival celebrated on the fiftieth day after Passover, also known as the “Feast of Weeks” and the “Feast of 50 days” in rabbinic tradition. Eastertide is the time of greatest joy as we’ve gathered in the good news of God’s victory over death and God’s power to renew our lives in Christ. Today we celebrate the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. The primary color of red on this day symbolizes the fire and power of that Spirit in the church and in the world.

### **✚AL CONGREGARSE**

### **GATHERING✚**

*Everyone is welcome here! This means you.*

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

### **Gathering Music**

### ***Veni Sancte Spiritus***

*Text for meditation:*

Come, Holy Spirit, from heaven shine forth with your glorious light.

Come, Father of the poor, come, generous Spirit, come, light of our hearts.

You are only comforter, Peace of the soul.

In the heat you shade us; in our labor you refresh us, and in trouble you are our strength.

Veni Sancte Spiritus.

### **Reconocimiento de Tierras**

### **Land Acknowledgement**

We acknowledge the presence of God having existed before this region’s conquest in ages past, on land once belonging to the Coahuiltecan, Comanche, Tonkawa, and Jumanos peoples; land where we now live, move, and have our being, striving to honor the land and lifting up histories beyond our own.

*The singing bowls sound.*

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

# Gathering Song

# Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling | ELW #582



1 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er dwell-ing in the ho-liest realms of light;  
2 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er liv-ing as the church's ver-y life;  
3 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er work-ing through the church's min-is-try;



Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er brood-ing o'er a world of gloom and night;  
Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er striv-ing through us in a cease-less strife;  
quick-'ning, strength-'ning, and ab-solv-ing, set-ting cap-tive sin-ners free;



Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er rais-ing those of earth to thrones on high;  
Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er form-ing in the church the mind of Christ:  
Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er bind-ing age to age and soul to soul



liv-ing, life-im-part-ing Spir-it, you we praise and mag-ni-fy.  
you we praise with end-less wor-ship for your gifts and fruits un-priced.  
in com-mu-nion nev-er end-ing, you we wor-ship and ex-tol.

Text: Timothy Rees, 1874–1939, alt.

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710

*The assembly offers acclamations and songs printed in bold.*

## Saludo

## Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

There is one body and one Spirit.

**There is one hope in God's call to us.**

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism.

**One God who created us all.**

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

**And also with you.**

## Oración del Día

## Prayer of the Day

God our creator, the resurrection of Christ offers life to all the peoples of earth.

By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love,  
empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise;  
we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
who lives and reigns, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Les damos la Bienvenida!

## Welcome!

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

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

## Primera Lectura

## Ezekiel 37:1-14

New Revised Standard Version - English Updated

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.”

<sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” <sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**





<sup>34</sup>May these words of <sup>l</sup> mine please God.

I will rejoice <sup>l</sup> in the LORD.

<sup>35b</sup>**Bless the LORD, <sup>l</sup> O my soul.**

**Hal- <sup>l</sup> lelujah! Refrain**

music: Michael Coffey (b. 1966)

Inspired by *Emtini Wababe* by Vusi Mahlasela (b. 1965)

## Second Reading

**Acts 2:1-21**

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. <sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>“In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

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

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

## Gospel Acclamation

Zimbabwe

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

Verse: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts<sup>l</sup> of your people,\*  
and kindle in us the fire<sup>l</sup> of your love.

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said,] <sup>26</sup>“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. <sup>27</sup>You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

<sup>16:4b</sup>“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup>But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. <sup>7</sup>Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>about sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

<sup>12</sup>“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

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

**Sermón**

*The assembly stands to sing.*

**Hymn of the Day**

**Veni, Sancte Spiritus** (repeated)

*text/music: Taize*

Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.      Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.  
 Ho - ly Spir - it,    come to us.      Ho - ly Spir - it,    come to us.

*The Easter season is the 50-day celebration of the resurrection of Christ. It's also the time for the newly baptized to deepen their connection to God and God's people. **A Paschal candle is a central symbol** in the church's worship life. It's made each year and lit throughout the Easter season, and at other times. We shine with the light of God's love.*

## **Affirmation of Faith**

Let us boldly make affirmation of our faith before God and embrace the life of the Spirit. If you are not a disciple of Jesus, may this affirmation be a sign of blessing and an invitation to deeper relationships in the life of the Church.

I ask you to profess faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the whole 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.**

Do you believe in God 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.**

*Water is poured into the font as the assembly gives thanks.*

## **Thanksgiving for Pentecost**

Creator God, send upon us your Spirit of life.

**We praise you for the gift of your Spirit.**

Enliven your presence in the earth, water, and air we breathe.

**We praise you for the gift of your Spirit.**

We give thanks for the many and varied talents and skills we share together.

**We praise you for the gift of your Spirit.**

As you anointed us with your Spirit, renew us now.

**Help us to be faithful.**

As you empowered Jesus to be your servant, empower us with the same love and courage.

**Help us to be faithful.**

Renew us and your whole church with energy and compassion to serve others.

**Help us to be faithful.**

For the peace your holy presence brings:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the light your Spirit shining into our lives:

**Christ, have mercy.**

For the hope that you stir up in us every day:

**Lord, have mercy.**

Thanks be to God, the Father, source of all life and being.

**Thanks be to God, creator of us all.**

Thanks be to God, the Son, who grants us all grace.

**Thanks be to God, healer of us all**

Thanks be to God, the Spirit, the fire of love in our hearts.

**Thanks be to God, lover of us all.**

## Renewal of Baptismal Vows

You have made public affirmation of your faith.

Do you intend to live 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.**

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.**

## Prayer of the Spirit

The light of the Spirit's presence now burns bright in each of us. In this confidence, challenge, and hope, let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to 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.**

**✝ 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 on YouTube or to text someone.*

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

## Ofreciendo Invitación

## Offering Invitation

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

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

## Offering Music

## “O Living Breath of God”

Osvaldo Catena (1920-1986)

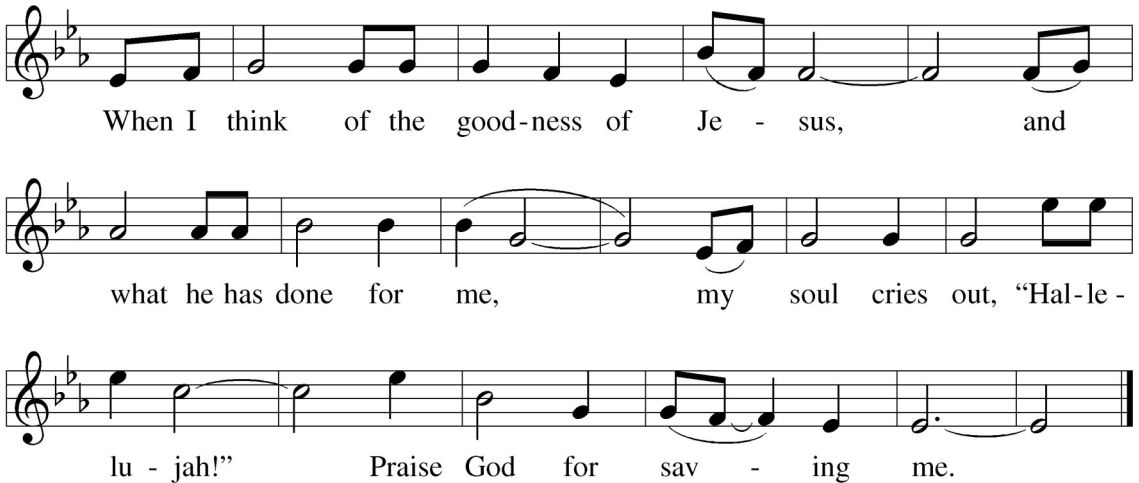
music: Värvindar Friska, Swedish folk tune

The assembly stands.

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

## Presentación de las Ofrendas

## “When I Think of the Goodness of Jesus”



When I think of the good-ness of Je - sus, and  
what he has done for me, my soul cries out, “Hal-le -  
lu - jah!” Praise God for sav - ing me.

## 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 Eucharística

ELW, Setting 1 Thomas Pavlechko (b. 1963)

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.

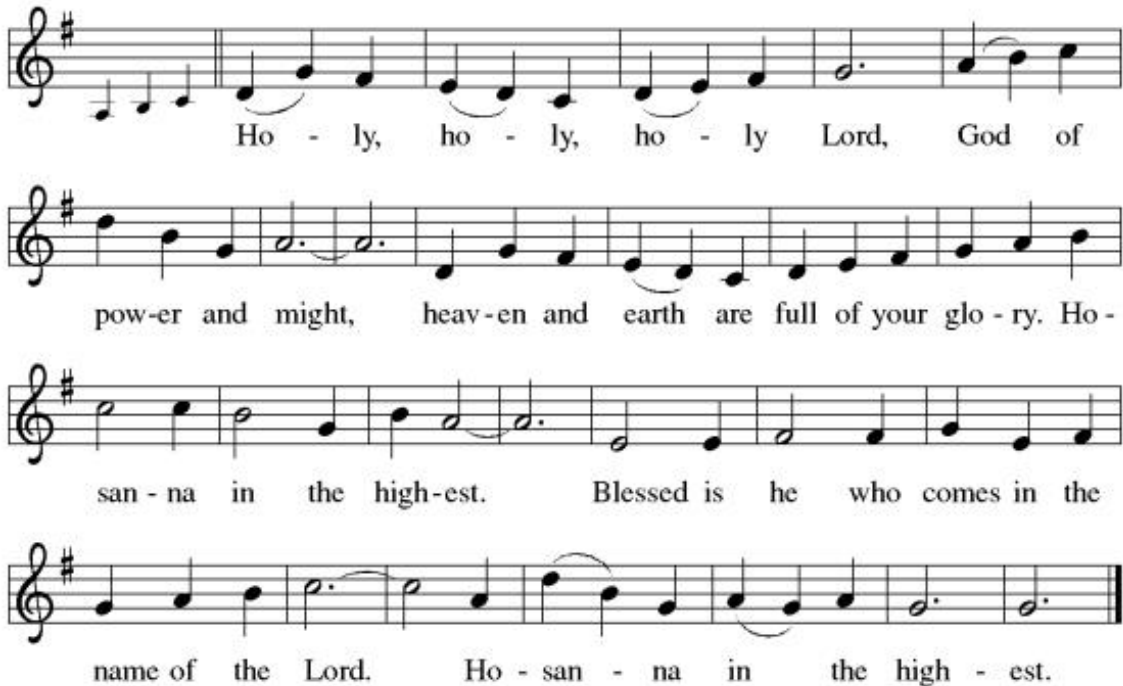
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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



## Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW, Setting 1



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. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. 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 . . .

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 . . . 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 love alone.

Remember all the blessed dead . . . through the power of your love.

Through Christ ✠ all glory and honor is yours, Almighty God,

with the Holy Spirit, in the church and in the world, both now and forever. **Amen!**

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

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

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

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

**Padre nuestro que estás en el  
cielo, santificado sea tu  
nombre. Venga tu reino.  
Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra  
como en el cielo. Danos hoy  
nuestro pan de cada 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.**

## Acclamation

Alleluia! Christ our Paschal Lamb is sacrificed for us.

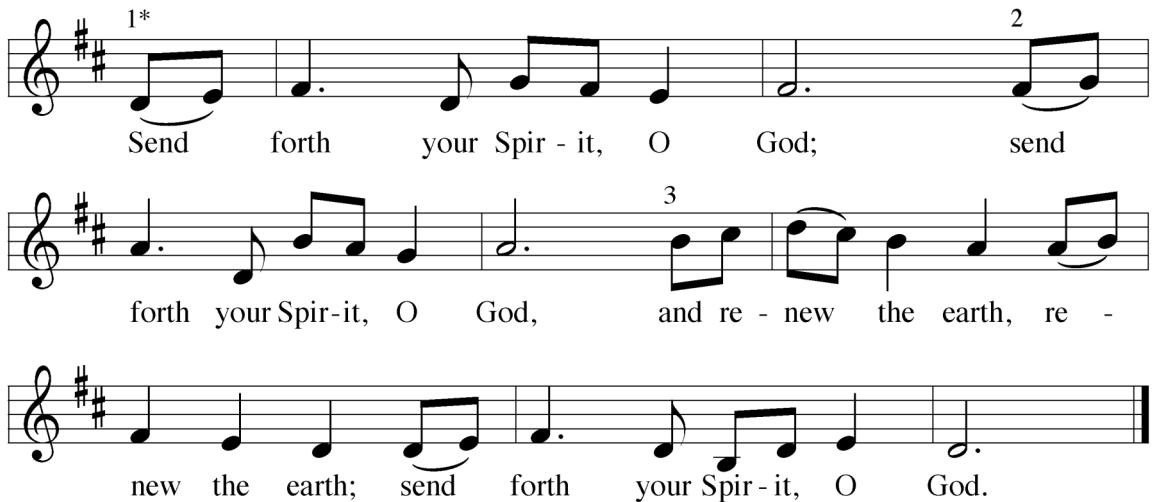
**Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!**

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

## Partiendo el Pan

**Send Forth Your Spirit** (repeated)

Based on Psalm 104:30; Marty Haugen (b.1956)



1\*  
Send forth your Spir - it, O God; send

2  
forth your Spir-it, O God, and re - new the earth, re -

3  
new the earth; send forth your Spir - it, O God.

## Invitación a la Comunión

### 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 by the center aisle to a station to receive bread in your hand. Proceed to a station and receive a small cup, where wine will be poured. Gluten-free wafers/grape juice are available. Please ask a minister. Return to your seat by a side aisle.*

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

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

## Musica de Comunión

**“Where He Leads Me/He Leadeth Me”**

John Norris/Wm. Bradbury, arr. By Brant Adams

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

## **Oración Después de la Comunión**

## **Prayer after Communion**

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths untrodden, through things unknown.

**Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us, and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **✠ ENVIO**

## **SENDING ✠**

### **Anuncios**

### **Announcements**

*Please read your bulletin and view our website for information on ministries.*

*For those in the building, following the liturgy, we invite you to a time of hospitality in the Fellowship Hall.*

### **Farewell & Godspeed**

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

### **Bendición**

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.**

## Sending Song

## Send Forth Your Spirit

Based on Psalm 104:30; Marty Haugen (b.1956)

Musical score for the song "Send Forth Your Spirit" in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a first ending bracket labeled "1\*" and ends with a second ending bracket labeled "2". The lyrics are: "Send forth your Spir - it, O God; send". The second staff begins with a triplet bracket labeled "3" and ends with a fermata. The lyrics are: "forth your Spir-it, O God, and re - new the earth, re -". The third staff ends with a fermata. The lyrics are: "new the earth; send forth your Spir - it, O God."

## Dismissal to Mission

Filled with the Holy Spirit, let us go into the world in peace.

**Thanks be to God!**

## CHURCH COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Learning Ministry

There are no Faith Formation sessions scheduled for Memorial Day Weekend, Sunday, May 26. We will reconvene for more learning in June.

### Transition Team Update: May 13

The FELC Transition Team will be presenting the draft of our Ministry Site Profile (MSP) and Seven Reflections on Ministry and Context to the Council this week. We are grateful for your prayers and support as we work together with the Council to finalize the MSP package in the coming weeks. With joy and thanks, Allen Jensen, Barbara Schutz, Erin McCracken, Lillian Martinez-Rodriguez, Nikki Northcutt, Randy Baden, and Tim Atkinson. Contact [FELCTransitionMinistry@felcaustin.org](mailto:FELCTransitionMinistry@felcaustin.org).

### **Micah 6 Youth Drop In Meal | May 25**

First English will be providing and serving dinner for the Micah 6 Youth Drop In Center on Saturday, May 25, 2—4 pm. Brian Neidig will be providing the main dish - a beefy cheesy enchilada casserole. If you would like to provide beans, rice, salad or dessert for the meal or if you are available to serve the meal, contact Heidi Goebel, [heidigoebel@sbcglobal.net](mailto:heidigoebel@sbcglobal.net).

### **Backpacks and Canned Foods Needed for Micah 6 Ministries | May**

We will continue to collect new and used backpacks for Micah 6 ministries during the month of May. Leave backpacks in the bucket in the north transept. In addition, we will collect canned meat, canned fruits, canned veggies other than green beans or peas, and any reusable clothing items. Leave food and clothing donations in the bucket in front of the pulpit or in the narthex at the main entrance of the church. Contact Andy MacLaren, [andymaclaren@cs.com](mailto:andymaclaren@cs.com), 512-947-4186.

**Visit our website to learn more about the FELC welcome, worship, community life, learning, engagement, racial justice and reconciliation ministries, our child development center, and ways to care and serve.**

Since 1972, **the First English Lutheran Child Development Center** has been serving the community by offering safe, loving, and engaging care for children (infant - 5 years) and families of the Austin area. Our mission is to provide a quality full-day child care experience that helps each child develop cognitively, physically, socially, and emotionally, and we're passionate about our work. Visit <https://www.firstenglishcdc.org> or call 512-478-5424.

## **FEASTS, COMMEMORATIONS, & PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

### **Tuesday, May 21, 2024 | Helena, mother of Constantine, died around 330**

Influenced by her son to become Christian, Helena (or Helen) lived an exemplary life of faith. She is also remembered for traveling through Palestine building churches on the sites she believed to be associated with Christ's life.

### **Friday, May 24, 2024 | Nicolaus Copernicus, died 1543; Leonhard Euler, died 1783; scientists**

These two men were both scientists who helped to explain the wonders of God's universe. Copernicus is best known for promoting the idea that the sun, not the earth, is at the center of our solar system. Euler was one of the founders of pure mathematics, and contributed to many other fields.

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

the citizens, immigrants, and refugees of the United States;  
the national, state, local leaders of the United States;  
the people of Ukraine, Russia, and the Middle East, and all places of war;  
all communities and families, including those living with gun violence;  
all in need of safe shelter, nourishing food, & quality care, and for those who offer it;  
children, families, and caregivers living with and experiencing child abuse;  
those responding to severe weather;  
all who offer protection, defense, and advocacy, in this community and in our nation;  
all who are LGBTQIA2S+, and for allies who advocate for safety, justice, and equity;  
the United Methodist Church as they fully welcome the leadership of all;  
all those graduating and for those seeking new opportunities;  
all the congregations, ministry settings, and leaders of the Southwestern Texas Synod;  
God's guidance for our faith community in this time of transition and renewal;  
our staff, congregation council, and child development center board of directors,  
our child development center students and families;  
our care ministers;  
all are beloved who are homebound;  
Anne Wiebe, as she recovers from surgery;  
David Francis, William Nix, and Aditi Mitra, newly baptized on Easter Day;  
Micah 6 Ministries; our benevolence ministry partners: LuMin, Global Refuge, and FELCDC;  
all people seeking healing and justice; and all in any need and thanksgiving.

**The FELC Prayer Circle** gathers faithfully to offer prayer (including confidentially)  
contact: [bschutz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bschutz@sbcglobal.net).

### **Ministers Serving in Learning, Liturgy & Hospitality**

Ministers	All the People of God
Adult Faith Formation	Bailey Barlow
Altar Care	Claudia Barlow
Assisting Minister	Nikki Northcutt
Children's Faith Formation	Bailey Barlow
Lector	Desmond Peterson, Betsy Appleton
Livestream Minister	JP Northcutt-Benson
Music Ministers	FELC Choir; Paula Limberg, French horn
Offering Counter	Terry Porter
Hospitality Hosts	Nancy & Randy Baden
Presiding Minister	Rev. Bob Karli
Ushers	Randy Baden, Terry Porter

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FELC is in a transition ministry that includes the transition itself and the call process for our next pastor of word and sacrament. This transition is the work of the whole congregation and our partners, to God's glory, and for the congregation and community. For more information visit the *FELC in Transition page on our website*.

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