

The Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 12, 2026 | 10 AM
Word & Eucharist | Onsite & Online



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

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Everyone is welcome. This means you.

Welcome to First English Lutheran Church & Child Development Center (FELC). We are a congregation of the Southwestern Texas Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). You are 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.

Worship is at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we encounter God, express our theology, define our identity, and are formed and transformed as the people of God. As we are gathered together, we receive the Word of God, give thanks, and are sent to be living, active images of divine love.

FELC is 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. For more on our welcome and life, visit www.felcaustin.org.

When we gather in the **Chapel of the Saints**, we gather as the saints of God in prayer, worship, and community. We gather with the saints of the past that we remember in various ways: the names engraved on the Columbarium, the Cloud of Witnesses mobile hanging in the Chapel containing the names of all who have died at FELC since 1936, and the icons displayed on the walls that remind us of people who inspire our faith and action today. The icons in the Chapel, by artist Kelly Latimore, are diverse saints, ancient and contemporary, and eight more are installed in the hallway outside the north transept entrance. The Columbarium consists of separate niches that can hold up to two urns each.

All Gender Restrooms, with infant changing tables, are located in the hallway off of the sanctuary near the fellowship hall. **Hearing assistance devices** are available for the sanctuary, with two options: an earpiece, or a hearing loop for those who use hearing aids; please connect with an usher for a hearing assistance device. **Seat cushions**, for use on our wood pews and chairs are available from an usher in the narthex.

We acknowledge the presence of God's people living on this land long before European conquest. These lands and waters have sustained the Coahuiltecan, Comanche, Jumanos, Lipan Apache, Sana, Tonkawa, and other indigenous peoples for thousands of years. Gathering today to worship on ancestral homelands, we acknowledge and honor our indigenous sisters, siblings, and brothers who continue to care for the land and water and call this land home.

✝ GATHERING ✝

Christ is risen! It is often hard to believe, to actually trust. Because believing is challenging, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Faith is an investment. The stories of John the Evangelist provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. We are invited to recognize Christ's presence all around us, and then serving Christ's life-changing peace in all the world. Christ's mind, hands, feet, and body in the world come to life through us and through all creation. Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Hymns and Songs are found in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) red book in the pew rack.

Gathering Music

Call to Worship

from 1 Peter 1:3-9

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By God's great mercy we have been given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed. ⁶ In this we rejoice, even if now while we have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so that the genuineness of faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Although we have not seen him, we love him, and even though we do not see him now, we trust and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹ for we are receiving the outcome of faith, the salvation of our souls.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

At sound of the singing bowls, we stand, as able, and turn to face the main entrance of the nave.



- ¹ Protect me O God, for I take ref-^luge in you;
I have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord my good a-^lbove all other.”
- ² **All my delight is in the godly that are^l in the land,
upon those who are noble a-^lmong the people.**
- ³ But those who run after^l other gods
shall have their troubles^l multiplied.
- ⁴ **I will not pour out drink offerings^l to such gods,
never take their names up-^lon my lips.**
- ⁵ O Lord you are my portion^l and my cup;
it is you who up-^lhold my lot.
- ⁶ **My boundaries enclose a^l pleasant land;
indeed I have a^l rich inheritance.**
- ⁷ I will bless the Lord who^l gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night^l after night.
- ⁸ **I have set the Lord al-^lways before me;
because God is at my right hand I shall^l not be shaken.**
- ⁹ My heart therefore is glad, and my spir-^lit rejoices;
my body also shall^l rest in hope.
- ¹⁰ **For you will not abandon me^l to the grave,
nor let your holy one^l see the pit.**
- ¹¹ **You will show me the^l path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your hands are pleasures for-^levermore**

Easter Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Prayer of the Day

The grace of Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, be with you all. **And also with you.**

God of new life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath, revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of Jesus Christ in all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Be seated.

Welcome to Community

✝ WORD ✝

First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ²² “Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know ²³ this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴ But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵ For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; ²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. ²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption. ²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ ²⁹ “Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’ ³² “This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

A Time of Wisdom & Wonder

Children and adults are invited to gather at the baptismal font.

We stand as we welcome Christ in the Good News. We turn to face the cross in procession.

Gospel Acclamation In Procession

Inspired by Emtini Wababe by Vusi Mahlasela, b. 1965



AHe-lu-ia, aHe - lu - ia ____ . AHe-lu-ia, aHe - lu - ia ____ . ____

Al le lu ia, aHe - lu - ia ____ . AHe-lu-ia, al-le ____ lu - ia.

Verse: Blessed are those who | have not seen* and yet have come | to believe. John 20:29

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

Holy Gospel John 20:19-31

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the religious leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When Jesus had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” ²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.” ²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.”

²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to Thomas, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ!**

We sing the Gospel Acclamation.

Sermon

We stand, as able.

Song

Sing to the Lord All My Being

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 image shows a musical score for a song. 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 is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The second system also ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

✠ RENEWAL of HOLY BAPTISM ✠

A Paschal candle is a central symbol in the church's worship life. The paschal candle, lit at baptisms, confirmations, renewals, funerals, and throughout the Easter season, shines with the light of Christ's resurrection, reminding all that we have new life in God's love.

Affirmation of Faith

As we continue to celebrate the joy of resurrection life, let us boldly make affirmation of our faith 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, as fellow disciples of Jesus, to affirm your faith, 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!**

Apostles' Creed

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.**

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

You have made public affirmation of your faith.

Do you intend to live in the covenant God makes 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.

Prayer of the Holy Spirit

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 us 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.**

During the hymn, we are sprinkled with water from the font as a reminder of and invitation to holy baptism.

A prayer list is found on page 18. Intercessions are prayed in the Thanksgiving at the Table.

Hymn of the Day

Now the Green Blades Rises | ELW 379

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872-1958

Music: NOEL NOUVELET, French carol

Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

The exchange of peace within the gathered community is an ancient Christian practice. Gentle signs of reconciliation and love renew and build relationships prior to coming to Christ's table for Eucharist.

✝MEAL✝

Welcome to Communion & Offering

We reflect on our stewardship of the gifts of God entrusted to us for the mission of the church and the care of those in need. God welcomes generosity. Financial gifts may be shared through the offering plate or online at 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!

Here the true Paschal Lamb we see whom God so freely gave us;
He died on the accursed tree—so strong his love—to save us.
See, his blood now marks our door; faith point to it; death passes o'er, and Satan cannot harm us. Hallelujah!

Then let us feast this holy day on Christ, the bread of heaven;
the Word of grace has purged away the old and evil leaven.
Christ alone, our souls will feed, he is our meat and drink indeed; faith lives upon no other! Hallelujah!

We stand as bread, wine, and other gifts are presented and prepared for blessing.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



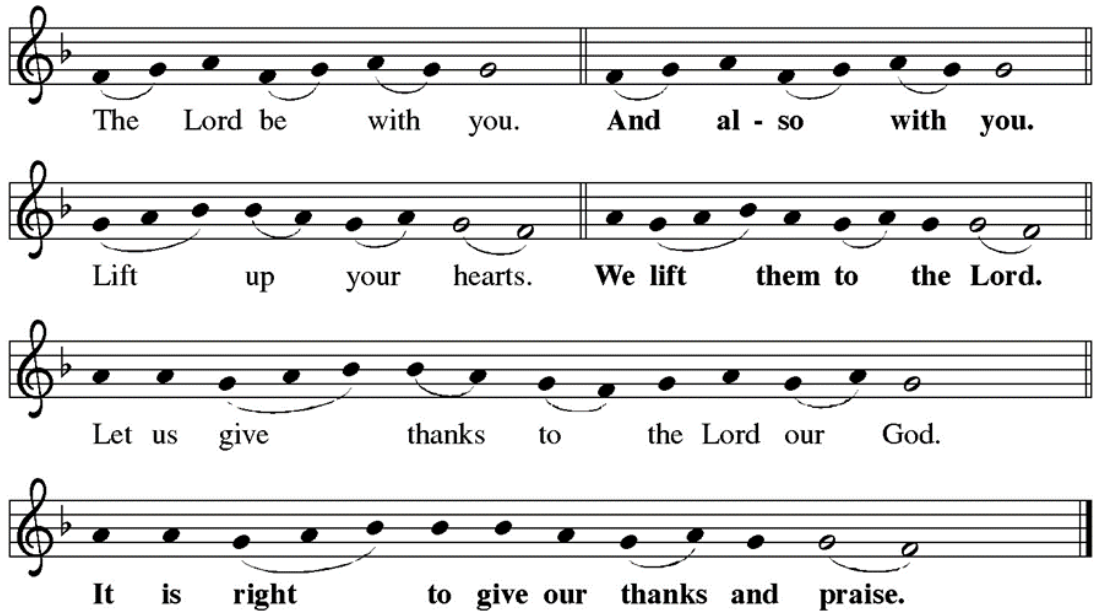
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Offering Prayer

All things come from you, O God, **and we give back to you the gifts that come from you.**
Welcome us here, gracious God, as we meet Jesus Christ, our risen Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

Joel Martinson, b. 1960



The image displays four staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "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." The melody is simple and hymn-like, using quarter and eighth notes with slurs.

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 . . . join their unending hymn:

Sanctus



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 given to death . . .

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

Let us proclaim together 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, ✝ with Christ, in Christ, all glory and honor is yours, gracious God, with the Holy Spirit, in the church and in the world, both now and forever. **AMEN!**

Gathered together in resurrection love, 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 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.

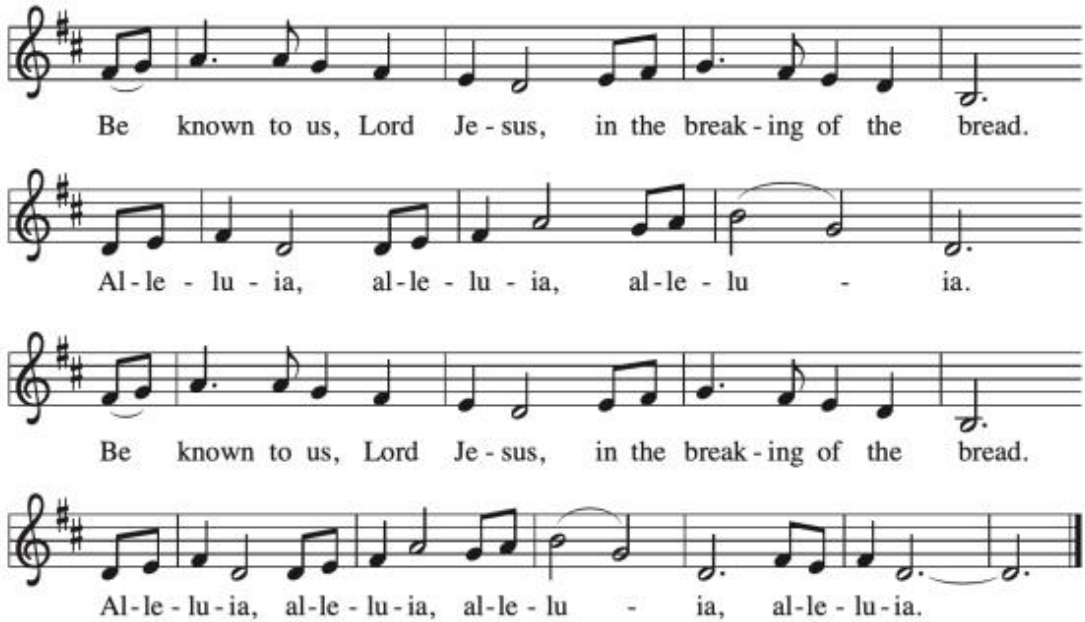
Breaking the Bread

Alleluia! Christ our Paschal Lamb has been sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!

Be seated.

Song of Response

Text: based on 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; Music: Anne Krentz Organ, b. 1960



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Invitation to Communion & Blessing

God, in Christ, fully welcomes people of every age to this Meal, which is known by many names: the Lord's Supper, Holy Communion, the Mass, the Sacrament, the Eucharist. We encourage you to participate in ways that are meaningful for you.

For those participating onsite, ushers will direct you by the center aisle to a station to receive bread in your hand for you to eat, then proceed to a station and receive a small cup, where wine will be poured and consumed. Gluten-free wafers/ grape juice are available upon request. If you desire not to receive bread or wine, you are invited to a station where a minister will offer a prayer of blessing. Then, return to your seat by a side aisle. We join in prayer, meditation, and music. If you desire communion or a blessing at your place, let an usher or minister know.

Communion Music

Be Not Afraid | ELW 388

Text: Matthew 28:5; Taizé Community

Music: BE NOT AFRAID, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Be Not Afraid'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!'. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

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

This is a second system of the musical score, identical to the first. It includes the same vocal and piano parts and lyrics: 'Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!'. The piano accompaniment continues with the same harmonic structure as the first system.

We remain seated as we offer our thanks.

Prayer after Communion

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, who lives and reigns, now and forever. **Amen.**

✝ SENDING ✝

Community Announcements

Stand, as you are able.

Prayer for Service in the World

Stewardship Theme in April: Service

Draw Christ's church together, O God, **into one great company of servants. Lead us to follow Jesus, our teacher, into every place of life, together serving Christ's mission in the world, and together witnessing to your love wherever you send us. Amen.**

God's Blessing

based on Song of Blessing, by Sara Groves

May God give us eyes to see all that is good, and the strength and courage for anything.
May God give us ears to hear God's loving voice speaking all around us and deep inside us.
May the blessing of God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, continue with us, now and forever.
Amen.

Sending Hymn

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing | ELW 389

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmodia Evangelica*, 1789

Dismissal to Mission

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!

PRAYER CONCERNS & JOYS

As a community of faith, we pray for:

places experiencing violence, war, oppression, disaster, conflict & recovery;
the people of Iran & the United States military engaged in conflict;
FELC Stewardship Committee;
those who advocate for healing, safety, justice, inclusion, peace & equity;
all who mourn, grieve, and lament;
Carl Brockman & Mary Robbins, as Carl heals from health challenges;
benevolence ministry partners and their leaders: Micah 6 Food Ministries,
LuMin, Global Refuge, & Casa Marianella;
citizens & leaders of, immigrants, & refugees to the United States.

STEWARDSHIP: GRATITUDE

Throughout March, the Stewardship Committee asked First English participants to submit gratitude-themed prayer petitions for Sunday, April 12. Lois Holck offers this gratitude:

“I am so grateful for music, for composers and performers, and deeply moved listeners. There are, of course, so many more things I'm grateful for.”

What are you thankful for? Who brings you joy? When do you feel overcome by gratitude?

WELCOME PASTOR KRIS FRANKE HILL

Kristine (Kris) Franke Hill grew up at First English during the years when her father, Merle Franke, was pastor and her mother, Ginna Franke, sang in the choir. In recent years, Kris returned her membership to FELC – and we're glad to welcome her home today! She graduated from Texas Lutheran University (TLU), Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary, and United Lutheran Seminary in Philadelphia. She has served Lutheran and Episcopal congregations in Washington, D.C., North Carolina, Houston, Pennsylvania, and Canyon Lake, TX. She has taught at TLU and at Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio. While Pastor Kris is retired from fulltime ministry, she currently serves as interim campus pastor at Christ Chapel at Texas State University in San Marcos. Kris lives in San Antonio with her animals, and she enjoys gardening, sports, friends, reading, and artwork.

WELCOME TO FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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LEADERS IN LEARNING, LITURGY, & HOSPITALITY

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Get ready for some fun and fellowship
with BBQ chicken & all the fixings.
Bring your favorite beverage.
All are Welcome!