

**Second Sunday of Easter**  
**Word & Eucharist**  
**April 27, 2025 | 10 AM | 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](http://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.

A diversity of music is an important part of our witness, including the acoustics of our nave. As we grow our music ministry, we embark on a restoration campaign for our valued and aged pipe organ.

*The Holy Spirit gathers us into community.*

It is often hard to believe, to actually trust. Because it's hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Faith is an investment. Because it is hard to believe, the stories of John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death, inviting us to touch and taste Christ's presence, and offering to all the world Christ's peace.

## Gathering Music

***Bist du bei mir, geh ich mit Freuden*** (BWV 508) Bach (1685-1750)

*Text for meditation:* If you are with me, then I will go gladly unto my rest and peace.

Ah, how pleasing is my end, when, in your dear hands, I shut my faithful eyes.

*At sound of the singing bowls, the assembly stands and turns to face the main entrance of the nave.*

## Hymn at the Procession

***I Know That My Redeemer Lives!*** stanzas 1, 2, 3, 4, & 8 | ELW 619

Text: Samuel Medley (1783-1799) alt.

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

## Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The grace of Jesus our risen Savior, the reconciling love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

O God of 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, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one  
God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## Welcome to Community

**If this is one of your first times with First English, please use this QR code.**

We are grateful for the opportunity to connect more.



# ✝ WORD ✝

God speaks in scripture, preaching, song, silence, and prayer.

## First Reading

Revelation 1:4-8

<sup>4</sup> John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before the throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup> and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving our God who creates us, to Christ be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup> Look! Christ is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. <sup>8</sup> “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

*The assembly remains seated.*

## Response

Psalm 150



<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Praise God in the <sup>1</sup> holy temple;  
praise God in the <sup>1</sup> mighty firmament.

<sup>2</sup> **Praise God for <sup>1</sup> mighty acts;**  
**praise God for ex-<sup>1</sup> ceeding greatness.**

<sup>3</sup> Praise God with <sup>1</sup> trumpet sound;  
praise God with <sup>1</sup> lyre and harp.

<sup>4</sup> **Praise God with tambou-<sup>1</sup> rine and dance;**  
**praise God with <sup>1</sup> strings and pipe.**

<sup>5</sup> Praise God with re-<sup>1</sup> sounding cymbals;  
praise God with loud <sup>1</sup> clanging cymbals.

<sup>6</sup> **Let everything <sup>1</sup> that has breath**  
**praise the Lord. <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!**

Children and families are invited to gather near the baptismal font.

Faith of a Child & Spirit Space

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

We welcome children with a Spirit Space in the North Transept for gentle play and reading, including a rug, floor pillows, soft blocks, and coloring supplies. Children and adults can engage the Spirit Space throughout the liturgy. We welcome children by encouraging them and celebrating the joy and livelihood they offer in life and throughout the liturgy and space.

The assembly may stand as we welcome Christ in the Good News.

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.

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

## **Holy Gospel**

**John 20:19-31**

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the religious leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As God has sent me so I send you.” <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> 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.”

<sup>26</sup> 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.” <sup>27</sup> 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.” <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

## **Sermon**

The assembly stands.

## Song

Be Not Afraid | ELW 388 Taizé



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

The first system of musical notation for the song 'Be Not Afraid'. It consists of a treble and a bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature. The melody is written in a simple, accessible style. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, aligned with the notes. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.



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

The second system of musical notation for the song 'Be Not Afraid'. It continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are repeated. The notation is consistent with the first system, featuring a treble and bass staff with a key signature of one flat and common time.

## ✠ RENEWAL of HOLY BAPTISM ✠

A Paschal candle is a central symbol in the church's worship life. The paschal candle, newly made and lit at baptisms, 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

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 make public affirmation of your baptism, 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 raise us to 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.**

## Hymn of the Day

***Let us Talents and Tongues Employ* | ELW 674**

Text: Fred Kaan (1929-2009)

Music: LINSTEAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter (1925-1980)

## 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 God's table for Eucharist.

## ✠MEAL✠

*God feeds and blesses us with the presence of the risen Christ.*

## Birthday Blessing

Gracious God, our times are in your care.

**Bless your people as they live another year of grace. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and joy, and strengthen their trust in your abiding goodness. Amen.**

## 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 our generosity. Financial gifts may be shared through the offering plate or online at [www.felcaustin.org/information/giving](http://www.felcaustin.org/information/giving).*

## Offering Music

***Cantate Domino*** Giuseppe Pitoni (1657-1743)

*Cantate Domino canticum novum* Sing a new song to the Lord,  
*aus ejus in ecclesia sanctorum.* the Lord's praise in the assembly of the saints.  
*Lætetur Israel in eo qui fecit eum,* Let Israel rejoice in He who made them,  
*et filii Sion exultent in rege suo.* and the people of Zion rejoice in their King.

Psalm 149: 1-2

*The assembly may stand as bread, wine, and other gifts are presented and prepared for blessing.*

1 I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel - come ta - ble,  
 2 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk and hon - ey,  
 3 I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,

I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel - come ta - ble, some of these days.  
 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk and hon - ey, some of these days.  
 I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.

I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel - come ta - ble,  
 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk and hon - ey,  
 I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,

I'm goin' - a eat at the wel - come ta - ble, some of these days.  
 I'm goin' - a feast on milk and hon - ey, some of these days.  
 I'm goin' - a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.

## 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!**

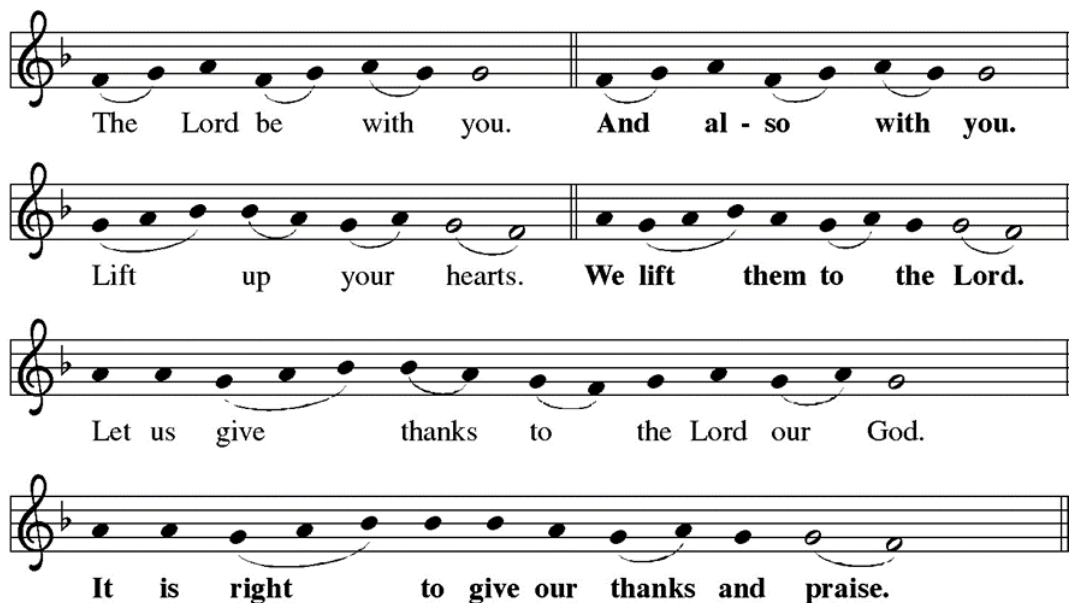
Blessed are you, O living God, through your goodness we offer you this wine:  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.

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

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

## Great Thanksgiving

Joel Martinson (b. 1960)



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

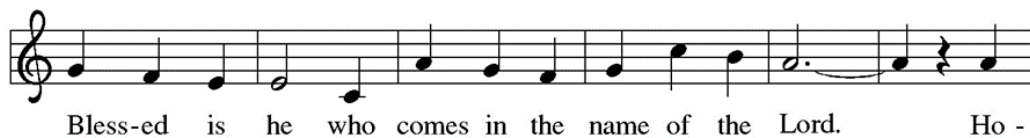
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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



## Thanksgiving at the Table

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

In the night in which he was betrayed . . .

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

Let us proclaim 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 into one by the Holy Spirit, 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**

**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.**

## Breaking the Bread

Alleluia! Christ our Paschal Lamb is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!**

*The assembly is 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

Oliver Rajamani

## Communion Music

## God, You Made Your Good Creation

Text: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette b. 1961) Music: The Sacred Harp, American (1884)

1. God, you made your good cre - a - tion and you hold it in your care— From each  
2. Yet, O God, the earth is cry - ing, times are chang - ing, storms are strong. Now the  
3. God, you love this world we live in, so you sent your on - ly Son. "Here on

star - ry con - stel - la - tion to each for - est un - der - layer. Ti - ny  
co - ral reefs are dy - ing, floods are rag - ing, droughts are long. Though the  
earth as in your heav - en," God, we pray, "Your will be done." By your

crea - tures, moun - tain splen - dor, riv - ers, lakes and o - cean floors— You are  
cir - cum - stan - ces dif - fer, when the earth is in di - stress, See! The  
Spi - rit, may we lis - ten to the earth and to the poor; May we

lov - ing, kind and ten - der in your care for what is yours.  
poor are first to suf - fer from our greed and sel - fish - ness.  
care for all you've gi - ven till cre - a - tion is re - stored.

This hymn was inspired by Pope Francis' second encyclical (2015) 'Laudato Si' (Praise Be to You): On Care for Our Common Home." It celebrates the papal teachings on care for creation and the poor, and is appropriate near Earth Day.



*The assembly remains 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 ✠**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission and service with the world.*

## **Community Invitations & Announcements**

*The assembly may stand as we pray for God's courage and receive God's blessing.*

## **Prayer for Courage**

Let us pray together.

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.**

## **God's Blessing**

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.**



1. Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, Sing the res - ur -
2. Oh, what glo - ry, far ex - ceed - ing All that eye has
3. Life e - ter - nal! heav'n re - joic - es: Je - sus lives who
4. Life e - ter - nal! O what won - ders Crowd on faith; what



1. rec - tion song! Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry,
2. yet per - ceived! Ho - liest hearts for a - ges plead - ing,
3. once was dead; Join with all the heav'n - ly voic - es;
4. joy un - known, When, a - mid earth's clos - ing thun - ders,



1. To the form - er days be - long. All a - round the
2. Nev - er that full joy con - ceived. God has prom - ised,
3. Child of God, lift up your head! Pa - tri - archs from
4. Saints shall stand be - fore the throne! Oh, to en - ter



1. clouds are break - ing, Soon the storms of time shall cease; In God's
2. Christ pre - pares it, There on high our wel - come waits; Ev - 'ry
3. dis - tant a - ges, Saints all long - ing for their heav'n, Proph - ets,
4. that bright por - tal, See that glow - ing fir - ma - ment, Know, with



1. like - ness, peo - ple wak - ing, Know the ev - er - last - ing peace.
2. hum - ble spir - it shares it, Christ has passed th'e - ter - nal gates.
3. psalm - ists, seers, and sa - ges, All a - wait the glo - ry giv'n.
4. you, O God im - mor - tal, Je - sus Christ whom you have sent!

Text: 87 87 D; 1 Corinthians 15:20; William J. Irons, 1812–1893; fr. *Psalms and Hymns*, 1873, alt.  
 Music: Ludwig van Beethoven; adapt. by Edward Hodges, 1796–1867.

This hymn text and tune are encouraged for the first week of Easter. It was offered at many memorial masses for Pope Francis, and was a hymn he desired to be sung.

## Dismissal to Mission

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Y'all, go in peace to love and serve in newness of life!

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

## Hospitality | Meet & Greet

# ✝ OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED. OUR SERVICE BEGINS. ✝

## **SPECIAL CALLED CONGREGATION MEETING | MAY 4, 2025 | NOON**

There will be a potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall before the special meeting. All FELC voting members are encouraged to attend, which will include a discussion and vote on a pastoral call. If the call is offered, voting members will then discuss and vote on a compensation package and amend the 2025 approved budget.

## **MICAH 6 YOUTH DROP IN CENTER UPDATE**

The Micah 6 Youth Drop In Center has an urgent need for the following:

- Men's underwear, t shirts, and shorts (size L, XL)
- Men's and Women's shoes
- Children's clothing
- Phone chargers

Gently used clothing is accepted. Affordable options are available at Target, Costco, Walmart, and Sam's Club. Contact Micah 6 treasurer, Ryan Valentine, [Ryan.valentine@gmail.com](mailto:Ryan.valentine@gmail.com), regarding reimbursement for these or other Micah 6 purchases. Receipts are required.

Sign up to volunteer at the Micah 6 Food pantry at [micah6austin.org](http://micah6austin.org). Contact Andy MacLaren, [andymaclaren@cs.com](mailto:andymaclaren@cs.com), 512-947-4186, for information regarding Micah 6 ministries.

Thanks for your continued support!

Visit [felcaustin.org](http://felcaustin.org) to learn more about the FELC welcome, worship, community life, learning, engagement, racial justice, and reconciliation ministries, and the CDC.  
To subscribe to a weekly email newsletter, contact [office@felcaustin.org](mailto:office@felcaustin.org).

## PRAYER CONCERNS & JOYS

### As a community of faith, we pray for:

the citizens, leaders, immigrants, & refugees of the United States;  
the places of war, recovery, oppression, disaster, & conflict;  
those who advocate for healing, safety, justice, inclusion, & equity;  
all in need of safe shelter, nourishing food, & quality care, & for those who offer it;  
all living with addiction, cancer, grief, & with spiritual, health, & employment needs;  
people of various faith traditions, & people of goodwill;  
the whole church throughout the world;  
the repose of Pope Francis, & for the Roman Catholic Church;  
FELC congregation, council, CDC board, staff, & our mission & ministry;  
FELC pastoral candidate;  
Holden Fuerst & Barbara Schutz, voting members to the Southwestern Texas Synod Assembly;  
Micah 6 Food Ministries & executive director Barry Smith;  
benevolence ministry partner LuMin, & Pastor Bradley Fuerst;  
benevolence ministry partner Global Refuge, & CEO Krish O'Mara Vignarajah;  
Marian Klumpp, in home hospice;  
Sarah Roberts, in treatment for cancer;  
Pastor Rosemarie Doucette, friend of Michelle Lingo, for healing;  
Fred and Sonia Ralls Dalbey, friends of Dave and Nancy Neuse, upon Fred's rapid decline in health;  
Betty Green, mother of Paulette Clemons, in the hospital;  
Freddie Bates, Jr., brother of Paulette Clemons, in the hospital;  
all who are homebound;  
all who have died;  
all in any need & thanksgiving.

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

### **Southwestern Texas Synod Assembly | Saturday, May 3**

The Southwestern Texas Synod Assembly meets next weekend, this year for one day. Comprised of pastors, deacons, and voting members from ELCA congregation and ministry settings throughout central and south Texas, the Synod Assembly gathers for worship, connection, sharing resources, and conducts the organizational business of this area of the church. Voting members come together, and with the whole assembly, discern the will of the Spirit. Since the creation of the ELCA, these are voting members, not representatives or delegates. Each voting member brings their own discipleship, values of where they come from, and also listens for the movement of the Spirit with those gathered. At the FELC congregation meeting in January we elected Holden Fuerst and Barbara Schutz. We ask God's blessing on the assembly.

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Hospitality Hosts	Merrily Porter, Fred Woody
Lector	Desmond Peterson
Livestream Minister	J.P. Northcutt-Benson
Music Ministers	FELC Choir; Instrumentalists: Elijah Aguirre, Oliver Rajamani, Maria Straight; Cantor Bryan Rust
Presiding & Preaching	The Rev. Katie Rode
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