

First English Lutheran Church
February 15, 2026
Transfiguration of Our Lord
Word & Eucharist | 10:00 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. 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 adoration, 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.

As we gather, 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.

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, are available from an usher.

The feast of the Transfiguration is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close as the Lent-Easter cycle begins on Ash Wednesday. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. Throughout worship we offer "alleluia" which means "God be praised." This word of joy is "buried" during the season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter. May we be "transformed into the same image" by God's Spirit.

Spirit Space: Children and families are invited to a Spirit Space in the North Transept (near the front of the sanctuary), with a rug, floor pillows, and other supplies. Children and adults may engage in the worship service and stay together in the Spirit Space. We welcome the joy and curiosity children offer.

Gathering Music

Hymns and Songs are found in the red worship book.

We stand, as able.

Gathering Song

Thy Strong Word | ELW 511 stanzas 1,2,3,4

Music: EBENEZER, Thomas J. Williams, 1869-1944

Text: Martin H. Franzmann, 1907-1976

Greeting & Prayer of the Day

Alleluia! Arise, shine, for your light has come.

And the glory of the Lord is revealed!

Why are the nations in an uproar?

Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt and plot together?

"Let us break their yoke," they say; "let us cast off their bonds from us."

God whose throne is in heaven is laughing; God holds them in derision.

God dwells with you. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

God of majesty, ancient and new, in the transfiguration of Jesus you have blessed us with the witness of your glory to Moses and Elijah. Give us the gift of faith, that we may receive your voice for ourselves, and know Christ revealed to us as we live in the fullness of your joy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Be seated.

Welcome to Worship & 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 ✝

First Reading

Exodus 24:12-18

¹² The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” ¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴ To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.” ¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

A Time of Wonder & Wisdom

Second Reading

2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶ We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹ So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, ²¹ because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

We welcome Christ in the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

The People Who Walked in Darkness Richard Hillert (1923-2010)

The peo - ple who walked in
dark - ness have seen a great light. Al - le - lu - ia.
The light has shined on the na - tions who live in the shad - ow of
death A - rise, be clothed in light. Your light has come.
Al - le - lu - ia. Though dark - ness cov - ers the earth, the
Lord will shine up - on you. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Gospel is announced, responding with: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” ⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

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

Sermon

We stand, as able.

Hymn of the Day

***How Good, Lord, to be Here!* | ELW 315**

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858-1933, alt.

Music: POTSDAM, W. Mercer, *The Church Psalter and Hymn Book*, 1854

Prayers of Intercession

Intercession response: Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Sharing the Peace

May 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.

Everyone returns to their places.

✠ 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 our generosity. Financial gifts may be shared through the offering plate or online at www.felcaustin.org/information/giving.

We stand as bread, wine, and other gifts are presented and the meal is prepared.

Offering Song

Sing Alleluia



1 Peo-ple, all, come sing and shout; God is in us dwell - ing.
2 Ev - 'ry one a child of God, sis - ter or a broth - er.
3 For the gifts that we re - ceive, come with thank - ful giv - ing.



Spread the joy - ful news a - bout; sing with voic - es swell - ing.
All who know the love of God, share with one an - oth - er.
Let the prom - ise we be - lieve light the life we're liv - ing.

Refrain



Sing al - le - lu - ia, sing al - le - lu - ia;



raise your voic - es, shout with joy; sing praise to God, the Sav - ior.

Text: Sue Ellen Page, adapt. Eric D. Johnson
Music: Sue Ellen Page
Text and music © 1968, 1986 Choristers Guild

Offering Prayer

Holy and Radiant God, Sovereign of the universe,
receive the gifts we bring: our selves, our time, and our possessions.

Unite us as Christ's body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

Richard Hillert (1923-2010)

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 image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using quarter and half notes with slurs. The lyrics are printed below each staff, aligned with the notes.

It is indeed right . . . and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. 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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major and 4/4 time. The melody is more complex than the previous hymn, featuring eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are printed below each staff, aligned with the notes.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Radiant God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea;
within each cell; with every breath. **We praise you, O God!**

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day;
across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future. **We bless you, O God!**

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;
beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now. **We thank you, O God!**
That night in which Jesus was at table, He loved his disciples, and he loved them to the
end, and he took bread, and gave thanks to the Father; 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.

Let us proclaim together the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Holy and Life-Giving Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal;
among all people; throughout the world.

All praise, blessing, and thanks to you, Holy and Radiant God, in Jesus Christ, ✠ by the
presence of your Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

God, remember us in your love, and teach us to follow your Son as we pray:

**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.**

Breaking the Bread

The word is made flesh and dwells among us. **O come, let us adore him.**

Be seated.

Response

This is the Feast Richard Hillert, abr

Refrain

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.

Refrain

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.

Final refrain

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

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.

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

Beautiful Savior | ELW 838

Music: SCHONSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

Text: Gesangbuch, Munster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904

We remain seated as we offer our thanks.

Prayer after Communion

Holy and Radiant God, Sovereign of the universe, thank you for the gift of Jesus in his body, blood, and blessing. Transform us by your Spirit as we offer our gifts and skills to be Christ's light, for he lives and reigns, now and forever. **Amen.**

✠ SENDING ✠

Announcements

We stand, as able.

Putting Away the Alleluia

The depositio (discontinuance) of the Alleluia on the eve of Septuagesima [which formerly initiated three weeks of “pre-Lent” at the end of the Epiphany Season] assumed in medieval times a solemn note of saying farewell to the beloved song. We part from the Alleluia as from a beloved friend.

Response

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

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

Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

Music: "Alleluia 7," Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994, and the Taizé Community
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God's Blessing

God the Creator who delights in us, Jesus the Savior who is born in us,
✠ and the lifegiving Spirit who shines in us, continue with us, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song

God, Whose Almighty Word | ELW 673

Text: John Marriott, 1780-1825, alt.

Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796

Dismissal

Be at peace. Shine with the light of Christ! **Thanks be to God!**

Hospitality

Join together in the Fellowship Hall.

✠ OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED. OUR SERVICE BEGINS ✠

WELCOME TO FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

The mission of First English Lutheran Church is to declare the Word of God and the love of Jesus Christ through proclamation, teaching, worship, and a caring ministry to all people. Visit felcaustin.org to learn more about the FELC welcome, worship, music, community life, learning, engagement, racial justice, and reconciliation ministries. To subscribe to a weekly email Newsletter or connect with the staff or ministry leaders, contact office@felcaustin.org.

MINISTERS SERVING IN LEARNING, LITURGY, & HOSPITALITY | SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Ministers	All God’s People
Altar Care	Margaret Bruesch
Assisting Minister	Charlie Boas
Building Open/Close	Charlie Boas
Lector	Marilyn Olson
Livestream Minister	JP Northcutt-Benson
Music Ministers	Oliver Rajamani, percussion; Cantor Bryan Rust
Presiding Minister	Pastor Katie Rode
Ushers	Terry Porter

PRAYER CONCERNS & JOYS

As a community of faith, we pray for:

all living with addiction, loneliness, cancer, grief, & with spiritual, health, & employment needs;
Susan Morales, for God's peace and healing;
Hollis McGinnis, celebrating his 100th birthday on February 16;
Leon Noren for healing;
Emily Schottmann undergoing cancer treatment.
FELC congregation, council, & our mission & ministry as we approach our Annual Meeting;
benevolence ministry partners and their leaders: Micah 6 Food Ministries, LuMin, Global Refuge,
& Casa Marianella;
citizens & leaders of, immigrants, & refugees to the United States;
places experiencing violence, war, oppression, disaster, conflict & recovery;
those who advocate for healing, safety, justice, inclusion, peace & equity.

FELC OFFICE CLOSED | PRESIDENTS' DAY | MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

FASTNACHT PANCAKES AND TALENT SHOW | TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17 | 6 PM

Everyone is welcome to Fastnacht, the night before the Lenten fast begins on Ash Wednesday. Bring your favorite pancake topping to share. Following supper, we'll enjoy the always-wonderful Talent Show. We've had stand-up comedy, instrumental music, skits, magic acts, songs, recitations and demonstrations of all kinds by people of all ages. If you can help in any way, contact Randy Baden, 512 775-8435. Invite friends and neighbors! Hope to see you there!

ASH WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 18 | 7 PM

The season of Lent begins with this solemn day of repentance and receiving ashes as a sign of mortality and humility. We are invited to begin the Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting, almsgiving – works of love. This year we will gather at **7:00 pm onsite and livestream on YouTube**. The liturgy includes confession and absolution, imposition of ashes, holy communion, and special music. Returning to God's mercy and grace, we make our way through Lent toward the joy of Easter.

ANNUAL MEETING | RESCHEDULED | SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22 | NOON

Meet in the Fellowship Hall after worship for Hospitality and a potluck lunch. Bring a dish to share as you are able. The meeting will begin at noon. Zoom information will be distributed later this week.

CRITICAL NEEDS FOR MICAH 6

The following is needed for the youth drop in center, generally attended by adult males ages 25-40:

Jackets or hoodies L/XL/2XL

Underwear L/2XL

Sweat pants and sweat shirts XL / 2XL/ 3XL

Colored t-shirts 2XL / 3XL

Gloves

Beanies

Blankets

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