

Sunday, September 13, 2026
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Remembering Hollis Wade McGinnis, Sr.
(February 16, 1926–August 4, 2026)
Word & Eucharist | 10 AM - onsite & online



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

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Welcome

Welcome to First English Lutheran Church (FELC). We are a congregation of the Southwestern Texas Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). We are a community in and of the city where all are welcome in every aspect of congregational life. Following the example of Christ, we welcome you exactly as you are.

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. To learn more, visit www.felcaustin.org.

Accessibility

All Gender Restrooms, with infant changing tables, are located in the hallway off of the sanctuary (main worship area) near the fellowship hall. **Hearing assistance devices** are available for use in the sanctuary, with two options: an earpiece, or a hearing loop for those who use hearing aids. Connect with the minister for a hearing assistance device. **Seat cushions**, for use on the wood pews are available in the narthex (main entrance area).

Liturgy

Worship and adoration of God is at the heart of life for disciples of Jesus. It is in worship that we encounter God, express our belonging, define our identity, and are formed as the people of God. Liturgy is a Greek work translated “the work of the people of God” as we gather. FELC holds the Word and Eucharist ordered framework in the tradition of the whole church, including from early centuries. We gather, we receive the Word of God, we give thanks and are nourished by Christ’s presence in bread, wine, and blessing, and we are sent to be active images of divine love. The Meal is known by many names: the Lord’s Supper, Holy Communion, the Mass, the Sacrament, the Eucharist. We celebrate at Christ’s table, and all are welcome to receive holy communion no matter your background, faith practice, or curiosity. To learn more about Holy Baptism and discipleship with Jesus, please connect with the pastor. We utilize various biblical and contemporary images and names for God, Jesus, and humanity. The church season after Easter and Pentecost Days is half of the calendar year. Sometimes called “Ordinary Time” because of the numbering (ordinals) of the Sunday, it includes summer and fall with the primary growth color of green.

In this Sunday's bible stories, we are entreated not to judge one another. Scripture proclaims that we all will be before the judgment of God. That judgement of God is always one of love. Saint Paul reminds us that the Christian community has significant struggles with diversity. We do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When the words of forgiveness are spoken in worship, and signing of ourselves with the cross is traced, we are renewed to be signs of reconciliation and hope in the world. Genuine relationships matter. All we need is among the disciples of Jesus, even now. In our Eucharistic celebration this Sunday, we remember Hollis Wade McGinnis, Sr. (1926-2026), our most senior church member at the time of his death. We commend him to God's eternal embrace, and we give thanks for his life of faith and service.

*In our call and response, everyone is invited to pray aloud the text in bold print.
We remain seated and join in the gathering music.*

Gathering Music

Ubi Caritas

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

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

Text: Latin antiphon, 9th cent.; Taizé Community; tr. *With One Voice*

Music: TAIZÉ UBI CARITAS, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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Singing bowls sound throughout the liturgy, calling us to prayer.

The songs and hymns are found in Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW), the red worship book in the pew.

We stand, as able.

Gathering Song

Surely God is My Salvation



1 Sure - ly God is my sal - va - tion,
2 Thus with joy you shall draw wa - ter
3 Tell the na - tions of God's glo - ry,



I will trust and shall not fear. God the Lord is
from sal - va - tion's wells and springs. Sing your thanks to
make this known in all the earth. Praise the Lord, the



strong and might - y, my sal - va - tion true.
God Al - might - y for these won - drous deeds.
God of Is - rael, call up - on God's name.

Refrain



Shout a-loud and sing for joy, O daugh-ter Zi - on!



Great in your midst is the Lord, the Ho - ly One!



Shout a-loud and sing for joy, O daugh-ter Zi - on!



Great in your midst is the Lord, the Ho - ly One!

Text: Zebulon M. Highben, b. 1979, based on Isaiah 12:2-6

Music: YISREAL V'ORAITA, Hasidic melody

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Confession & Forgiveness of Sin

All are invited to make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

Blessed be God: our Maker, Redeemer, ✠ and Advocate.

Blessed be God forever! Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and continue growing into the fullness of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another

Silence is kept for self-reflection and examination.

Gracious God, have mercy on us.

We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We humbly repent. In your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, as we live and serve you in newness of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

With joy I proclaim to you that God, rich in mercy and steadfast in love, forgives you all your sin, and freely gives you newness of life in the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Song of Mercy

Kyrie

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Text Ordinary of the Mass; Music: *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Schubert, 1797-1826
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Greeting & Prayer of the Day

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.**

Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness and grace. Replace our stony hearts with hearts that love and adore you and one another. May we delight in being your faithful people doing your will; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns, now and forever. **Amen.**

Be seated.

Welcome to Community

✝ WORD ✝

First Reading

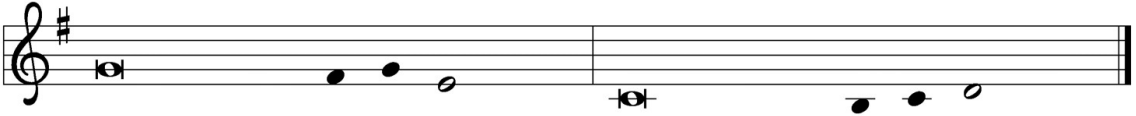
Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵ Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶ So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹ So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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

Response

Psalm 103:8-13



- ⁸ Lord you are full of compas- | sion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love;
- ⁹ **you will not al- | ways accuse us,**
nor will you keep your an- | ger forever.
- ¹⁰ You have not dealt with us according | to our sins,
nor repaid us according to | our iniquities.
- ¹¹ **For as the heavens are high a- | bove the earth,**
so great is your steadfast love for | those who fear you.
- ¹² As far as the east is | from the west,
so far have you removed our transgres- | sions from us.
- ¹³ **As parents have compassion | for their children,**
so you have compassion for those who have awe for | you, O Lord.

Time of Wisdom & Wonder

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

Second Reading

Romans 14:1-12

¹ Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ² Some believe in eating anything, while others only eat vegetables. ³ Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. ⁴ Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. ⁵ Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶ Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷ For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹ For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." ¹² So then, each one of us will be held accountable.

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

We stand to welcome Christ in the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Text: John 6:68; James Capers, 1948-2025



This is the holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²¹ Peter came and said to [Jesus,] “Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²² Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ²³ “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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

Sermon

We stand, as able.

Hymn of the Day

***Where Charity and Love Prevail* | ELW 359**

Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997, alt.

Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760-1842

Prayers of Intercession

*Following each intercession: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.***

A list of prayer concerns and joys is found on page 20.

Sharing Christ's Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

We greet each other with gentle signs of reconciliation, peace, and love. This exchange of peace within the gathered community is an ancient Christian practice that builds and renews relationships.

Following sharing Christ's peace, we sit.

✠MEAL✠

Welcome to Communion & Offering

Your presence in worship and community is a gift. We reflect on the life God entrusts to us for the mission of the church and the care of those in need. Then we act through God's generosity. Financial gifts may be shared through the offering plate or online at www.felcaustin.org/information/giving.

Ministry Moment | Stewardship

We stand, as bread, wine, money, and other gifts are presented.

Offering Song

God, Here is My Life and My Will

Refrain

God, here is my life and my will.

Give me the knowl - edge of your will for me.

Give me the pow - er to car - ry it out.

God, here is my life and my will.

Text: Michael Cotter and Jeremy Young
Music: COTTER, Jeremy Young

Offering Prayer

Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of the One who offered himself to us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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.

This musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across bar lines. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly quarter and eighth notes with some rests.

It is indeed right . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

James Capers, 1948-2025

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

This musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across bar lines. The melody is more rhythmic and varied than the previous piece, featuring eighth and sixteenth notes in addition to quarter notes.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy, mighty, and merciful God, . . . remembering, Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming again, and we proclaim together the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Pour out the Spirit of your love, holy God, and unite the wills of all who share this feast, the body, blood, and blessing of ☩ Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by God's life-giving Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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

We break this bread to be the body of Christ.
We will love one another as Christ loves us.

Be seated.

Song of Response

Lamb of God Music: Tillis Butler, 1941-2002

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

Invitation to Communion & Blessing

This is Christ's table. Christ is the host. All are welcome. We encourage you to participate in ways that are meaningful for you.

For those participating online, a minister will offer the invitation to receive any bread and juice in your home. For those onsite, you will be guided to receive bread in your hand to eat, then 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 to receive a blessing. Return to your seat by a side aisle. If you desire communion or a blessing at your place, let an usher or minister know.

Communion Music

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound | ELW 779

Text: John Newton, 1725-18074

Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, Southern harmony, 1835

We stand, as able.

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, thank you for this feast, the body, blood, and blessing of the risen Christ. As you opened the gates of paradise to your servant Hollis, help us who remain to comfort one another with faith and love, until we meet again, and are with you and all the saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns, now and forever. **Amen.**

✠ SENDING ✠

Welcome to Hospitality

Sending Song

Shall We Gather at the River | ELW 423

Text/Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

Commendation

¹Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.”

John 14:1-3

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Only you are immortal, O God, the creator and maker of humankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth we shall return. For so you did ordain when you created us, saying, “You are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

By the light of this Paschal candle, symbol of the risen Christ among us, let us commend Hollis to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

Silence is kept.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Hollis. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

Prayer

O Lord, support us all the day long of this beautiful and troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

adapted from Henri-Frédéric Amiel (1821-1881)

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us; be swift to love, make haste to be kind, and be at peace, while making no peace with oppression; may the blessing of God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you, and all those you love and pray for, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending

Rest eternal grant him, O Lord, **and let light perpetual shine upon him.**
Let us go in peace to love and serve as Christ. **Thanks be to God!**

Hospitality

All are invited to a reception in the Fellowship Hall where there is an opportunity to greet one another and also share remembrances of Hollis.

WELCOME TO FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Visit felcaustin.org to learn more about the FELC faith community. To subscribe to a weekly email newsletter or connect with ministry leaders and staff, contact office@felcaustin.org. If you are new to the FELC community, use the QR code to connect.



MICAH 6

Plans for hiring a chef for the Micah 6 drop-in center should be available within the next 2 weeks, as we are waiting on University Baptist Church to sign off on our proposals. Until then, volunteers are needed to help serve the meal and hand out clothing on any of the upcoming Saturdays, September 12, 19, or 26 from 2-4 pm at the Drop-in Center. We can carpool from FELC for any of those opportunities. If you prefer Thursday 7-8 am time slots, you can sign up at micah6austin.org to help unload donations. Contact Andy MacLaren, 512-947-4186.

PRAYER | SEPTEMBER STEWARDSHIP THEME: GIVE & RECEIVE

From the light of God that I am, from the love of God that I am, from the power of God that I am, from the heart of God that I am, may I give and receive God's abundance in all of life. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF ABUNDANCE SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 20

September 20, 2026, is Celebration of Abundance Sunday! On this day, as we express gratitude for all that God provides, we will offer our financial commitments to support FELC's ministry in 2027. Commitment cards are available starting today. Completed cards will be offered during the worship service on September 20. We will welcome Deacon John Dellis as our guest preacher. Following worship, the stewardship committee will host a Lunch & Learn about Legacy Generosity, presented by Signe Fredrickson, Gift Planner with the Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest. Legacy generosity is a wonderful way to bless future generations. Plan to attend worship and Lunch & Learn on Sunday, September 20.

AUSTIN VOCAL COLLECTIVE | SINGING TOGETHER | SEPTEMBER 26

On Saturday, September 26 from 5 until 8 pm, FELC joins with music partners from Austin Vocal Collective and hosts a one-day choir! We welcome a mix of confident and less experienced singers to provide a choral experience that is both satisfying, epic, and beautiful. This one-day choir is accessible and can be a learning experience for all types of singers. Healing is needed in our communities, and music is a vehicle for healing. Being together matters. Come, sing! Register and connect at the QR code.



ORANGE SHIRT DAY | SEPTEMBER 27

On Sunday, September 27 we encourage all to wear Orange to remember the thousands of Native American children who were removed from their families and forcibly placed into church and government sponsored boarding schools. The trauma caused by this action has affected generation after generation. You are invited to wear Orange again on Wednesday, September 30 as a witness and to remember as you go about your day.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION | OCTOBER 4

Adult Faith Formation will resume October 4, 2026, at 9:00 am in the Parlor! All are encouraged to attend and participate in a conversation which will explore areas of interest for future Adult Faith Formation classes. Don and Donna Wright and Bob Karli will present possibilities and hear suggestions from you for future planning. We look forward to continuing our journey of learning with our faith community!

PRAYER CONCERNS & JOYS

As a community of faith, we pray for:

Henri Atkinson, for healing;
Rory Kelley & family, son-in-law of Donna & Don Wright, as Rory is in cancer treatment;
Barbara Wiederaenders, as she continues to heal & adjust to new ways of living;
Oliver Rajamani, on the death of his friend, Bear Eagle;
the family & friends of Hollis McGinnis, and we remember & give thanks for his life;
Jewish friends & neighbors as they celebrate Rosh Hashanah;
Micah 6 food ministries & Drop-in Center;
those recovering from earthquakes, fires, & flooding;
FELC community, as we give thanks & celebrate God's abundance;
places experiencing violence, war, oppression, disaster, conflict, & recovery;
those affected by gun violence;
those who advocate for healing, safety, justice, inclusion, peace, & equity;
citizens & leaders of, immigrants, & refugees to the United States;
all in need of safe shelter & nourishing food & for those who offer it;
all living with addiction, cancer, grief, & spiritual, health, & employment needs.

LEADERS IN LITURGY & HOSPITALITY

Ministers	All the People of God
Altar Care Server	Margaret Bruesch
Assisting Minister	Leigh Northcutt-Benson
Council Stewards	Charlie Boas, Leigh Northcutt-Benson
Hospitality Hosts	Merrily Porter
Lector	Trish Karli
Livestream Minister	J.P Northcutt-Benson
Ministry Moment	Joe Cain & Erin McCracken
Music Ministers	Michael Marty, trumpet; Cantor Bryan Rust
Presiding & Preaching	Pastor Katie Rode
Ushers	Randy Baden, Terry Porter

The flowers on September 6 were offered to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the expected increase of Porter grandchildren (arriving this fall!), and in celebration of the birthday of Emily Marty. The flowers on September 13 are offered to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the life of Hollis McGinnis.

REMEMBERING HOLLIS WADE MCGINNIS, SR.

Hollis Wade McGinnis, Sr., devoted family man and friend, died peacefully at age 100 and joined our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on August 4, 2026. Born on February 16, 1926, in Blair, Oklahoma to Scott and Avis McGinnis, his family moved to Bartlett, Texas, then settled in Taylor, Texas, in 1936.

A star athlete for the Taylor Ducks, Hollis lettered in football, basketball, baseball, and track. He won the 440-yard dash at the 1943 regional track meet. After graduating from Taylor High School, he attended Texas A&M University, then enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps alongside many fellow Corps of Cadets members. He trained as a tail gunner, first on the B-17 Flying Fortress, then, after the war in Europe ended, on the B-29 Superfortress in preparation for deployment to the Pacific theater. Tail gunners were held in high regard by their crewmates as they were the crew's final line of defense facing freezing temperatures and enemy gunfire. Hollis and his crew, on both aircraft, were only days from deployment when each war ended.

When the war with Japan ended, Hollis was transferred to Greensboro, North Carolina, where friends introduced him to the Sedgefield Country Club and a lifelong love of golf began. After his honorable discharge, he enrolled at the University of Texas at Austin, earning a BBA in Business and was a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity. More importantly, he met a beautiful young Zeta Tau Alpha from Victoria, Texas, named Anne Hofmann. Hollis and Anne married in 1950 and shared more than 50 years together until her passing.

After living in Houston, where he attended South Texas School of Law and worked for American General Insurance Co., and in Wichita Falls, Hollis and Anne settled in Austin and raised their two children. His career advanced at Trinity Universal Insurance Co. and American Founders Life Insurance Co. before he became an independent insurance agent. Hollis earned the highest score on the State of Texas' General Insurance Exam as well as his Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU) designation. In the late 80's, he sold his successful property and casualty insurance practice to Central Insurance Agency in Austin and transitioned into an active retirement.

An Austinite for nearly 70 years, Hollis was active in numerous community affairs. He was proudest of his ties to First English Lutheran Church, where he served in various capacities, and Austin Country Club, where he built lifelong friendships and participated in the annual "Screen Door Open" in Fort Worth alongside the Colonial golf tournament.

He often shot his age and made numerous holes-in-one at ACC. An avid outdoorsman, he loved deer and bird hunting, and fishing for speckled trout and redfish in Aransas and Copano Bays. He especially enjoyed dove and quail hunting with one of his Labradors. His gunnery training at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base made him an accomplished marksman.

Hollis loved sports. He admired Coach Darrell Royal who was born in Hollis, Oklahoma, a fellow Army Air Corps veteran, and a friend from ACC. However, his true love was his beloved Fightin' Texas Aggies. He wore his maroon A&M hat to most Longhorn home games regardless of opponent. He kept a dove hunting lease north of Austin for over 20 years, and in later years treasured bird hunting trips to South Texas with his son, including a 20-plus-year tradition of an annual dove hunt with a close friend and fraternity brother, his grandson, and other family members. His last dove hunt came at age 88 alongside his son, when he nearly limited out to the amazement of other hunters in the field that afternoon who were decades younger.

Hollis was preceded in death by his loving wife, Anne; his brother, Scotty (a WWII veteran); his sister, Christine Applin; and other beloved family members and friends. He is survived by his sister, Betty Masur of Wimberley; his daughter, Sheila (McGinnis) Weitzel, and her husband, James, of Houston; his son, H. Wade McGinnis, Jr., and his wife, Donna, of Austin; grandchildren Erin (Weitzel) Pierce, Drew Weitzel, Grace Anne (McGinnis) Fulcher, and Michael McGinnis (and their spouses); four beautiful great grandchildren; special niece Janie Applin Wisecup and her son, John Wisecup; and many other loving nieces, nephews (including the three Masur boys, David, Darren, and Marshall), family, and friends. A service of Christian burial was celebrated on Friday, September 4, 2026.

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