

**Worship in Community**  
**Sabbath Ministry Pause Week Two**  
**Sunday, June 7, 2026 | 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. For more on our life and witness, visit [www.felcaustin.org](http://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 the sanctuary, with two options: an earpiece, or a hearing loop for those who use hearing aids; please connect with the minister for a hearing assistance device. **Seat cushions**, for use on the wood pews and chairs 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 and transformed as the people of God. Liturgy is a Greek work translated “the work of the people of God” as we gather. FELC holds the 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. There are various formats and styles to this framework. **During this summer season and Sabbath Ministry Pause**, the worship service is thematic, and does not include the regular, fuller liturgical experience. This Time after Pentecost Day opens opportunities to grow in the Spirit of God. Regular commemorations, celebrations, and special occasions will not be observed during the eight-week Sabbath Ministry Pause.

**SABBATH MINISTRY PAUSE**  
**Tending What Has Been Entrusted**  
*May 31 – July 26 – a worship & sermon series*

**Week Two Theme:**  
***God sustains us in the midst of strain***

**May 31 – July 25** First English Lutheran Church is in a time of Sabbath Ministry Pause. During these eight weeks, the congregation pauses its ministry activities of learning, witness, service, and support. We continue in weekly worship and turn our shared focus toward reflection and discernment of future mission and the faithful stewarding of our resources. As we begin our 91<sup>st</sup> year of ministry in Austin, we seek to be intentional about shaping the next season of God’s mission in this place. If you are newly receiving this information, we welcome you to participate in this journey. To learn more, contact Pastor Katie Rode, [pastor@felcaustin.org](mailto:pastor@felcaustin.org).

**Gathering in Music**

*We stand, as able.*

*In our call and response, everyone is invited to pray aloud the text in bold print.*

**Gathering in Community**

The ancient prophet Isaiah proclaims: *If you call the Sabbath a delight, and the holy day of the Lord honorable, then you shall take delight in the Lord.* (Isaiah 58: vv.13b, 14a)

God, we call upon your presence in creation and in each person.

Open our lips,

**and our mouths will proclaim your praise.**

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,

**as we live abundantly all our days.**

We give you glory, our light and our life.

**We come to worship and praise.**

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

## Gathering in Song

*Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling* | ELW 608

Text & Music: Will L. Thompson, 1847-1909

## Gathering in Prayer

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

God of all grace, you give us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to praise you. Activate your Spirit in us, that we may celebrate your goodness, and worship you in faith, hope, and true peace; we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns, now and forever. **Amen.**

## 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 the Peace, we sit, as able.*

## Welcome to Community

# Song

# Come and Fill Our Hearts

Text/Music: Psalm 136:1; Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994, Taizé, France

*Sung repeatedly in any language.*

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni -  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a - lone, O  
Llé - na - nos Se - ñor, de tu paz, por - que só - lo

am bo - nus. Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no,  
Lord, are ho - ly. Come and fill our hearts with your peace,  
e - res san - to. Llé - na - nos Se - ñor, de tu paz,

al - le - lu - - - ia.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three 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 in Latin and English. The first system contains the first line of the song. The second system contains the second line. The third system contains the third line. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in the left hand.

**A Time of Wisdom & Wonder**

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

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one who knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

## Sharing the Word of God

*We stand, as able.*

## Song

**Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand | ELW 441**

Music: LOBTGOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480-1561

Text: Wilhelm A. Wexels, 1797-1866; tr. composite

*We sit.*

## Offering Our Lives

## Offering Music

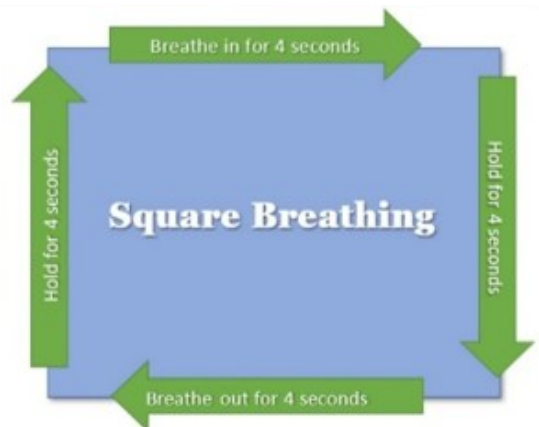
## Offering Our Breathing & Prayer

**Week Two Focus Words: comforting, relational**

*We pray to & listen for God: for the earth; the nations; the poor, ill, oppressed, lonely, unhoused, homebound, imprisoned, bereaved, & joyful; for justice & mercy; for the communities where we live, worship, play, & work; for ourselves, our loved ones, & our enemies; & for the sorrows, thanksgivings, & hopes we bring today.*

*For additional prayers, please see ELW pages 72-87 in the front of the red worship book.*

*A prayer list is found on page 7 of this worship bulletin.*



## Prayer Concerns & Joys

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

Charlotte Gilman, for healing;

Barbara Wiederaenders, for healing;

for the First English community, as we engage a time of Sabbath and Ministry Pause;

all who travel this summer, for safe journeys, meaningful experiences,

& joyful homecomings;

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, & with spiritual, health, & employment needs.

*We stand, as able.*

## Celebrating Christ's Meal in Thanksgiving

The Lord is with you. **And also 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 God thanks and praise!**

In the night in which he was given to death, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; 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.

We call on the gift of your holy Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among all people; throughout the world.

Praise, blessing, and thanks to you, God of all grace, through Christ Jesus,  
✠ by your life-changing Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Gathered into one by that same Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught:

**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 and share this bread to be the body of Christ.

**We will love one another as Christ loves us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

**Have mercy on us and grant us peace. Amen.**

*We sit, as able.*

## **Welcome 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 onsite, come to the minister by the center aisle. Receive a gluten-free wafer (bread) in your hand and eat. Take a small cup of wine from the cart and drink. White grape juice in the tray is alcohol-free. Place the used wine/juice cup in the basket on the cart. If you desire a blessing and not to receive bread or wine, a minister will offer a prayer. Return to your seat by a side aisle. We join in prayer and meditation. If you desire communion or a blessing at your place, the minister will come to you.*

## **Communion Music**

*We stand, as able.*

## **Sending in Prayer**

God of all grace, thank you for gifting us with your compassion, vulnerability, and forgiveness. We've received and shared your holy Word of wisdom and been nurtured in the Spirit. May the joy of this meal and blessing so work in us, that, as we leave this gathering, the fruits of your love will show forth in our lives. **Amen.**

## **Sending in Song**

***Lord, Take My Hand and lead Me | ELW 767***

Music: SO NIMM DENN MEINE HANDE, Friedrich Silcher, 1789-1860

Text: Julie von Hausmann, 1825-1901; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*

## **Sending in Blessing**

In work and worship, play and rest, God is with us.  
Gathered and scattered, settled and wandering, God is with us.  
May we go into the world filled with the Spirit of God:  
who made us, † who loves us, and who empowers us,  
now and forever. **Amen.**

## **Sending in Mission**

As we continue our spiritual practice of pause, we go to bless the world with God's love.  
**Thanks be to God!**

## **Sending in Music**

## **WELCOME TO FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Visit [felcaustin.org](https://felcaustin.org) to learn more about the FELC faith community. To subscribe to a weekly email Newsletter or connect with the staff, contact Pastor Katie Rode, [pastor@felcaustin.org](mailto:pastor@felcaustin.org). If you are new to the FELC community, use the QR code to connect.



## **TODAY'S MUSIC LEADER**

It's always our joy to welcome Marti Ahern to FELC. Marti studied at Westminster Choir College, Princeton, New Jersey, is a prolific pianist in the Austin area, a private music teacher, and is artistic director of the Austin Chamber Ensemble. Marti will serve on the Sundays during the Ministry Pause that Cantor Bryan Rust is away.

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