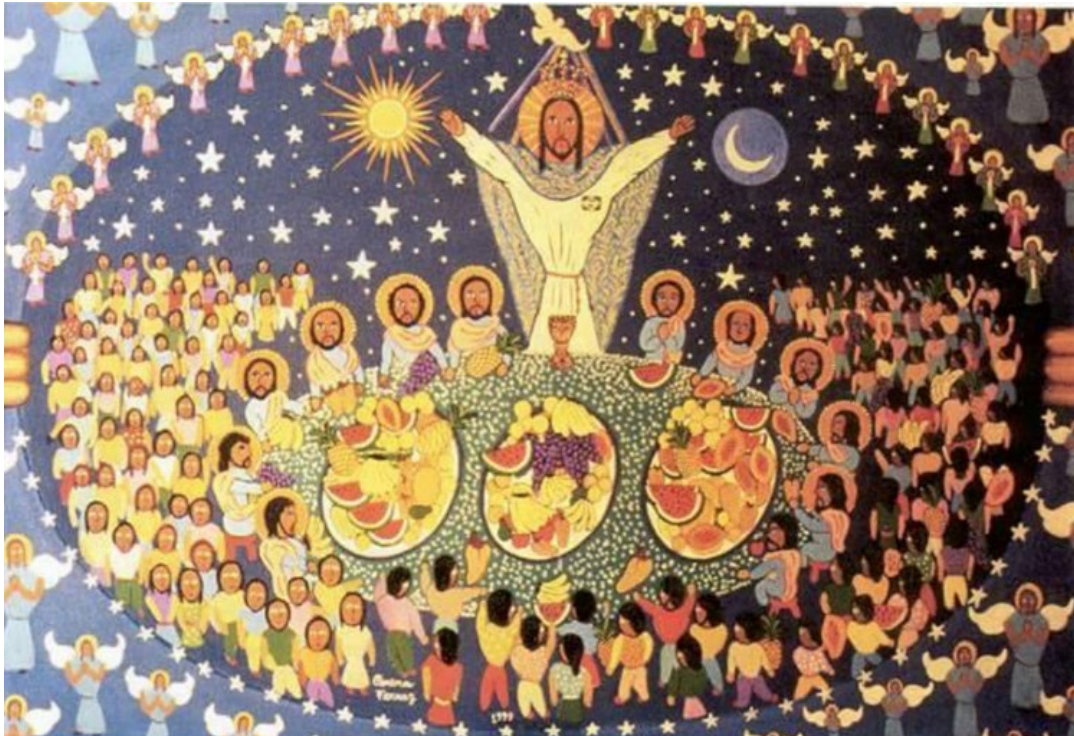


Sunday, October 11, 2026
20th Sunday after Pentecost
Word & Eucharist
10 AM - onsite & online



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 the book of Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet in the gospel of Matthew, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. God spreads a table before us each time we gather on Sunday morning. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With joy we go to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for abundant life. – Cantor Bryan Rust

*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

Gloria

Pablo Sosa, b. 1933



¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!

¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!

Y_en la tie - rra paz pa-ra_a-que-llos que_a-ma_el Se - ñor.
And on earth . . . peace to God's peo-ple. Glo - ry to God.

Y_en la tie - rra paz pa-ra_a-que-llos que_a-ma_el Se - ñor.
And on earth . . . peace to God's peo-ple. Glo - ry to God.

*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

Cantemos al Señor | ELW 555

Text/Music: Carlos Rosas, b. 1939; tr. *With One Voice*

Greeting

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.**

Prayer of the Day

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and good, and transform us into a people of life-giving peace; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns, now and forever. **Amen.**

Be seated.

Welcome to Community

✠ WORD ✠

First Reading

Isaiah 25:1-9

¹ O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. ² For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of foreigners is a city no more; it will never be rebuilt. ³ Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. ⁴ For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, ⁵ the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. ⁶ On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷ And the Lord will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations;

⁸ the Lord God will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of the people, God will take away from all the earth, for the Lord God has spoken. ⁹ It will be said on that day, “See, this is our God for whom we have waited, so that God might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in God’s salvation.”

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

We remain seated to sing.

Response

***Shepherd Me, O God* | ELW 780**

Text/Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950, based on Psalm 23

The assembly sings the Refrain. A leader sings the Verses.

Time of Wisdom & Wonder

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

Second Reading

Philippians 4:1-9

¹ My beloved, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. ² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life. ⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

We stand to welcome Christ in the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia Victor Jortack, b. 1952

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya,
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

a - le - lu - ya! A - le - lu - ya!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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

Sermon

We stand, as able.

Hymn of the Day

Vengo a ti, Jesús Amado | ELW 489

Text: Johann Franck, 1618-1677; Esther Bertieaux, b. 1944, refrain; tr. Composite
Spanish stanza text: 1964 Publicaciones “El Escudo”

We stand, as able.

Prayers of Intercession

Intercession response: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Sharing Christ's Peace

La paz de Cristo sea siempre con ustedes.
Y también contigo.

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.

Offering Music

"Ave Verum Corpus" (K 618)

W. A. Mozart (1756-1791); text: 14th century Eucharistic Hymn

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,
who having truly suffered,
gave himself a sacrifice on the cross for humanity,
whose pierced side flowed with water and blood:
May it be for us a foretaste [of the heavenly banquet]
in the final examination.

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

Offering Song

Nuestro Padre Nos Invita

Text/Music: Miria Kolling, 1939-2017, Brazil



Nues-tro Pa - dre nos in - vi - ta a la me - sa de la
God ex - tends an in - vi - ta - tion to the ta - ble of cre -



vi - da, don - de hay vi - no, luz y pan; y no -
a - tion, where there's wine and light and bread. Here we



so - tros nos reu - ni - mos, y lo nues - tro com - par - ti - mos, pues a -
gath - er in thanks - giv - ing and we of - fer all our liv - ing. Here the



sí es la co - mu - ni - ón; pues a - sí es la co - mu - ni - ón.
feast of life is spread; here the feast of life is spread.

Offering Prayer

Gracious God, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation.
Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care.
Prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

El Señor sea con ustedes.

Y también contigo.

Elevemos los corazones.

Al Señor los elevamos.

Demos gracias al Señor nuestro Dios.

Es justo darle gracias y alabanza.

The Lord be 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 Him thanks and praise.

En verdad es digno, justo y saludable que en todo tiempo y en todo lugar te demos gracias y alabanza, todopoderoso y misericordioso Dios, por nuestro Salvador Jesucristo; quien en el primer día de la semana triunfó sobre la muerte y la tumba, y por su gloriosa resurrección nos abrió el camino de la vida eterna. Así pues, con los coros de los ángeles, con la iglesia en la tierra y las huestes en el cielo, alabamos tu nombre y nos unimos a su himno eterno:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

San - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,

Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor.
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.

San - to, san - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,

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Ho - san - na en el cie - lo, ho - san - na en la
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na here on

tie - rra. Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en el
earth. Blest is he who comes in the

nom - bre del Se - ñor. Ho - san - na en el
name . . . of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

cie - lo, ho - san - na en la tie - rra. Ben -
high - est, ho - san - na here on earth.

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Blest is he who comes in the name . . . of the Lord.

Thanksgiving at the Table

You are indeed holy, gracious God . . . 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!

Awaken in us and in this meal your life-giving Spirit, whose breath revives us for abundant life, and whose fire rouses us to love. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Through Christ, with Christ, $\mp$ in Christ, in the unity and power of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, most gracious God, in the church and in the world, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Señor, acuérdate de nosotros en tu reino y enséñanos a orar:
(Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:)

**Padre nuestro, que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre;
venga a nosotros 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 la tentación, y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder y la gloria, ahora y por siempre. Amén.**

**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 Victor Jortack

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, have . . mer-cy up - on us, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, have . . mer-cy up - on us.

Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, have . . mer-cy up - on us, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, have . . mer-cy up - on us.

Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

da - nos tu paz, grant us your peace, da - nos tu paz, grant us your 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

***Jesu, Tawa Pano* | ELW 529**

Text/Music: Patrick Matsikenyiri, 1937-2021

***Here Is Bread* | ELW 483**

Text/Music: Graham Kendrick, b. 1950

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, thank you for blessing and nourishing us with the riches of your grace. Send us to proclaim your love in a hurting and beautiful world; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

✠ SENDING ✠

Welcome to Hospitality

Sending Song

***How Small Our Span of Life* | ELW 636**

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923-2007

Music: KINGSFOLD, English traditional

Blessing & Sending in Mission

May the blessing of God, Creator, ✠ Redeemer, and Sustainer, continue with you, and all those you love and serve, now and forever. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve as Christ. **Gracias a Dios!** (Thanks be to God!)

Hospitality Time

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.



PRAYER | OCTOBER STEWARDSHIP THEME: BLESSING

Creator of All, unite us. Stream of Justice, trouble us. Path of Righteousness, turn us. Singer of Love, teach us. Binder of Wounds, heal us. Freer of Captives, release us. Light of Light, awaken us. Bread of Life, feed us. God in all, bless us. Amen.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

National Hispanic American Heritage Month 2026 takes place from September 15 to October 15. The starting date of September 15 honors the independence anniversaries of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Mexico, Chile, and Belize also celebrate their independence days shortly after (September 16 and 18). This celebration began “Hispanic Heritage Week” under President Lyndon Johnson in 1968 and expanded to a full month under President Ronald Reagan in 1988. We give thanks for the unique histories, cultures, and ongoing contributions of all people with these ancestral roots. In our worship for September and October, we will experience language and music from these various traditions.

HONORING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES’ DAY | OCTOBER 12

As we honor **Indigenous Peoples’ Day on Monday, October 12**, the Stewardship Committee invites you to take home a prayer card available on the welcome tables near the worship bulletins or from the fellowship hall during hospitality time following the worship service. The cards display a traditional Lakota “Prayer for the People” and offer each of us a way to individually honor Indigenous Peoples’ Day. The prayer speaks of sending a voice for the people. You are invited to use the prayer for your reflection and meditation throughout the day on Monday, October 12.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF LEON NOREN | SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1 PM

All are welcome to this celebration of life and reception following the worship service.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION | OCTOBER 18 & 25

Pastor Katie Rode and Pastor Don Wright, Thoughts on Martin Luther and the Reformation

REFORMATION SUNDAY | OCTOBER 25

On Reformation Sunday we celebrate the heart of faith: the gospel of Christ that makes us free to live God's love fully. By the end of the 17th century, many Lutheran churches celebrated a festival commemorating All Hallows Eve, October 31, 1517, when Martin Luther posted his Ninety-five Theses in Wittenberg, Germany. These were a summary of abuses in the church of his time and his call to action. The Holy Spirit continues to reform the whole church in this age and place in mission. The church color associated with the Holy Spirit is red, and **we invite you to wear some red on October 25.**

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY & OFFRENDIA | NOVEMBER 1

We celebrate the Feast of All Saints' - a time to remember and give thanks for the saints in our lives and in the world. As part of the observance we will read the names of those from FELC who have died since the last All Saints' Sunday. **We invite and encourage everyone to bring photos, drawings, and/or mementos** to place on an Altar of Remembrance (Offrendia) in the Chapel of the Saints, and to write the names of anyone who has died in the past year in the Book of the Dead. The sacred space of remembrance will remain in the Chapel through November. If you would like the name/s of anyone who has died read in the liturgy on November 1, please email the church office by Tuesday, October 27.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS AT 2 AM ON NOVEMBER. 1.

FELC FALL FESTIVAL | NOVEMBER 1

All are welcome to celebrate together, starting at 5 pm with Austin Polka Band and KarliHaus brew, followed by Brats, Schnitzel and your favorite dish. This year let's share our abundance with a gift to Micah 6. Cans of food and men's shoes and clothing.

2026 FALL MUSIC EVENTS at FELC:

UT REPERTORY CHORUS | MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 5 PM

Delight in the sounds of musicians from UT's Butler School of Music. This choir serves as a laboratory chorus for the master's and doctoral students in choral conducting at UT, along with upper division undergraduate students majoring in music education. Free Admission.

AUSTIN CANTORUM: VISIONARY | SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 8 PM

Experience a choral TRIP featuring music from and inspired by the Johns Hopkins Psilocybin Playlist. This concert follows the arc of a psychedelic journey while exploring the research being done on the use of psychedelics to benefit people who suffer from PTSD, addiction, and other issues. With vocalist Page Stephens, guitarist Justice Phillips, and pianist Luciano Laurentiu. Free admission - \$25 suggested donation per person.

Please Register: www.austincantorum.com

CHORUS AUSTIN CHAMBER ENSEMBLE: SONGS FOR THE JOURNEY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 8 PM | SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 4 PM

Join Chorus Austin's Chamber Ensemble for SONGS FOR THE JOURNEY, an evening of choral music exploring the paths we take, the places we discover, and the stories we carry with us.

For tickets: www.chorusaustin.org

PRAYER CONCERNS & JOYS

As a community of faith, we pray for:

the family & friends of Leon Noren, upon his death;
family & friends of Roberto Paolo Riggio, friend of Oliver Rajamani, upon his death;
Sarah Roberts & her family & friends, for healing and support;
Margaret VanAntwerp, friend of Kate Wanstrom, for healing & wholeness;
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;
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 LEARNING, LITURGY, & HOSPITALITY

Ministers	All the People of God
Adult Faith Formation	Kate Wanstrom
Altar Care Server	Teresa Ringness
Assisting Minister	Leigh Northcutt-Benson
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Hospitality Hosts	Nancy & Randy Baden
Lector	Monica Lund
Livestream Minister	J.P Northcutt-Benson
Music Ministers	FELC Choir; Michael Marty, trumpet; Eli Aguirre, oboe; Oliver Rajamani, percussion; Cantor Bryan Rust
Preaching & Presiding	Pastor Katie Rode
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