Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost Word & Eucharist November 9, 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 (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.

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.

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.

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.

This Sunday we begin a seven-week series called "Out of the Blue" - a time before and during the Advent season in reflective waiting for Christ's coming into the fullness of life. This is a time for new beginnings. We gather for shared imagination around moments of surprise, occasions of awe, and instances of inspiration. We hope to discover together the astonishment of God's work and God's purposes among us. The bible stories in this series follow the regular lectionary (set of readings) that are offered in most Lutheran, Catholic, Episcopal, Presbyterian, and United Church of Christ congregations. On November 9 we gather in the theme "Beginning at Broken" – broken expectations, changed perspectives, and new life after smaller deaths and after bigger ones.

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The Holy Spirit gathers us into community.

The singing bowl sounds, calling us to focus our attention.

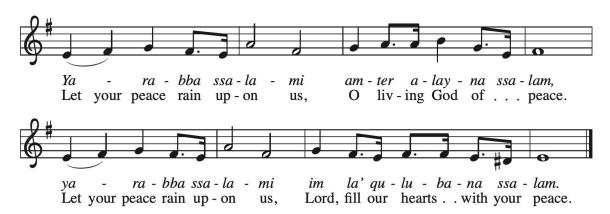
Welcome to Community

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.



Breathing Together

The assembly stands, as able.



Text: Palestinian traditional; tr. Mark Swanson, b. 1955, and Mark Sedio, b. 1954

Music: YARABBA SSALAMI, Palestinian traditional

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Confession & Forgiveness of Sin

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who is compassion, forgiveness, and healing. **Blessed be God forever! Amen.**

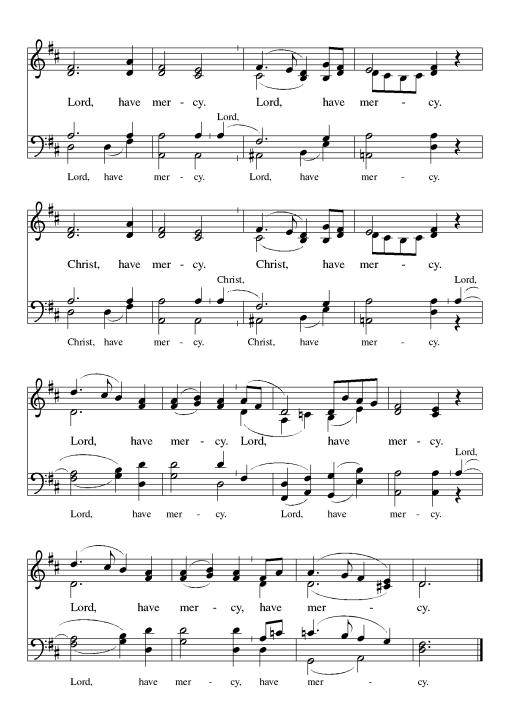
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept, inviting self-reflection.

Have mercy, O God, for against you have we have sinned. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt. Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit and overflow your joy within us. Amen.

As far as east is from west, + so far God removes your sin from you, renewing your life in Christ. Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love. **Blessed be God forever! Amen.**

Kyrie



Music: Deutsche Messe, Franz Schubert, 1797–1828; adapt. Richard Proulx, b. 1937 Adapt. © 1985, 1989 GIA Publications, Inc. 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638. www.giamusic.com. 800.442.3358. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Greeting & Prayer of the Day

The grace, love, and communion of God are with you now.

And also with you.

O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep in our minds the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a faithful life, and bring us to the fullness of joy in Christ's resurrection; through the same 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.

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God speaks in scripture, proclamation, song, silence, and prayer, and in each person.

Faith of a Child & Spirit Space

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

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

Children and families are invited to a Spirit Space in the North Transept, 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 children and the joy and curiosity they offer.

First Reading Job 19:23-27a

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

²³ "O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book!

²⁴ O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever!

²⁵ For I know that my vindicator lives and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;

²⁶ and after my skin has been destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God,

^{27a} whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

Response Psalm 17:1-9



- ¹ Hear a just cause O Lord; give heed [|] to my cry; listen to my prayer which does not come from [|] lying lips.
- ² Let my vindication come forth | from your presence; let your eyes be | fixed on justice.
- ³ Examine my heart, visit | me by night, melt me down; you will find no impuri- | ty in me.
- ⁴ I have not regarded what [|] others do; at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways [|] of the violent.
- ⁵ My footsteps hold fast to your [|] well-worn path; and my feet [|] do not slip.
- ⁶ I call upon you O God for you will | answer me; incline your ear to me and | hear my words.
- ⁷ Show me your marvelous | lovingkindness,
 O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who | rise against them.
- ⁸ Keep me as the apple | of your eye; hide me under the shadow | of your wings,
- ⁹ from the wicked | who assault me, from my deadly enemies | who surround me.

¹As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, beloved ones, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³ Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴ The ones who opposes and exalts themselves above every so-called god or object of worship, so that they take the seat in the temple of God, declaring themself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

¹³ But we must always give thanks to God for you, dear one, beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, beloved, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. ¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

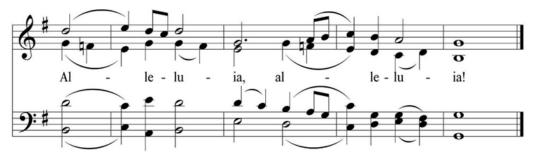
Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome Christ in the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

Based on For All the Saints; music: arr. Michael E. Krentz, b. 1962



Verse: Keep me as the apple $^{\mid}$ of your eye; hide me under the shadow $^{\mid}$ of your wings. Psalm 17:8

The assembly repeats the Alleluias.

Holy Gospel Luke 20:27-38

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] ²⁸ and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her." ³⁴ Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive."

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

The assembly repeats the Alleluias.

Sermon

The assembly remains seated to sing.

During the hymn and prayer time each week, you are invited to come pray, reflect upon the saint's icons, bring and view pictures and mementos at the Altar of Remembrance, light a candle, write names in the Book of the Dead of those who have died in the past twelve months, and give thanks for those interred in the Columbarium. The hanging "Cloud of Witnesses" mobile in the Chapel contains the names of those from FELC who have died since our founding in 1936.



Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

Music: DEATH BE NEVER LAST, Ray Makeever Text and music © 1993 Ray Makeever, admin. Augsburg Fortress

Prayers of Intercession A prayer list is found on page 19.

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

The assembly stands, as able.

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 celebrating the Eucharist at Christ's table.

The assembly returns to their places.

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

Ministry Moment | Global Refuge

Welcome to Communion & Offering

All of life is an offering. God has entrusted us with gifts and abilities, and we're invited to share them for the mission of the church and the care of those in need. Financial gifts may be shared through the offering plate, in post mail to the church office, or online at www.felcaustin.org/information/giving. God welcomes generosity.

Offering Music

Draw Us in the Spirit's Teather

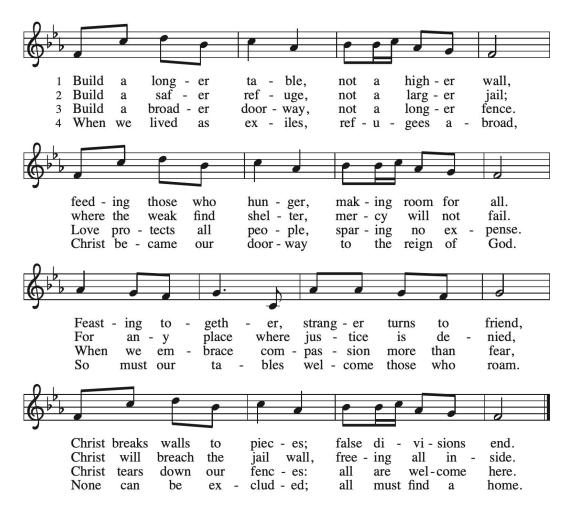
Text: Percy Dearmer, 1867-1936; Music: Harold Friedell, 1905-1958

1 Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in your name, two or three are met together, you are in the midst of them; alleluia, alleluia! Touch we now your garment's hem.

2 As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup, alleluia, alleluia!
So now bind our friendship up.

3 All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of you, that by caring, helping, giving, we may be disciples true.
Alleluia, alleluia!
we will serve with faith anew.

The assembly stands as bread, wine, and other gifts are presented and prepared for blessing.



Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

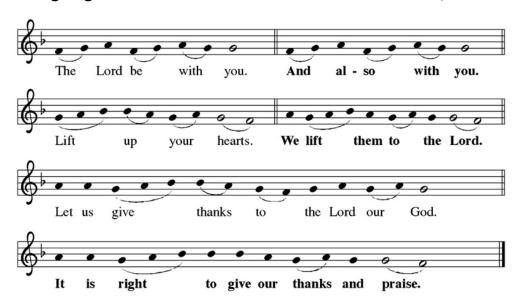
Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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Offering Prayer

God, we cherished what we thought belonged only to us: our money and our time and our families and our freedom. Yet in a moment, we recognize that every truly good thing was a treasure we had taken from your open hand. We thought such treasures were ours to earn and to own.

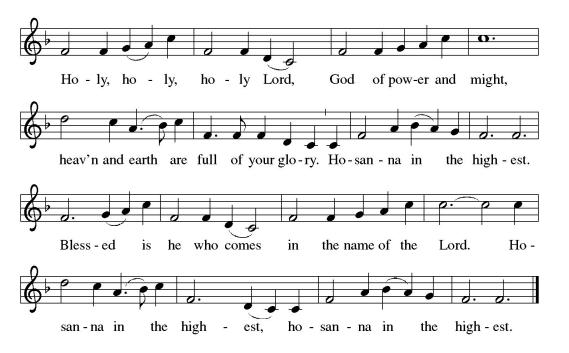
You grow what we give away. So we give you these gifts as a sign of your love and faithfulness. Amen.



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Richard Hillert, 1923-2010



Thanksgiving at the Table

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way.

In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love. In every age you send prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity.

The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.

In the fullness of time you sent your servant to proclaim good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed, 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 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.

Remembering, therefore, Christ's death and resurrection, we await the day for his return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord of Hope! And let the people say Amen. **Amen.**

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread, cup, and blessing with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the people say Amen. Amen.

Join our prayers and praise with your saints, prophets, and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the resurrection, we might live in hope and freedom.

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

The Lord's Prayer

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 dia.
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

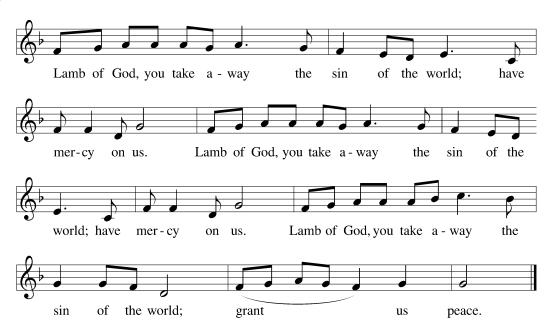
We belong to Christ, tied to Jesus in his death and made new in his resurrection. And even when we feel unwelcome or unworthy, Jesus brings us to the table where we meet the saints and can find new friends.

We break this bread and take our place at the feast that never ends.

The assembly is seated.

Song of Response

Lamb of God



Text: "Agnus Dei," tr. International Consultation on English Texts Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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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 for a prayer of blessing. 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.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903; tr. Robert Leaf, 1936-2005 Music: BLOTT EN DAG, Oskar Ahnfelt, 1813-1882

The assembly remains seated as we offer our thanks.

Prayer after Communion

Jesus, the world looks different from your table. Here, there are no strangers, and grace is never a surprise. Life always thrives in the desert, and a promise never shades with doubt. As we rise from this table, our memories of this goodness fade. Bring us back every day to your promises: astonish us again. **Amen.**

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God sends us in mission and service.

Community Invitations & Announcements

The assembly stands, as able.

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

As you leave, adjust your expectations to God's promises. There is friendship after loneliness, there is hope after every last breath. There is already life in the desert. There is even delight in decline. For we tell the story of new life from the grave; the blessing of God, Creator, + Christ, and Comforter, continue with you, and those you love, serve, and challenge, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song

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

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, alt.

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

Dismissal to Mission

Go in peace and hope to love and serve as Christ. Thanks be to God!

Hospitality

나 Our Worship Has Ended. Our Service Begins 나

ALTAR OF REMEMBRANCE | OFRENDA THROUGH NOVEMBER 23

At the feast of All Saints' we gave thanks and remembered all the saints: past, present, and those yet to come. We give thanks that all God's people, known and unknown, famous and infamous, beloved and challenging, are embraced in the fullness of God's love for eternity. The Altar of Remembrance (called an Ofrenda in Mexican cultures to welcome the presence of the souls of the dead) remains in the Chapel of the Saints through November 23. Each week you are invited to come pray, reflect upon the saint's icons, bring and view pictures and mementos at the Altar of Remembrance, light a candle, write names in the Book of the Dead of those who have died in the past twelve months, and give thanks for those interred in the Columbarium. The hanging "Cloud of Witnesses" mobile in the Chapel contains the names of all from FELC who have died since our founding in 1936.

CHAPEL OF THE SAINTS, SAINTS ICONS, & COLUMBARIUM

In 2012 we dedicated the south transept of our nave as the Chapel of the Saints. As part of this transformation, we added the Columbarium, a place to inter cremated remains. The Columbarium consists of separate niches that can hold up to two urns each. Names are engraved on the stone tile in front of the niche. This option for interment is available to all FELC members and family. For more information, contact the church office. When we gather in the Chapel of the Saints, we do so as the saints of God in prayer, worship, and community. We gather with the saints of the past and we remember them in various ways: those interred in the Columbarium, the Cloud of Witnesses hanging mobile, and the icons displayed on the walls that also remind us of people who inspire our faith and action. The icons of saints are by artist Kelly Latimore. Using FELC memorial funds, we purchased and installed sixteen icons in the Chapel and eight more in the hallway outside the north transept entrance. They include saints, contemporary and ancient, and from various heritages.

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PRAYER CONCERNS & JOYS

As a community of faith, we pray for:

those responding to & recovering from severe & damaging weather;

thanksgiving for Henri Atkinson's continuing healing from breast cancer

the family & friends of the Rev. Henry Schulte, former bishop of the Southwestern Texas Synod (1990-1994), upon his death;

Leon Noren, recovering from a leg injury;

Stan Cravatt & Ann Graham, as Stan continues chemotherapy;

Emily Schottmann, undergoing cancer treatment;

Fred & Sonia Ralls Dalbey, friends of Dave & Nancy Neuse, upon Fred's rapid decline in health;

strength & a spirit of justice for all who have worked & continue to support peacemaking efforts in Gaza and in the world;

Israeli prisoners & detained Palestinians released;

people of various faith traditions, & people of goodwill;

FELC congregation, council, & our mission & ministry;

benevolence ministry partners Micah 6 Food Ministries, LuMin, Global Refuge, & Casa Marianella, and their leaders;

the whole church & church leaders throughout the world;

those who are affected by the United States Government shutdown, especially those who are experiencing concern about a loss of livelihood;

citizens & leaders of, immigrants, & refugees to the United States;

places of violence, war, oppression, disaster, conflict & recovery;

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;

all who are homebound;

all in any need & thanksgiving.

The FELC Prayer Circle gathers faithfully to offer prayer. Contact: bschutz@sbcglobal.net.

WELCOME TO FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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engagement, racial justice, and reconciliation ministries.

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Hospitality Hospitality Team Lector Monica Lund

Livestream Minister JP Northcutt-Benson

Music Ministers FELC Choir; Elijah Aguirre, oboe;

Oliver Rajamani, percussion; Cantor Bryan Rust

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