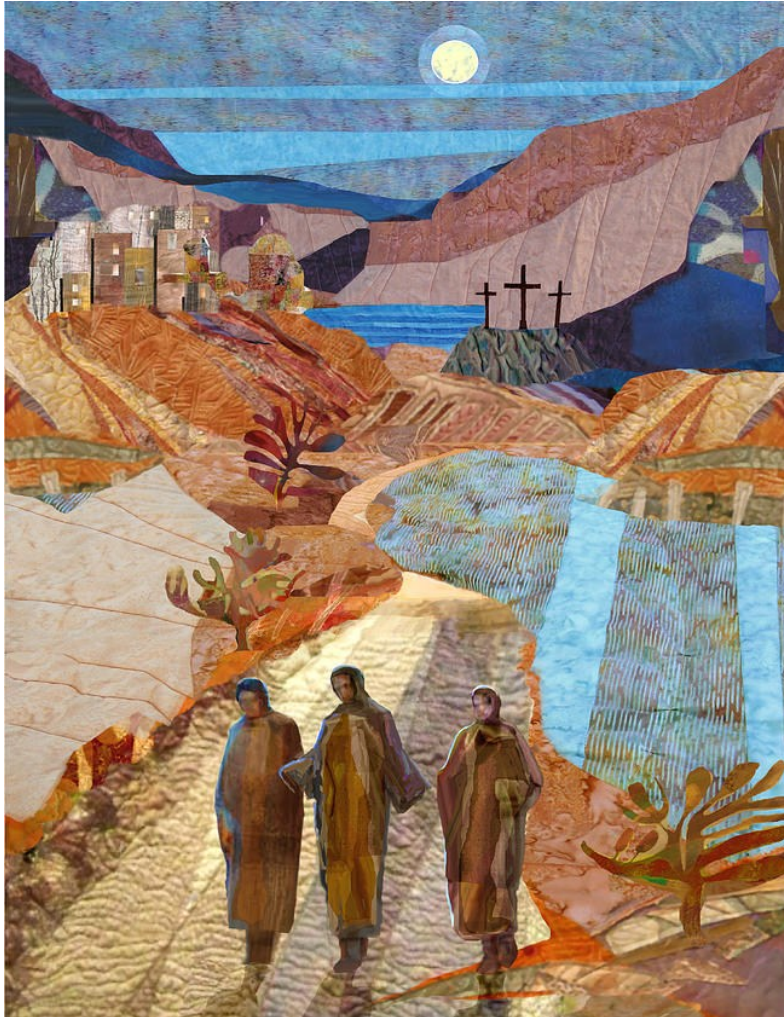


Worship in Community
Sabbath Ministry Pause Week Seven
Sunday, July 12, 2026 | Onsite & Online



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.

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 word 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 Seven Theme:
Christ is revealed as we begin to see clearly

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 91st 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.

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

As We Gather At Your Table | ELW 522

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710;
arr. Julius rontgen, 1855-1932

Gathering in Prayer

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

God of all life, Jesus makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Increase our faith that we may recognize him in all his redeeming work, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, 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.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system contains the first line of lyrics. The second system contains the second line of lyrics. The third system contains the third line of lyrics. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody. There are some slurs and accents in the piano part, particularly in the second system.

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.

A Time of Wisdom & Wonder

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

A reading from the ancient evangelist Luke.

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, Jesus walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When Jesus was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

Sharing the Word of God

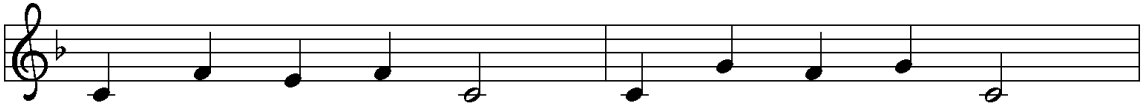
We remain seated.

Song

Day of Arising | ELW 374

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, 1953-2021;

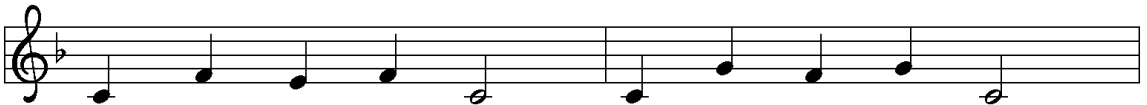
Music: RAABE, Carl F. Schalk, 1929-2021



1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way,
2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing,
3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken.
4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney,



un - known com - pan - ion walks with his own.
blind - ed by sad - ness, slow - ness of heart,
This is Christ's prom - ise, this is Christ's sign:
bread of com - pas - sion, o - pen our eyes.



When they in - vite him, as fades the first day,
yet Christ walks with us, ev - er a - wait - ing
when the church gath - ers, when bread is bro - ken,
Grant us your vi - sion, set all hearts burn - ing



and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.
our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.
there Christ is with us in bread and wine.
that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

Offering Our Lives

Offering Music

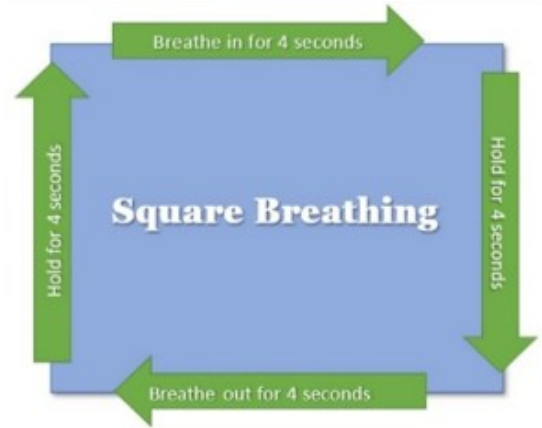
Offering Our Breathing & Prayer

Week Seven Focus Words: illuminating, hopeful

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.

You are also invited to view the icons in the Chapel of the Saints as a focus for prayer.



Prayer Concerns & Joys

As a community of faith, we pray for:

John Brockman & his family at the death of his wife Martha;
Barbara Wiederaenders, for healing;
Carl Brockman, 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.

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

Go, My Children, With My Blessing | ELW 543

Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1919-2008

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 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. 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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