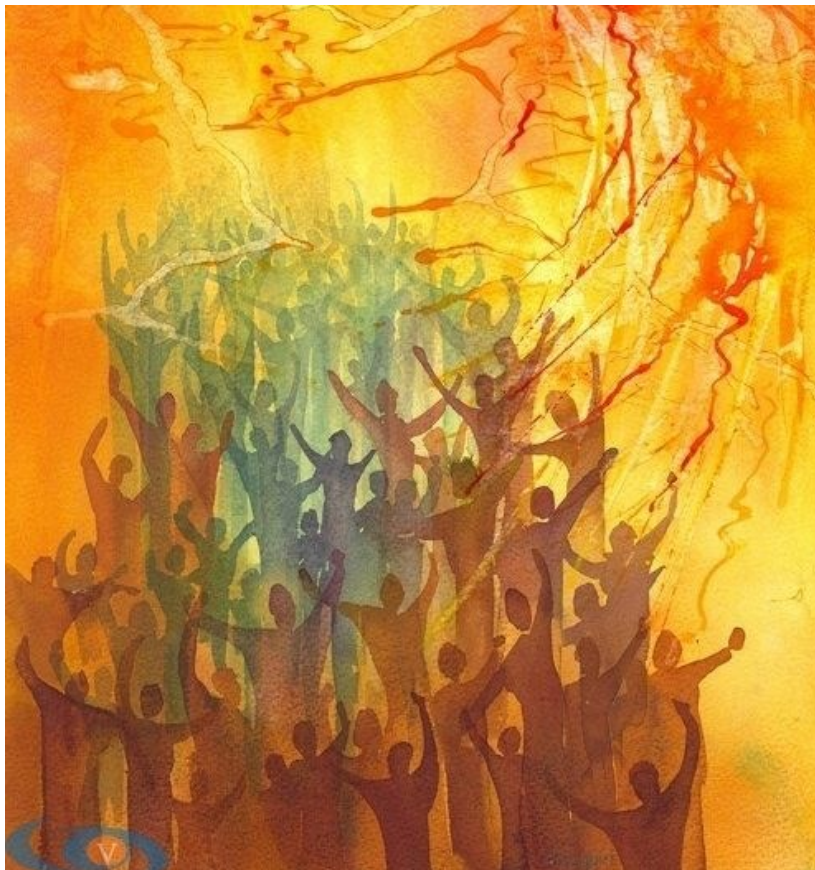


Day of Pentecost
Affirmation of Holy Baptism
Sunday, May 24, 2026 | 10 AM
Word & Eucharist | Onsite & Online



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. 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.

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.

FELC in a Sabbath: Ministry Pause

This Spring, the First English Congregation Council instituted a time of ministry Sabbath. It begins with a Ministry Pause for the congregation and its ministries of worship, learning, witness, service, and support from May 31 to July 25. The broader Sabbath season will be observed through November of 2026.

During the eight-week pause, regular ministry activities will pause. We will continue in weekly worship and turn our shared focus toward reflection, discernment, and the faithful stewarding of our resources. Over the course of this year, this Sabbath will include personal and spiritual growth, community-wide forums, and regular updates from church leadership.

This Ministry Pause invites us to assess our life together as we prepare for a season of renewal and faithful stewardship. We will engage in active listening with the Holy Spirit and with one another. We pray this time will mend and strengthen this congregation community for the future.

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 share in this journey. To learn more, contact Pastor Katie Rode, pastor@felcaustin.org.

✠ GATHERING ✠

The Easter season concludes on the fiftieth day of the celebration of the resurrection of Christ. Pentecost comes from the Greek, pentekoste, “fiftieth” and it refers to the festival celebrated on the fiftieth day after Passover, also known as the “Feast of Weeks” and the “Feast of 50 days” in rabbinic tradition. Easter is the time of greatest joy as we’ve gathered in the good news of God’s victory over death and God’s power to renew our lives. Today we celebrate the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. The primary color of red on this day symbolizes the fire and power of that Spirit in the Church and in the world. We rejoice with Hadley Fuerst as she affirms her baptism through the Church’s gift of confirmation. Come, Holy Spirit!

A Paschal candle is a central symbol in the church’s worship life. The paschal candle, lit at baptisms, confirmations, renewals, funerals, and throughout the Easter season, shines with the light of Christ’s resurrection, reminding all that we have new life in God’s love.

Gathering Music

Minuet and Trio Franz Schubert, 1797-1828

At sound of the singing bowls, we stand as able and turn to face the main entrance of the nave.

Gathering Song in Procession

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling | ELW 582

Text: Timothy Rees, 1874-1939. alt.

Music: IN BABILONE, 1710; arr. Julius Rontgen, 1855-1932

Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

There is one body and one Spirit. **There is one hope in God’s call to us.**

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism. **One God who created us all.**

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

God our creator, the resurrection of Christ offers life to all the peoples of earth.

By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise; we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns, now and forever. **Amen.**

Be seated.

Welcome to Community

✝ WORD ✝

A Time of Wisdom & Wonder

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

Reading

Genesis 11:1-9

¹ Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. ² And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³ And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks and fire them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone and bitumen for mortar. ⁴ Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.” ⁵ The LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. ⁶ And the LORD said, “Look, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. ⁷ Come, let us go down and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another’s speech.” ⁸ So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. ⁹ Therefore it was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth, and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Come Down, O Love Divine

Text: Bianco da Siena, d. 1434, tr. Richard F. Littledale, 1833-1890

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958, arr. S. Drummond Wolff, 1916-2004

- 1 Come down, O Love divine; seek thou this soul of mine
 and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
 O Comforter, draw near; within my heart appear
 and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.
- 2 Oh, let it freely burn, till worldly passions turn
 to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
 and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,
 and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.
- 3 And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
 shall far outpass the power of human telling;
 no soul can guess his grace till it become the place
 wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.” ¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ ‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. ²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

We stand and turn to face the cross in procession, as we welcome Christ in the Good News.

Gospel Acclamation In Procession

Music: Thomas Pavlechko, b. 1962

Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

Verse: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts^l of your people,*
and kindle in us the fire^l of your love.

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

Holy Gospel

John 20:19-23

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were for fear, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After Jesus said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

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

We sing the Gospel Acclamation.

Sermon

We stand to welcome the gospel in song.

The presiding minister continues with prayer.

Merciful God, we thank you for this beloved in Christ,
whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism.
You have called Hadley to yourself, enlightened her with the gifts of your Spirit,
and nourished her in your communities of faith and service.
Uphold your servant in the gifts and promises of baptism,
and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Renunciation of Evil and Profession of Faith

Hadley, as you affirm your baptism
I ask you to reject sin, profess your faith in Christ, and confess the faith of the Church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? *I renounce them.*
Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? *I renounce them.*
Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? *I renounce them.*

We stand, as able.

Apostles' Creed

Together let us use the Apostles' Creed to affirm the faith that unites us with the whole church, across time, across oceans, across peoples.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Great Spirit, **hear our prayer.**

Affirmation of Holy Baptism

Hadley, you have made public profession of your faith.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

If so, say: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Do you promise to support and pray for Hadley in her life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Prayer of the Spirit

music: Taizé, France

Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus. Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.
Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us. Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (two sharps). The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in Hadley Martha the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

During the Song of Affirmation the assembly is sprinkled with water in remembrance, renewal, and invitation in baptism.

Song of Affirmation

When I Think of the Goodness of Jesus

G.E. Patterson, 1939-2007

When I think of the good-ness of Je - sus, and
what he has done for me, my soul cries out, "Hal-le -
lu - jah!" Praise God for sav - ing me.

The musical score is written for a single staff in Treble clef, in the key of B-flat major (two flats). The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

A prayer list is found on page 18.

Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

All return to their places.

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 coming to Christ's table for Eucharist.

✝MEAL✝

Welcome to Communion & Offering

We reflect on our stewardship of the gifts of God entrusted to us for the mission of the church and the care of those in need. God welcomes generosity. Financial gifts may be shared through the offering plate or online at www.felcaustin.org/information/giving.

We stand as bread, wine, and other gifts are presented and prepared for blessing.

Offering Song

Let the Vineyards be Fruitful



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



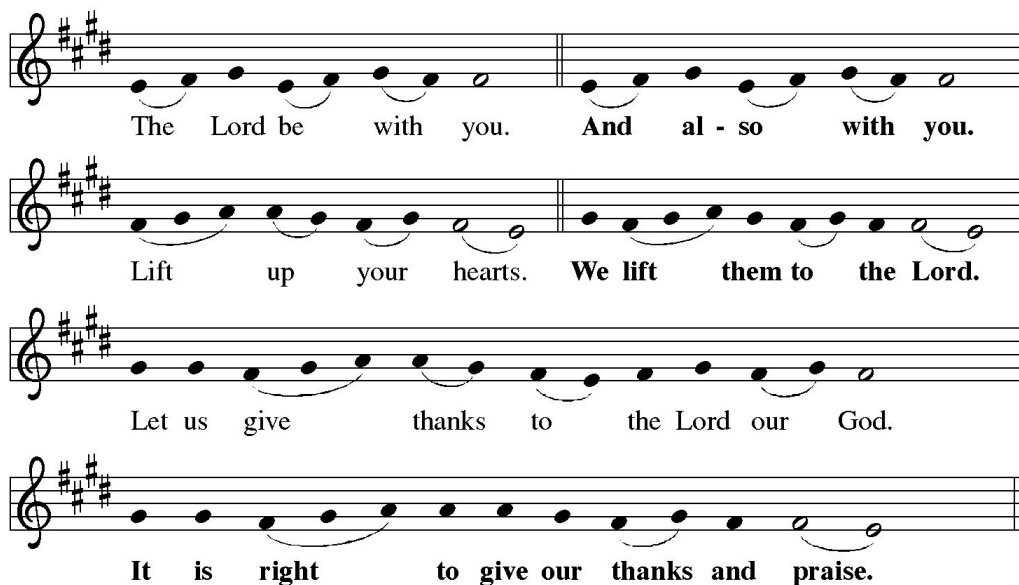
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Offering Prayer

Risen One, you gather us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring.
Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal. Amen.



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

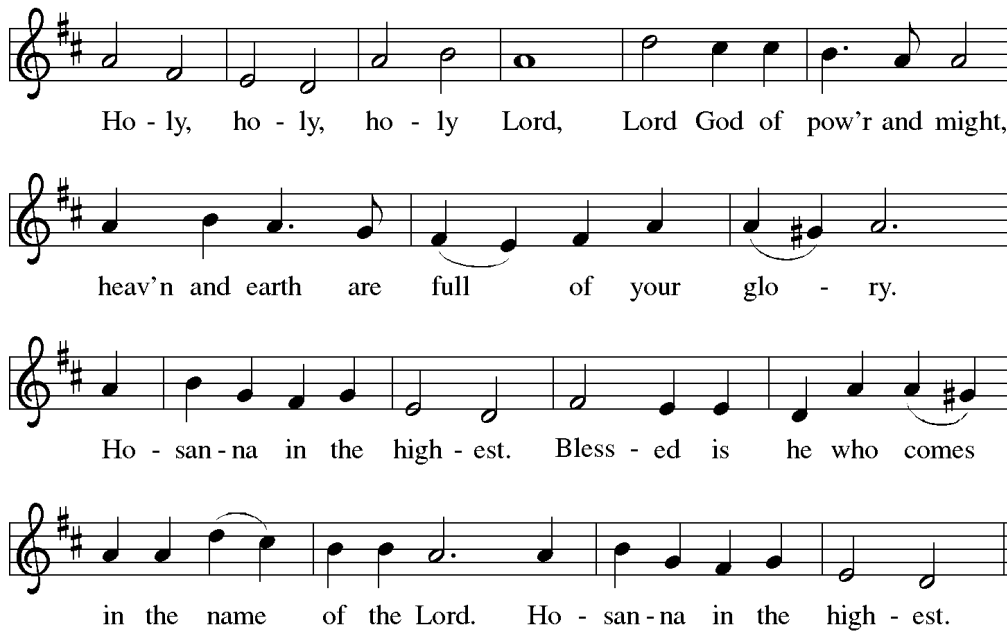
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n 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.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God!

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God!

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God!

In the night . . .do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering Christ's love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim together the paschal mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Praise, blessing, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, ✠ by your life-changing Spirit, now and forever.

Amen!

Gathered into one by the life-giving spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

Breaking the Bread

Alleluia! Christ our Paschal Lamb has been sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!

Be seated.

Song of Response

Be Known to Us

Text: based on 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; Music: Anne Krentz Organ, b. 1960

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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 where a minister will offer a prayer of blessing. Then, 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.

Healing Prayer

Healing Prayer is an ancient and powerful ritual of the church. It is a deeply personal encounter with our need for healing in body, mind, spirit, and relationship, and our turning to God for all healing, grace, and mercy. Those who desire healing prayer, which may include the laying on of hands on the head and anointing with oil on the forehead, are invited to the Chapel of the Saints during the communion distribution. You may wait in one of the chairs until the healing prayer station is free for kneeling or standing.

Communion Music

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing arr. John Wyeth

Communion Music

Taste and See James Moore, 1956-2000

Refrain – All

Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,

The first system of musical notation for the song 'Taste and See'. It consists of a vocal line in G-clef and a piano accompaniment in F-clef. The key signature has one flat (Bb). The time signature is 4/4. The vocal line begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, and a quarter note C5. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords in the right hand.

taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

The second system of musical notation continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line has a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, and a quarter note C5. The piano accompaniment continues with similar chords and a steady bass line.

Communion Music

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song | ELW 403

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

Music: BRIDEGROOM, Peter Cutts, b. 1937

We remain seated as we offer our thanks.

Prayer after Communion

Dear God, thank you for blessing and feeding us in this meal of strength, forgiveness, and new life. With the Spirit's power, may we witness boldly in the name of Christ, who lives and reigns, now and forever. **Amen.**

✝ SENDING ✝

Blessing for a Ministry Pause

God's 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 to live fiercely, now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Song

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee | ELW 836

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827, adapt.

Sending in Mission

Overflowing with the Spirit, let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Hospitality & Confirmation Reception

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 office@felcaustin.org. If you are new to the FELC community, use the QR code to connect.



CONFIRMATION OF FAITH

We give thanks to God for Hadley Martha Fuerst as she affirms the promises of holy baptism in the rite of confirmation. Hadley participated in confirmation instruction this Spring with Pastor Katie. Hadley affirmed her baptism on April 12 in the community of First United Methodist Church (FUMC) in Austin, where she also engaged in learning and formation. Hadley's mom, Taylor Fuerst, serves as head pastor at FUMC.

Hadley Martha Fuerst | Born December 5, 2011 | Baptized April 7, 2012

Family: parents Taylor and Brad; siblings Holden and Harper

Sponsors: Nathan Fuerst and Shelby Fuerst

Hadley enjoys volleyball, track, and music. She will attend McCallum High School this fall.

AUSTIN CANTORUM | MAY 30 | 7:30 PM

Join Austin Cantorum at FELC exploring choral music that celebrates regional cuisine, reflects on the nature of hunger, and examines what it means to have a purposeful relationship with the food we eat. Two universal languages: music and food (!) with a non-perishable canned food drive to benefit the Central Texas Food Bank. Admission is FREE; suggested donation of \$25. RSVP today at AustinCantorum.com.

MICAH 6 FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

We will be accepting food and clothing donations during the month of May for both Micah 6 and Casa Marianella. We invite abundance in donating in May as we will engage a time of ministry pause for reflection and discernment May 31-July 25. Our hope is to donate enough during May that the abundance is equivalent to our May-July donations. Also, our First English volunteer group that prepares and serves the meal for the youth drop in center will serve in May, then take the same pause schedule listed above. Contact Andy MacLaren, andyaclaren@cs.com, 512-947-4186.

PRAYER CONCERNS & JOYS

As a community of faith, we pray for:

for all graduating & all those transitioning to new chapters of school, work, & life;
Hadley Martha Fuerst, as she affirms her baptism & receives the gift of confirmation;
Taylor Dieringer, newly appointed Dean of the Capitol South Conference;
for the First English community, as we prepare to enter a time of Sabbath,
beginning with a ministry pause;
for the FELC Congregation Council & their leadership in this community;
all who travel this summer, for safe journeys, meaningful experiences, & joyful homecomings;
places experiencing violence, war, oppression, disaster, conflict & recovery;
the people of Iran & the United States military engaged in conflict;
those affected by gun violence;
FELC Stewardship Committee;
those who advocate for healing, safety, justice, inclusion, peace & equity;
benevolence ministry partners & their leaders: Micah 6 Food Ministries,
LuMin, Global Refuge, & Casa Marianella;
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.

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LEADERS IN LITURGY & HOSPITALITY | SUNDAY, MAY 24

Ministers	All the people of God
Altar Care	Nancy Neuse
Assisting Minister	Shannon Aguirre
Building Open/Close	Anne Wiebe
Communion Minister	Nancy Baden
Crucifer	Jerry Don Aguirre
Lector	Harper Fuerst, Nancy Neuse
Livestream Minister	J.P. Northcutt-Benson
Music Ministers	FELC Choir; Elijah Aguirre, oboe; Margaret Bruesch, flute; Michael Marty, trumpet & percussion; Holden Fuerst, violin; Cantor Bryan Rust
Hospitality Hosts	Kate Wanstrom, leader
Presiding & Preaching Minister	Pastor Katie Rodie
Usher	Randy Baden

