

# Day of Pentecost

## Word & Eucharist

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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 & Child Development Center (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](http://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.

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.

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.

# ✠ GATHERING ✠

# The Feast of Pentecost, Year C

*The Holy Spirit gathers us into community.*

The Easter season concludes today on this fiftieth day of the celebration of the resurrection of Christ. The name 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 continue praying for and supporting the people and leaders of Ukraine as conflict continues. We light candles in the chancel with the colors of the Ukrainian flag. We rightly pray for the people and land in all places of war and conflict.

## Gathering Music

*Today you need an individual candle, which can be found at the welcome tables.*

*At the introduction to the gathering song, the assembly stands, as willing and able, and faces the main entrance.*

## Gathering Song in Procession

## Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling | ELW 582

Text: Timothy Rees (1874-1939) alt.

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 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.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## 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.



## ✝ WORD ✝

*God speaks in scripture, preaching, song, silence, and prayer.*

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

## Faith of a Child & Spirit Space

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

We welcome children with a Spirit Space in the North Transept for gentle play and reading, including a rug, floor pillows, soft blocks, and coloring supplies. Children and adults can engage the Spirit Space throughout the liturgy. We welcome children by encouraging them and celebrating the joy and livelihood they offer in life and throughout the liturgy and space.

## First Reading

## Genesis 11:1-9

<sup>1</sup> Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. <sup>2</sup> And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> 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." <sup>5</sup> The LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> Come, let us go down and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech." <sup>8</sup> So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. <sup>9</sup> 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.**

*Individual candles are lit during the psalm response. Candles may remain burning as long as you desire.*

The assembly sings the Alleluia refrain and chants the psalm verses in bold.



<sup>24</sup>How manifold are your <sup>l</sup>works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full <sup>l</sup>of your creatures.

<sup>25</sup>**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- <sup>l</sup>y to number,  
living things both <sup>l</sup>small and great.**

<sup>26</sup>There go the ships <sup>l</sup>to and fro,  
and Leviathan, which you made for the <sup>l</sup>sport of it.

<sup>27</sup>**All of them <sup>l</sup>look to you  
to give them their food <sup>l</sup>in due season. Refrain**

<sup>28</sup>You give it to them; they <sup>l</sup>gather it;  
you open your hand, and they are filled <sup>l</sup>with good things.

<sup>29</sup>**When you hide your face, <sup>l</sup>they are terrified;  
when you take away their breath, they die and return <sup>l</sup>to their dust.**

<sup>30</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they <sup>l</sup>are created;  
and so you renew the face <sup>l</sup>of the earth.

<sup>31</sup>**May the glory of the LORD en- <sup>l</sup>dure forever;  
O LORD rejoice in <sup>l</sup>all your works. Refrain**

<sup>32</sup>You look at the earth <sup>l</sup>and it trembles;  
you touch the mountains <sup>l</sup>and they smoke.

<sup>33</sup>**I will sing to the LORD as long <sup>l</sup>as I live;  
I will praise my God while I <sup>l</sup>have my being.**

<sup>34</sup>May these words of <sup>l</sup>mine please God.  
I will rejoice <sup>l</sup>in the LORD.

<sup>35b</sup>**Bless the LORD, <sup>l</sup>O my soul.  
Hal- <sup>l</sup>lelujah! Refrain**

music: Michael Coffey (b. 1966)

Inspired by Emtini Wababe by Vusi Mahlasela (b. 1965)

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

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

*The assembly may stand and turn to face the cross in procession as we welcome Christ in the Good News.*

## Gospel Acclamation in Procession



The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass, in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some chords. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The score is divided into two systems, each with a Treble and Bass staff. The first system ends with a repeat sign, and the second system ends with a double bar line.

Music: South African; arr. Gobingca Mxadana  
Arr. © Gobingca Mxadana

Verse: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts<sup>l</sup> of your people,\*  
and kindle in us the fire<sup>l</sup> of your love.

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord!**

## Holy Gospel

**John 14:8-17, 25-27**

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to [Jesus,] “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. <sup>15</sup> “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>25</sup> “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”

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

*The assembly repeats the Gospel Acclamation.*

## Sermon

*The assembly gathers near the baptismal font. Please bring your bulletin.*

## Hymn of the Day

**Veni, Sancte Spiritus** (repeated) Text/Music: Taizé



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 Easter season is the 50-day celebration of the resurrection of Christ. It's also the time for the newly baptized to deepen their connection to God and God's people. A Paschal candle is a central symbol in the church's worship life. It's made each year and lit throughout the Easter season, at baptisms and funerals, and at other times. We shine with the light of God's love.



## Affirmation of Faith

Let us boldly make affirmation of our faith before God and embrace the life of the Spirit. If you are not a disciple of Jesus, may this affirmation be a sign of blessing and an invitation to deeper relationships in the life of the Church.

I ask you to profess faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the whole 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!**

Together let us use the Apostles' Creed to affirm the faith that unites us 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,  
ho 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 God 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.**

## Thanksgiving for Pentecost

Creator God, send upon us your Spirit of life.

**We praise you for the gift of your Spirit.**

Enliven your presence in the earth, water, and air we breathe.

**We praise you for the gift of your Spirit.**

We give thanks for the varied talents and skills we share.

**We praise you for the gift of your Spirit.**

As you anoint us with your Spirit, renew us now.

**Help us to be faithful.**

As you empowered Jesus to be your servant, empower us with the same love, courage, and resistance.

**Help us to be faithful.**

Guide us to advocate for all who are hungry, need safe shelter, good medical care, and any who live in fear.

**Help us to be faithful.**

Call us to be present with all in need of healing and care, including those we name now . . .

May these prayers be put into loving action.

**Help us to be faithful.**

For the peace your holy presence brings:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the light your Spirit shines into our lives:

**Christ, have mercy.**

For the hope of the saints and blessed dead that you stir up in us every day:

**Lord, have mercy.**

Thanks be to God, the Father, source of all life and being.

**Thanks be to God, creator of us all.**

Thanks be to God, the Son, who grants us all grace.

**Thanks be to God, healer of us all.**

Thanks be the God, the Spirit, the fire of love in our hearts.

**Thanks be to God, lover of us all. Amen.**

## Renewal of Baptismal Vows

You have made public affirmation of your faith.

Do you intend to continue to live 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?

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

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 Holy Spirit

The light of the Spirit's presence burns bright in each of us. In this confidence, challenge, and hope, let us pray.

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 your people 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.**

*A prayer list is found on page 22.*

## 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 coming to God's table for Eucharist.

*The assembly return to their places.*

## 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 our generosity. Financial gifts may be shared through the offering plate or online at [www.felcaustin.org/information/giving](http://www.felcaustin.org/information/giving).

## Offering Music

### **"A Prayer of Calling"**

Music: Bryan Rust; Text: Eric Milner-White (1884-1963)

*The assembly may 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



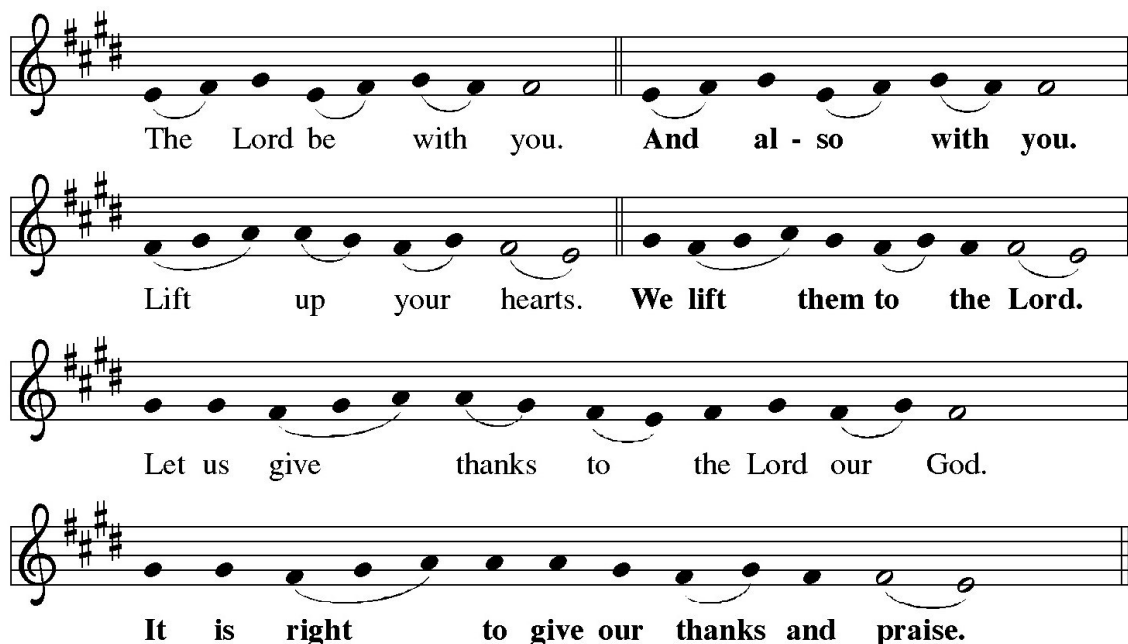
with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## 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.**  
**Empower us to live as your risen body. Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

Ronald Nelson (1927-2014)



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

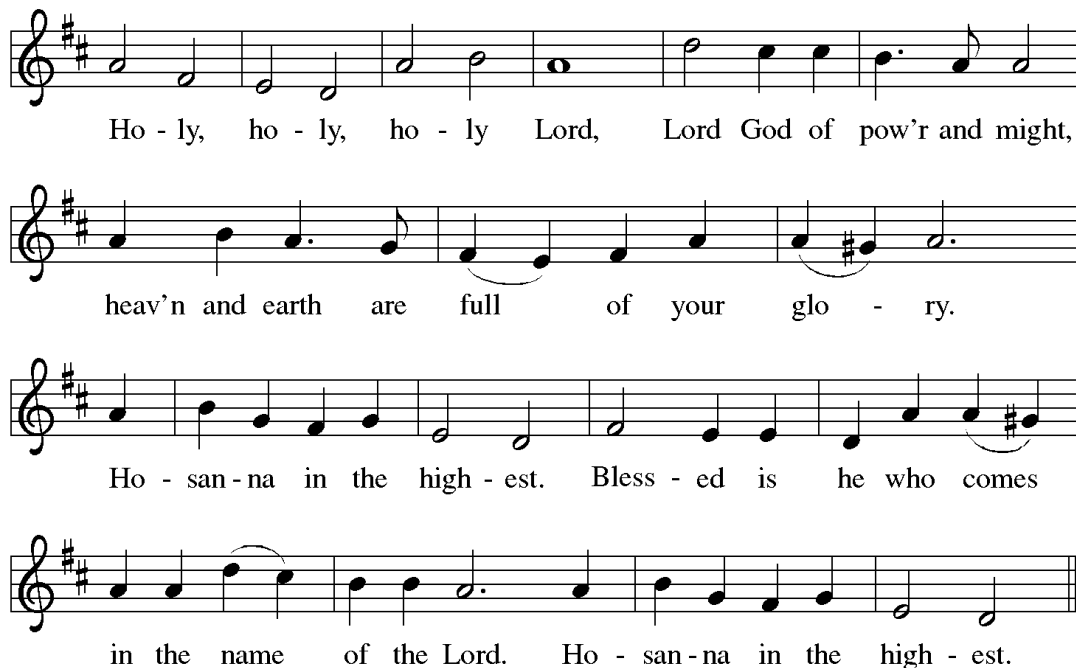
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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, living, and loving God . . . and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed . . .

Remembering, therefore, Christ's life-giving death and glorious resurrection,  
we await your promised life for all this hurting and beautiful world.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Breathe your Spirit on us . . . clothed in the new life of Christ.

Through Christ, ✠ with Christ, in Christ all glory and honor is yours, gracious God,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the church and in the world, both now and forever. **AMEN!**

Gathered into one by the Holy 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**

**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 día.  
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

Alleluia! Christ our Paschal Lamb is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!**

*The assembly is seated.*

### Song of Response

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.



## Communion Music

***Soplo de Dios Viviente* | ELW 407**

Text: Osvaldo Catena (1920-1986); tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923

Music: VARVINDAR Friska, Swedish folk tune

*The assembly remains seated as we offer our thanks.*

## Prayer after Communion

Dear God, thank you for this meal and blessing of strength, forgiveness, and new life.  
Empower us to witness boldly in the name of Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## ✠ SENDING ✠

*God blesses us and sends us in mission and service with the world.*

## Community Invitations | Announcements

*The assembly may stand.*

## Litany of Thanksgiving for Ministry Transition

*Written by Leigh Northcutt-Benson, Vice-President of the Congregation*

We were called into a time of ministry transition with grace and humility.

**Thanks be to God!**

We have proclaimed God's word, baptized children and adults, celebrated Holy Communion, received healing prayer, remembered beloved dead, and celebrated faith and life milestones.

**Thanks be to God!**

We have suspended a beloved ministry, and now we are operating again and our Child Development Center is flourishing.

**Thanks be to God!**

We have revived our learning ministry together.

**Thanks be to God!**

We have expanded our music outreach, invigorated our witness to justice and equity, and cared for younger and older alike.

**Thanks be to God!**

We have improved the facilities and the care of our staff as we acted conscientiously with the resources God has given.

**Thanks be to God!**

We have endured tensions, misunderstandings, and hurt feelings with one another and others, and we have grown in our love, understanding, and acceptance for each other.

**Thanks be to God!**

We have survived challenges that would have fractured some congregations, and yet we stood with one another, acted ethically and responsibly, and we have grown closer to one another because of them.

**Thanks be to God!**

We have staff and congregation members who lead in little and big ways too numerous to name, so that this family of faith continues thriving.

**Thanks be to God!**

We have become a more organized and action-oriented community of faith, service, and welcome as we supported a long pastoral call process.

**Thanks be to God!**

We have acted clearly and boldly to call our first female pastor in 89 years.

**Thanks be to God!**

We have worshiped and served God in all of the beautiful and various ways we know how because we have learned that WE are the church together.

**Thanks be to God!**

We have been in a time of transition ministry and are being called into a time of transformation ministry in this new era of God's dream for this church community.

**Thanks Be to God!**

We thank you, God, for your love, your support, and today for the skills, talents, commitment, and devotion shown by your good servants here. Grant us strength and confidence to witness to your love in the world, to seek justice for the oppressed and marginalized, and to welcome more and more people into your mission through this place. We know your promise is real: because you love, we are called to love, and to love—everyone; we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **AMEN!**

### **God's Blessing**

May the blessing of God, ✝ whose Spirit raised Christ to new life, strengthen you in faith, enrich you with hope, and fill you for love, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **Sending Hymn**

***God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind* | ELW 400**

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr. (1923-2007)

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes (1873-1932)

### **Dismissal to Mission**

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

**Thanks be to God!**

### **Hospitality**

**✝ OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED. OUR SERVICE BEGINS. ✝**

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# LEADERS IN LITURGY & HOSPITALITY | JUNE 8

Ministers	All the People of God
Altar Care Server	Claudia Barlow
Assisting Minister	Nikki Northcutt
Building Open/Close	LaRu Woody, Nancy Baden
Crucifer	Jerry Don Aguirre
Hospitality Host	Merrily Porter
Lector	Fred Woody
Livestream Minister	J.P. Northcutt-Benson
Music Ministers	FELC Choir; Elijah Aguirre, oboe; Cantor Bryan Rust
Presiding & Preaching	The Rev. Robert Karli
Usher	Terry Porter

# WELCOME PASTOR KATIE | JUNE 15

Pastor Katie Rode accepted the call of the congregation and will be the sixth pastor of FELC! The first day of her ministry with FELC is June 9. Pr. Katie will preside and preach in worship next Sunday, June 15, with a festive hospitality following the worship celebration. The service includes a rite of welcome and reception for the new pastor. We welcome Pastor Katie and her family in God’s mission we share in proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ.

# FELC CELEBRATES PRIDE | JUNE 22

June is worldwide Pride Month and FELC will celebrate Pride on Sunday, June 22! As God’s beloved, we extend God’s welcome to people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. FELC values diversity, including sexuality, gender, and expression, and we welcome it as a spiritual gift. We aspire to create an inclusive and affirming community, and work for LGBTQIA+ justice and equity as a core part of this congregation community. We’ve been doing this work of reconciliation through FELC since 1989. **On Sunday, June 22 FELC we will receive a special offering that will be designated to Reconciling Works** (formerly Lutherans Concerned), an independent non-profit organization funded by the generosity of individuals, faith communities, grants, and from curated resources and trainings among Lutherans and others. Each person is sacred. We are proud. We have more to learn and we have more justice to seek. *God loves. We Love. Everyone! HAPPY PRIDE!*

## FAITH FORMATION ON SUMMER BREAK

Faith Formation is on a summer break and will resume learning ministry on Sunday, August 24. If anyone is interested in preparing a special session during the summer, contact Leigh Northcutt-Benson, [leigh.northcutt@gmail.com](mailto:leigh.northcutt@gmail.com) with information about your session and the date you would like to teach so that we can promote it. On June 1 we gave thanks to God for leaders who facilitated the FELC learning ministry with children and adults for 2024-2025, including Betsy Appleton, Nancy Baden, Bailey Barlow, Charlie Boas, Kathleen Boas, Joe Cain, Pastor Brad Fuerst, Charlotte Gilman, Heidi Goebel, Pastor Bob Karli, Andy MacLaren, Erin McCracken, Dr. Kristin Mondy, Leigh Northcutt-Benson, Nikki Northcutt, Merrily Porter, Oliver Rajamani, Cantor Bryan Rust, Mari Ward, Anne Wiebe, Fred “Fritz” Woody, and LaRu Woody.

## MICAH 6 UPDATE

Thanks for all the support from FELC! The following items are currently needed for the Micah 6 Ministries. Please leave donations in the bins near the Fellowship Hall doors.

Men’s summer clothing

L/XL Jockey shorts,

M/L/XL shorts

M/L/XL tee shirts

belts

suspenders

disposable razors

Contact Andy MacLaren, [andymaclaren@cs.com](mailto:andymaclaren@cs.com), 512-947-4186.

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## PRAYER CONCERNS & JOYS

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

the citizens, leaders, immigrants, & refugees of the United States;  
the places of war, recovery, oppression, disaster, & conflict;  
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;  
people of various faith traditions, & people of goodwill;  
the whole church & church leaders throughout the world;  
FELC congregation, council, CDC board, staff, CDC families, & our mission & ministry;  
Pastor Katie Rode & her family, in thanksgiving, & as she begins her ministry at FELC;  
benevolence ministry partner Micah 6 Food Ministries & executive director Barry Smith;  
benevolence ministry partner LuMin, & Pastor Bradley Fuerst;  
benevolence ministry partner Global Refuge, & CEO Krish O'Mara Vignarajah;  
benevolence ministry partner Casa Marianella, & Co-directors Jennifer Long & Patti McCabe;  
Fred & Sonia Ralls Dalbey, friends of Dave & Nancy Neuse, upon Fred's rapid decline in health;  
Freddie Bates, Jr., brother of Paulette Clemons, in nursing care;  
all who have graduated, including Theo Northcutt & Lila Ortiz;  
all who are traveling, for safe and joyful experiences & homecoming;  
all who are homebound;  
the repose of Marian Klumpp, upon her death & for her family & friends;  
all who have died;  
all in any need & thanksgiving.

**The FELC Prayer Circle** gathers faithfully to offer prayer. Contact: [bschutz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bschutz@sbcglobal.net).

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Support Ministry: Terry Porter

Worship Ministry: Trish Karli

Learning Ministry: Leigh Northcutt-Benson

Betsy Appleton

