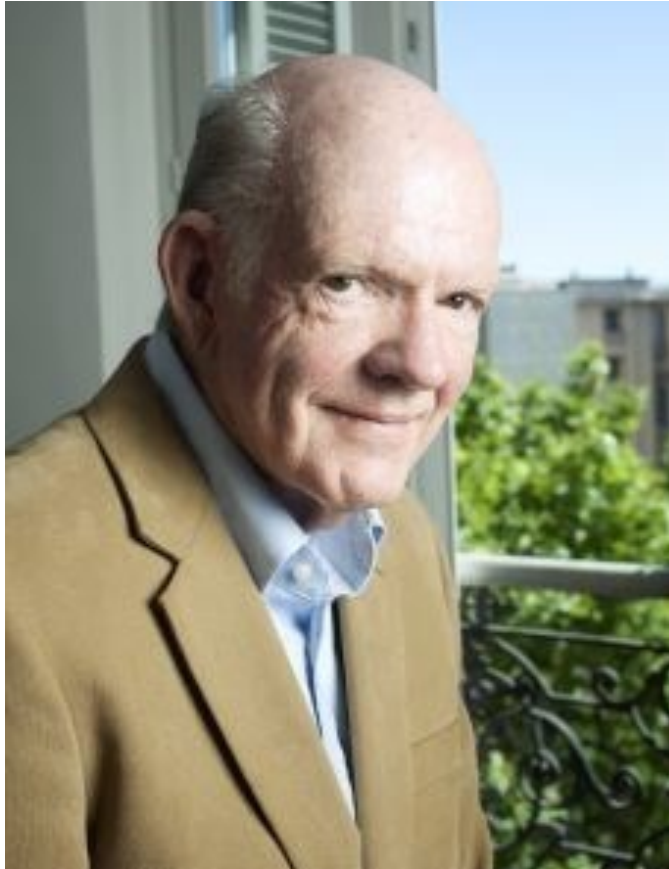


Sunday, August 3, 2025 | Noon

Celebrating the Life of Claude Wendell Horton
February 3, 1942 – July 10, 2025



God Loves. We Love.
Everyone!
Dios Ama. Amamos.
Todos!

3001 Whitis Avenue
Austin, Texas 78705
info@felcaustin.org
512.478.1933 church
512.478.5424 cdc
www.felcaustin.org

✝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.

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.

✝Gathering✝

Gathering Music

Welcome to Worship

The assembly stands, as willing and able.

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Thanksgiving for Holy Baptism & Acclamation

All your works praise you, O God,
and your faithful servants bless you.

When we were baptized into Christ Jesus,
we were baptized into his death and resurrection.
We have put on Christ. In his baptism, Wendell was clothed with Christ.
In the day of Christ's coming, he shall be clothed with glory.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our beloved, Wendell.
We thank you for giving him to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage
on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that
death has been swallowed up in the victory of Jesus Christ, that we may live in confidence
and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all
your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you,
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

✝Word✝

Remembrance

Mike Horton

First Reading

Psalm 23

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;

³ he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

The gospel is announced, with the response: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Holy Gospel

John 14:25-27

²⁵ “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ 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. ²⁷ 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.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Pastor Katie Rode

The assembly remains seated as we sing.

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5
 Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921, alt.

The assembly stands, as able.

Apostles' Creed

We affirm the Christian faith that unites us with the whole church, across time, across oceans, across peoples.

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

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.

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.

catholic, meaning universal

Prayers of Intercession

Each intercession of the prayers ends with: God of mercy, hear our prayer.

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.

The assembly stands, as able.

✠Commendation✠

Let us commend Wendell to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

Silence is kept.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Wendell.
Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold,
a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming.
Receive him into the arms of your mercy,
into the blessed rest of everlasting peace,
and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

Amen.

Rest eternal grant him, O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon him.

Prayer

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled and beautiful life,
until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed,
the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, in your mercy,
grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

✠Sending✠

Sending Song

Thine is the Glory



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain



where thy bod - y lay.
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939
Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

God's Blessing

adapted from Henri-Frédéric Amiel (1821-1881)

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts
of those who journey with us; so be swift to love, make haste to be kind,
and be at peace, while making no peace with your own or others oppression;
and the blessing of God: Father, Son, ✠ and Holy Spirit,
be with you, today and forever.

Amen.

Let us go in peace.

Thanks be to God!

All are welcome to a reception in the Fellowship Hall.

LEADERS IN LITURGY & HOSPITALITY

Assisting Minister

Shannon Aguirre

Eulogist

Mike Horton

Music Minister

Cantor Bryan Rust

Presiding & Preaching

Pastor Katie Rode

Reception Hosts

FELC Hospitality Team

Usher

Randy Baden, Terry Porter

Heidi Goebel

REMEMBERING WENDELL HORTON

Dr. Claude Wendell Horton Jr passed away at the Westminster Senior Living Facility on Thursday July 10, 2025. Born in Houston, Texas on Feb 3rd 1942, Wendell was the son of Claude Wendell Horton Sr. and Louise Walthall Horton. As a child, Wendell battled and overcame Polio, a common disease at the time.

Wendell graduated from Stephen F. Austin High School in 1960. He graduated with a degree in Physics from the University of Texas at Austin on June 1, 1963. On June 8th, 1963 he married his high school sweetheart Elisabeth Alice (Libby) Horton who he met in an Austin High Physics class.

Wendell's interest in nuclear fusion grew during his graduate studies at the University of California at San Diego. He was inspired by the enormous potential of controlled fusion reactions to generate cheap, clean, and sustainable Energy on an unprecedented and inexhaustible scale i.e., human generated 'Star Power'. Wendell earned his PhD at UCSD under Marshall Rosenbluth, a scientist who had worked on the Manhattan Project and a close protégé of Edward Teller. Wendell has published or edited thirteen books on the theoretical basis for plasma containment and transport, and co-authored over 200 papers. A frequently cited book is "Chaos and Structures in Nonlinear Plasmas" ISBN 81-7764-234-0.

In September of 2007, Wendell's beloved wife Libby lost her battle with breast cancer. After a dark period of depression, Wendell met Meiling Lung Newman of Austin, Texas. Meiling is also the surviving spouse of a victim of cancer. With a shared passion in travel, food, and the Texas Hill Country, the couple fell in love. He was married to Meiling on April 17, 2010. Wendell and Meiling spent significant time living in the south of France while working on the engineering megaproject known as ITER (International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor). Wendell co-authored his final book titled ITER Physics in 2015.

Wendell is survived by his second wife Meiling Lung Newman; his son John Horton and John's children Jaclyn, Jayna, and Joe Horton; his youngest son Mike Horton; his wife Melissa Horton and Mike's children Mica, Maya and, Makayla Horton.

Wendell will be remembered as a loving husband and strong-willed father who lived a high-energy and full life. His enduring love of Theoretical Physics inspired countless undergraduate and graduate students to become engineers, mathematicians, scientists, and teachers.

WELCOME TO FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

The mission of First English Lutheran Church is to declare the Word of God and the love of Jesus Christ through proclamation, teaching, worship, and a caring ministry to all people.

Visit felcaustin.org to learn more about the FELC welcome, worship, community life, learning, engagement, racial justice, and reconciliation ministries, and the CDC.

To subscribe to a weekly email newsletter, contact office@felcaustin.org.

COPYRIGHTS

Portions of the liturgical text, liturgical music, hymns, songs, and commemorations are from Sundays and Seasons.com © 2026 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission Under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SAS012815 through March 31, 2026. Biblical texts are from the New Revised Standard Version, Updated Edition Bible (NRSVUE) © 1989, 2022 Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America; and from the Contemporary English Version (CEV) © 1991, 1992, 1995 by American Bible Society. Used by permission. All rights reserved; and from The Message: The Bible in Contemporary Language © 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 2000, 2001, and 2002 by Eugene H. Peterson. Annual License w/Podcasting Renewal, Category B #A-736003 for July 20, 2025 - July 19, 2026. All rights reserved.