

Celebration of Life | Eucharist & Interment

Saturday, October 17, 2026 | 1:00 PM

Conway Leon Noren
September 16, 1930 – September 13, 2026

Patricia Skeaton Knezevich
August 14, 1945 – November 26, 2022



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). 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.



Gathering Music

Bist du bei mir, geh ich mit Freuden
(BWV 508) Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750

Text for meditation:

If you are with me, then I will go gladly unto my death and to my rest.

Ah, how my end was by you, when your dear hands took my breath and then shut my eyes.

Etude

Anonymous

Welcome to Worship

Please stand, as able. We turn and face the cross in procession.

Gathering Song in Procession

Be Still, My Soul



1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.
 2 Be still, my soul: your God will un - der - take
 3 Be still, my soul: the hour is has - t'ning on



Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain;
 to guide the fu - ture, as in a - ges past,
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord,



leave to your God to or - der and pro - vide;
 Your hope, your con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;
 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,



in ev - 'ry change God faith - ful will re - main.
 all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.



Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'n - ly friend
 Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
 Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,



through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
 the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
 all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

Text: Katharina von Schlegel, 1752; tr. Jane Borthwick, 1855
 Music: FINLANDIA, Jean Sibelius

Thanksgiving for Holy Baptism

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.**

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

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

A pall is placed on the urn as a symbol of being clothed in Christ through holy baptism.

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.

We glorify you.

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave and opens the fullness of eternal life, we praise you.

We praise you.

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.

We worship you.

To you, O blessed Trinity, ☩ be glory and honor, now and ever. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother in Christ, Leon. 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 trust that death gives us the fullness of the resurrection 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, now and forever. **Amen.**

Be seated.



Remembrance

First Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-16

¹¹ For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. ¹² As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³ I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴ I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. ¹⁶ I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

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

Anthem

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839-1929; Music: Anthony Showalter, 1858-1923

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:1-6

¹I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: ⁴there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

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

We stand, as able, to welcome Christ in the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Keep in Mind

Music: Lucien Deiss (1921-2007); from 2 Timothy

Refrain

Keep in mind that Je - sus Christ has died for us and is ris - en from the

dead. He is our sav - ing Lord; he is joy for all a - ges.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'Keep in mind that Je - sus Christ has died for us and is ris - en from the' are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics 'dead. He is our sav - ing Lord; he is joy for all a - ges.' The music ends with a double bar line.

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

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:34-40

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷ He said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

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

Sermon

We remain seated to sing.

Hymn of the Day

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant



1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
 5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
 on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
 Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to



let you be my ser - vant, too.
 walk the mile and bear the load.
 speak the peace you long to hear.
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 let you be my ser - vant, too.

Text: Richard Gillard, b. 1953

Music: THE SERVANT SONG, Richard Gillard

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We stand, as able.

At baptisms, baptismal affirmations and confirmations, funerals, and throughout the fifty days of the Easter season, we light the large Paschal candle as a reminder of the light of Christ's resurrection. The term "Paschal" comes from the Latin word "Pascha", which came from the Hebrew word Pesach, which in Hebrew means Passover, and relates to the mystery of salvation.

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.***

Sharing the Peace

The peace of the Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

We greet each other with gentle signs and gestures of peace. Then, please be seated.



Welcome to Communion

Anthem Ave Verum Corpus (K 618)

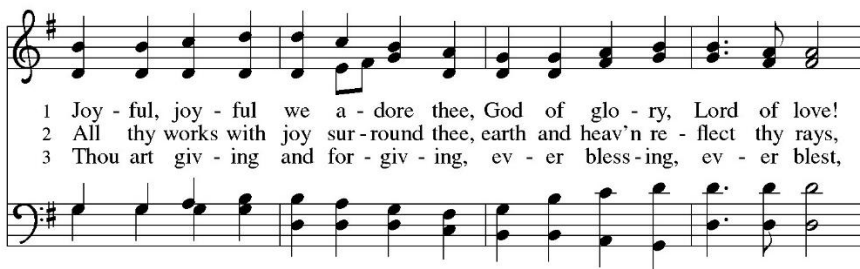
W. A. Mozart (1756-1791); text: 14th century Eucharistic Hymn

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,
who having truly suffered,
gave himself a sacrifice on the cross for humanity,
whose pierced side flowed with water and blood:
May it be for us a foretaste [of the heavenly banquet]
in the final examination.

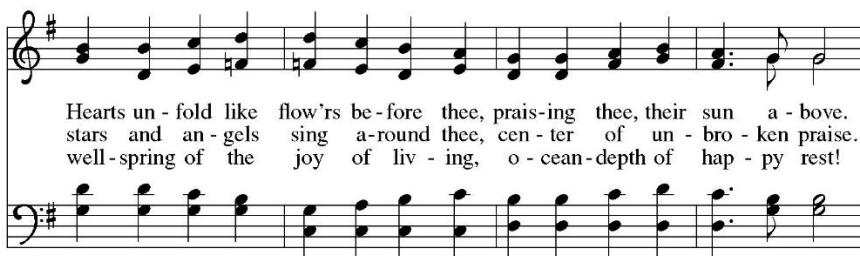
We stand, as able, as the gifts of bread and wine are offered and the meal is prepared.

Offering Song

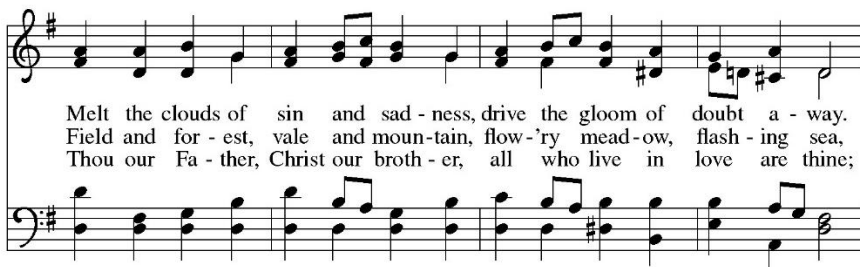
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
 Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flow-'ry mead-ow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

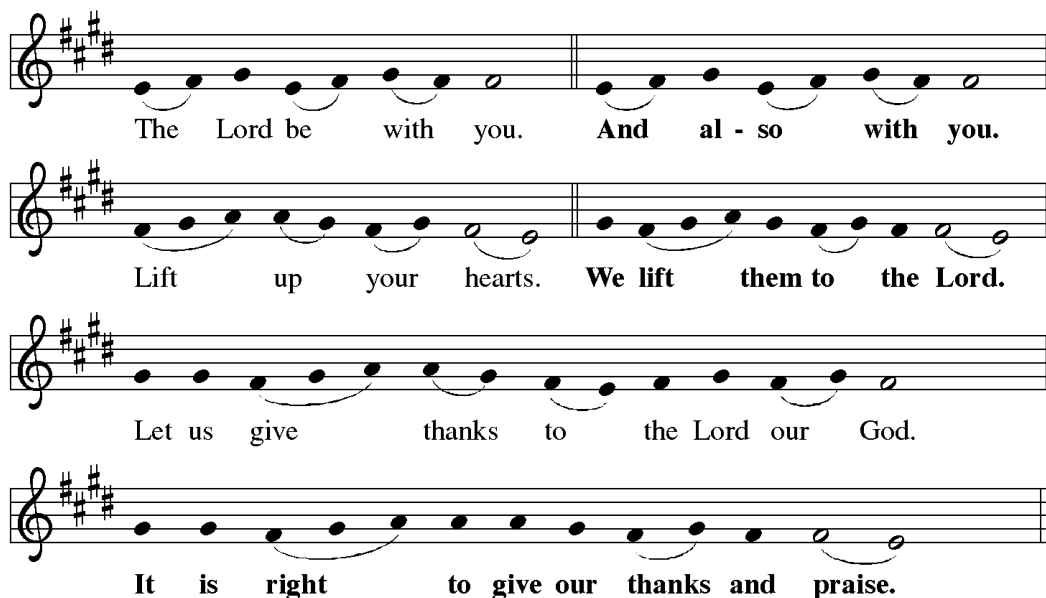
Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922

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

Offering Prayer

As we are united by the love of Christ, accept this bread and wine we offer to you, that all might be received into the glory of our risen Savior, who lives and reigns, now and forever. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving



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

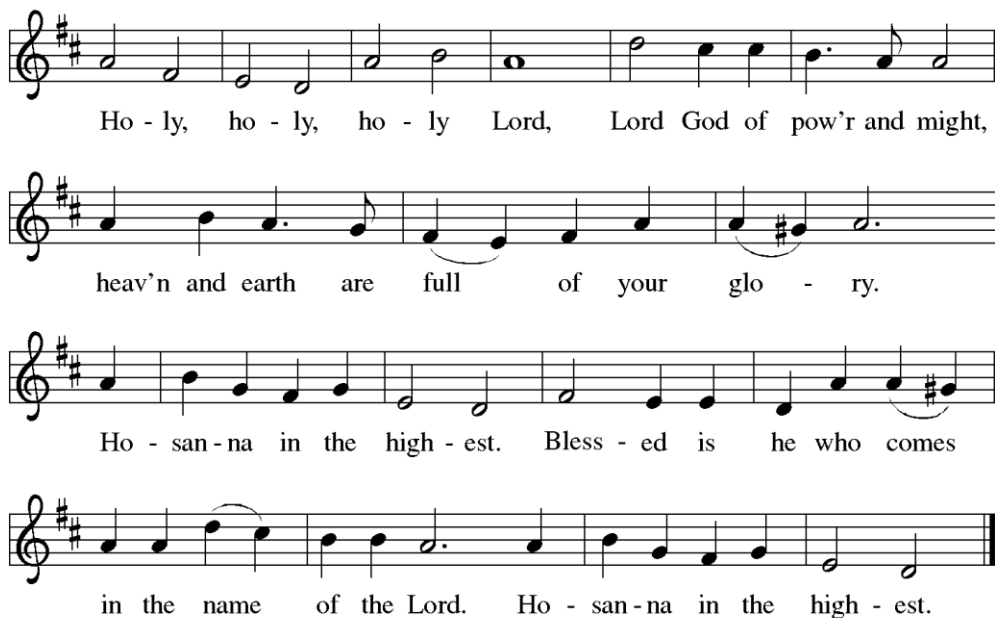
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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... and 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

You are indeed holy, most gracious God. You are most holy,
and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that
you gave your Son, so that all may come to the fullness of eternal life.

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.

Let us proclaim together the mystery of faith:

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

Gathered with Leon and with Pat, and in the communion of all your saints,
we pray for the gift of your life-giving Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal;
among your people; throughout the world.

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

Lord's Prayer

God, remember us in your love, and teach us to pray.

**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

We break this bread to be the body of Christ.

We will love one another as Christ loves us.

Be seated.

Response

Taste and See

Text: Psalm 34:8; Music: James Moore (b. 1951)

Refrain – All

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

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

Communion Invitation & Distribution

All people, including children, are invited to the Lord's Supper. We encourage you to participate in a way that is meaningful for you.

Ushers will direct you via the center aisle to a station to receive bread in your hand. Proceed to a station and receive a small cup, where wine will be poured. Gluten-free wafers/grape juice are available upon request. Return to your seat by a side aisle. If you are not communing, you are invited to a station where a minister will offer a prayer of blessing. If you desire communion or a blessing at your seat, let an usher or minister know.

Communion Music

Adagio in F

Benedetto Marcello, 1686-1739

We remain seated as we offer our thanks.

Prayer after Communion

Most gracious God, thank you for this feast, the body, blood, and blessing of Christ. As you opened the gates of paradise to your servants, Leon and Pat, help us who remain to comfort one another with faith, hope, memory, and love, until we meet again, and are with you and all the saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns, now and forever. **Amen.**



Anthem

Sarabande from Suite No. 3

(BWV 1009) Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750

Commendation

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

Silence is kept.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Leon. 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.**

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

Silence is kept.

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

The baptismal pall is removed for interment.

Let us go forth in peace, **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

A procession forms following the cross, ministers, and families.

All are invited to proceed all the way into the Chapel of the Saints for the Committal at the Columbarium.

Procession to the Place of Committal

Dona Nobis Pacem/Give Us Peace

1 *Canon*



Do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

2



Do - na no - bis pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

3



Do - na no - bis pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Text: Traditional

Music: DONA NOBIS PACEM, traditional



Words of comfort and hope are read from the bible book of First Corinthians.

Prayer

Holy God, holy and powerful, by the death and burial of Jesus your anointed, you have destroyed the power of death and made holy the resting places of all your people. Keep our brother, Leon, and our sister, Pat, whose bodies we now put to rest, in the company of all your saints. And at the last, raise them up to share with all your people the endless joy and peace won through the glorious resurrection of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Blessing & Sealing of the Remains

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to almighty God our brother-in-Christ, Leon, and we commit his body to its resting place; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless him and keep him. The Lord's face shine on him with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon him with favor and ✠ give him peace. **Amen.**

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

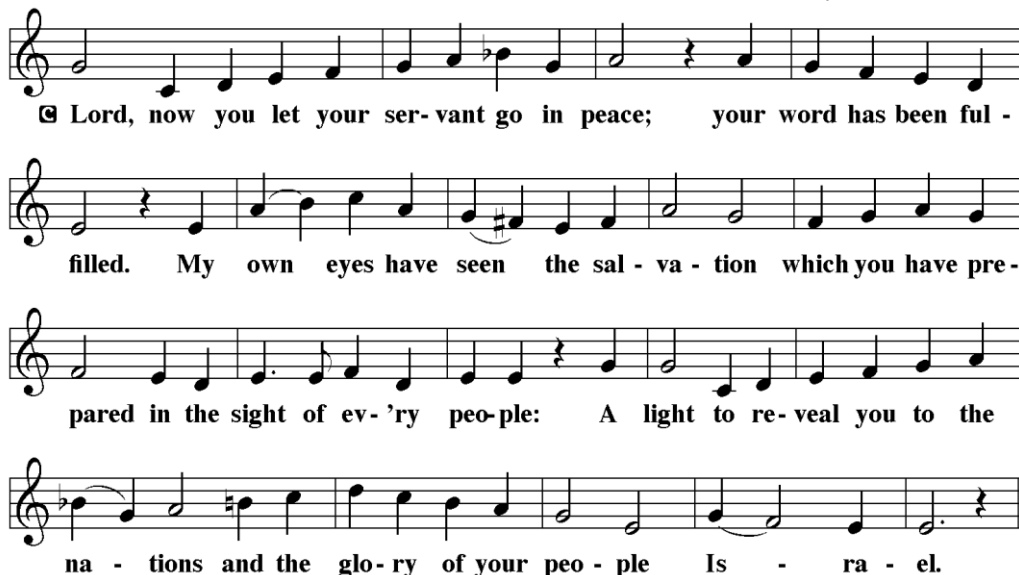
In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to almighty God our sister-in-Christ, Patricia, and we commit her body to its resting place; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless her and keep her. The Lord's face shine on her with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon her with favor and ✠ give her peace. **Amen.**

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

As we sing, the earthly remains are interred into the columbarium.

Canticle of Simeon & Anna

Text: Luke 2:29-32; Music: Ronald Nelson



Lord, now you let your ser- vant go in peace; your word has been ful -

filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -

pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re - veal you to the

na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

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.

Let us go in peace. **Thanks be to God!**

Reception

All are invited to a light reception in the Fellowship Hall where there is an opportunity to greet family and share in community. To find the Fellowship Hall, exit through the double doors to the left as you face the front of the sanctuary.

Leaders in Liturgy & Hospitality

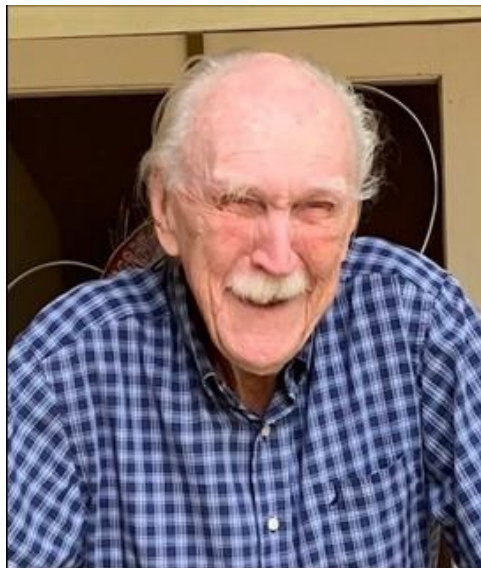
Altar Care Server	Nancy Neuse, Margaret Bruesch
Assisting Minister	Shannon Aguirre
Crucifer	Jerry Don Aguirre
Lectors	Ellie Kopp
Livestream Minister	J. P. Northcutt-Benson
Music Ministers	Members of FELC Choir; Don Wright, recorder; Margaret Bruesch, flute; Eli Kopp, cello; Cantor Bryan Rust; Nikki Northcutt, Leigh Northcutt-Benson, duet
Remembrance	Gretchen Olson
Presiding Minister	Pastor Katie Rode
Reception Hosts	FELC Hospitality Team, Merrily Porter & Nancy Neuse, coordinators
Ushers	Charlie Boas, Heidi Goebel

Remembering Leon Noren

Conway Leon Noren, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend, passed away on September 13, 2026, just three days shy of his 96th birthday. As Leon liked to say, “All of Mexico celebrates my birthday—el 16 de septiembre.”

Leon was born in Austin, Texas, on September 16, 1930, to Conway and Nadine Noren. He grew up in Austin, graduated from Austin High School, and attended the University of Texas, where he later earned his degree in architecture.

Throughout his career, Leon worked as an architect designing hospitals, including many in the Middle East. His profession reflected both his creativity and his desire to create places that served others.



Leon married the love of his life, Genevieve Belle Hetherwick, and became a devoted father to her three children, Sam, Jenny, and Sandy. When Genevieve became ill, Leon faithfully and lovingly cared for her for many years until her death in 2012.

A true Renaissance man, Leon had an enduring love of history, music, art, and literature. Even after macular degeneration diminished his eyesight, he never lost his curiosity or desire to learn, continuing to explore the world through audiobooks and other audio resources. He was witty, kind, and dearly loved by all who knew him.

Leon’s family is especially grateful to his neighbor and friend, Matt Knezevich, whose friendship and assistance made it possible for Leon to continue enjoying life in his own home. They are also deeply thankful for Meals on Wheels, Danylle Collins, and the many others whose kindness and care enriched his life.

Leon was dearly loved by his family: Sam Hoerster, who preceded him in death, and Sam’s wife, Mairbelle; Jenny Glassman and her late husband, Alan; and Sandy Stubbs and her husband, David. He will also be lovingly remembered and deeply missed by his many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, extended family members, and friends.

Leon lived a remarkable life filled with devotion, curiosity, humor, and kindness. His memory will remain forever in the hearts of those who had the privilege of knowing and loving him.

Remembering Patricia Knezevich

Patricia Skeaton Knezevich, a native Austinite, passed away on November 26, 2022.

Pat was born on August 14, 1945, to Pearl Donaldson (nee Kane). Pat spent her professional life caring for others as a nurse and enjoyed spending her free time studying the Bible, gardening and taking care of her many dogs. She will be missed.

Pat was preceded in death by her mother, Pearl Donaldson, and her youngest son, Patrick Skeaton. She is survived by her husband, Matt Knezevich; her children, Terri Green (Bernard), Michael Horton (Charmane), and Anthony Givens-Skeaton (Susan); and her many grandchildren.



