

WORD & EUCHARIST
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
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God Loves. We Love.
Everyone!
Dios Ama. Amamos.
Todos!

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Bienvenidos!

Everyone Is welcome. This means you.

Welcome to First English Lutheran Church. You're 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. We are 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. We're Lutheran, so that means we believe in grace for everyone. The good news of Jesus Christ, who brings us the love and mercy of God as a gift, liberates us to love as we are loved, serve as we are served, and give as we have been given much. We rejoice in the diversity that has nurtured and enriched the whole church. Whether you're from another faith tradition, a seeker and questioner looking for more to life and a place to explore, or even a lifelong Lutheran, we're glad to have you.

At First English, **we strive to use language** for God, Christ, and humanity **that is inclusive and diverse.** Our use of feminine, non-gender, and masculine names and metaphors for God, both biblical and contemporary, helps us to experience God more fully. Languages that include persons of all gender identities, sexualities, ethnicities, and color, helps us better reflect God's expansive love and diversity.

Land Acknowledgement

The ELCA's [Truth & Healing Movement](#) is an opportunity for the church to increase our understanding of our impacts on Indigenous people in the past and present. We believe that the truth, and our knowing and embracing it, is a first step toward healing for all of us.

All Gender Restrooms with changing tables are in the left side hallway as you face the front of the sanctuary.

Esta Liturgia

This Liturgy

If this is one of your first times to connect with FELC, WELCOME! **Use the online Welcome Visitors information form** and provide feedback on your visit <http://www.felcaustin.org/forms/visitors>.

We ask everyone to respect each individual's safety needs and desires.

Hearing assistance devices are available for use in the sanctuary. Two options are available: an earpiece, or a hearing loop for those who use hearing aids. Please connect with an usher if you would like a hearing assistance device.

We welcome children in this worship service with a Spirit Space. Children with adults are invited to a space in the Chapel of the Saints for quiet play and reading, including a rug, floor pillows, soft blocks, coloring supplies, lap desks, Bible story books, and other interactive items. Adults have places to sit while worshiping with children. Children and adults can remain in the Spirit Space following the sermon, and then return to the pews for the remainder of the liturgy—or remain in the Spirit Space. We welcome children by encouraging them and celebrating the joy and livelihood they offer.

We welcome your generosity in person and online. The reign of God is not something that we can point to and say, “There it is!” Yet, in moments of waiting on the Spirit, we discover God's presence among us. In our gathering of gifts, food, silence, song, scripture, prayer, and ourselves, we are encountering the living power of Jesus – a leader who truly cares for people and knows our pain and our beauty. In the amazing and extravagant love that he shows us, we find strength to love others.

Music, in a rich diversity, is an important part of our ministry and witness at First English, including the outstanding acoustics of our nave. As we grow our music ministry, we are embarking on a significant restoration campaign for our valued and aged pipe organ.

In an effort to connect with the broadest number of people, **we livestream and archive our services and events for broadcast on the internet.** Your attendance at an event constitutes your consent to be included in filming, photographing, audio recording, or broadcast and for any other use in whole or in part, including promotion. If you prefer to avoid being filmed, please use a back pew.

✝AL CONGREGARSE

GATHERING✝

Everyone is welcome here! This means you.

We continue praying for and supporting the people and leaders of Ukraine as conflict continues. We light a candle 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.

Information about the Easter season is found on the back pages of this bulletin.

Gathering Music

What God Ordains Is Good Indeed

arr. Johann Walther (1684-1748)

We are pleased to include a Flemish virginal in today's worship service. Such instruments (a type of harpsichord) were common from about 1575 to 1650. This one was built by David Francis, and you are invited to view it following the close of the liturgy.

Reconocimiento de Tierras

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge the presence of God having existed before this region's conquest in ages past, on land once belonging to the Coahuiltecan, Comanche, Tonkawa, and Jumanos peoples; land where we now live, move, and have our being, striving to honor the land and lifting up histories beyond our own.

The assembly stands, as willing and able, for the gathering song.

The hymn is found in the red worship book (ELW) in the pew rack.

Gathering Song

Thine is the Glory | ELW #376

Text: Edmond Budry(1854-1932) tr. R. Birch Hoyle (1875-1939)

Music: George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

The assembly offers acclamations and songs printed in bold.

Saludo

Greeting

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

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

Oración del Día

Prayer of the Day

Wondrous Vinegrower, you make all things new
in water and Word,
feeding your people with love, joy, and peace.
Lead us today and every day to the font of new beginnings.
Teach us to love what you have commanded
and to prune what does not nourish your creation,
In the name of the creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,
One God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Les damos la Bienvenida!

Welcome!

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La asamblea se sienta. / The assembly is seated.

The singing bowls sound throughout the liturgy, calling us to focus our prayer.

Primera Lectura

Acts 8:26-40

New Revised Standard Version - English Updated

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.)²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship²⁸ and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah.²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it."³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?"³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?"³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?"³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.

³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Evangelio

John 15:1-8

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: ¹“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

La asamblea se sienta. / The assembly is seated.

Sermón

Following the sermon, the assembly stands, as able, to sing.

Hymn of the Day

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

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr. (b.1944)

Music: Peter Cutts (b.1937)

*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, and at other times. We shine with the light of God's love.*

Affirmation of Faith | Apostles' Creed

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 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 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.**

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

You have made public affirmation of your faith.

Do you intend 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.

Oraciones de Intercesión

Prayers of Intercession

Following each intercession: God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths untrodden, through things unknown. **Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us, and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

✝ COMIDA

MEAL ✝

La Paz

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

La asamblea se sienta. / The assembly is seated.

Ofreciendo Invitación

Offering Invitation

*An offering is gathered for the mission of God in the world through the care of those in need.
Worshippers may give financially online at: www.felcaustin.org/information/giving*

Offering Music

What God Ordains Is Good Indeed

BWV 75 arr. J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
Text: Samuel Rodigast (1649-1708)

What God ordains is good indeed, for all life well providing.
The will of God is best for me, the ground of my confiding.
My faithful God, on ev'ry road you know the way unfolding;
Your strong hand I am holding.

What God ordains is good indeed. My friend will never fail me
On dangers path, in deepest need, when death in grief shall veil me.
My God so dear, oh, draw me near; in loving arms now hold me;
At last in light enfold me.

The assembly stands.

Bread, wine, money, and other gifts are presented, and the altar is prepared.

Presentación de las Ofrendas

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful (ELW 184)

Ronald Nelson (1927-2014)



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

Blessed are you, O living God, through your goodness we offer you this bread:
fruit of the earth and work of human hands.

Blessed be God forever!

Blessed are you, O living God, through your goodness we offer you this wine:
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.

Blessed be God forever!

We praise you, O living God, for you create the fruits of the earth and vine.

Amen.

Gran Plegaria Eucharística

ELW, Setting 1 Thomas Pavlechko (b. 1963)

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

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

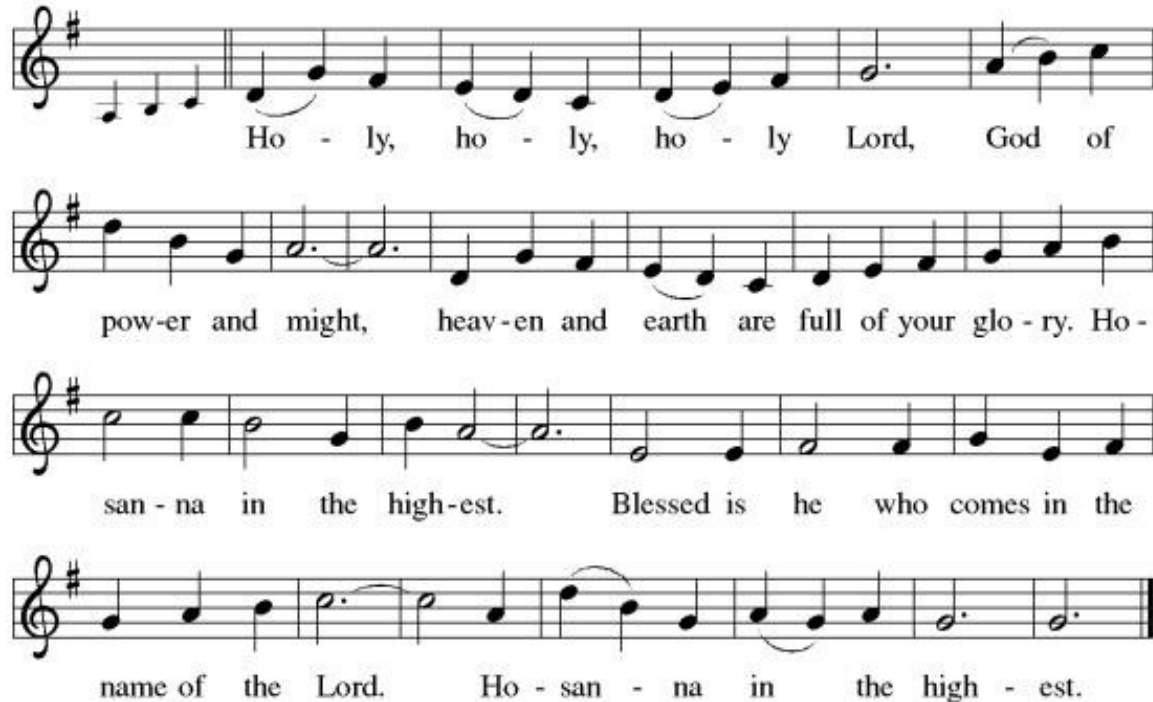
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW, Setting 1



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed 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.

Great is 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, Almighty God,
with the Holy Spirit, in the church and in the world, both now and forever.

Amen!

Oración de los Discípulos

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray, in our own languages, as Jesus taught us:

Disciple'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**

**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.**

Acclamation

Alleluia! Christ our Paschal Lamb is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!

La asamblea se sienta. / The assembly is seated.

Partiendo el Pan

Breaking of the Bread



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.

Invitación a la Comunión

Communion 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 by the center aisle to a station to receive bread in your hand.
Then proceed to a station and receive a small cup, where wine will be poured.
Gluten-free wafers/grape juice are available. Please ask a minister. Return to your seat by a side aisle.
You are invited to remain seated in prayer, meditation, and singing.
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.*

Musica de Comunion

Oliver Rajamani

The assembly remains seated as we offer our thanks.

Oración Después de la Comuni3n

Prayer after Communion

Living God, thank you for making your home with us in this holy meal.
Empowered by the Spirit, may we wipe away tears,
tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations,
and bring to earth the presence of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

✝ ENVIO

SENDING ✝

Anuncios

Announcements

Please read your bulletin and view our website for information on ministries.

For those in the building, following the liturgy, we invite you to a time of hospitality in the Fellowship Hall

As we receive God's protection and blessing, please stand.

Bendici3n

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 Song

Let All Things Now Living | ELW #881

Text: Katherine K. Davis (1892-1980), alt

Music: Welsh folk Tune

Dismissal to Mission

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Y'all, go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

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Church Community Announcements

Today's Guest Preacher and Presider

The Rev. Alex Darling-Raabe is pastor of a small but spunky Lutheran parish on Long Island. Alex was born and raised in Ohio and graduated from The Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. Ordained by Bishop Ray Tiemann on June 20, 2015, Alex is the first openly, gay and partnered pastor to be ordained in the Southwestern Texas Synod. Prior to moving to NY, Alex was called as mission developer/pastor of Table of Mercy in Austin from 2014-2017, a worshiping community with focus to young adults that FELC supported and housed. Pastor Alex loves going to Broadway shows, listening to people tell their stories, trying new food and cocktails, and he misses Texas BBQ and tacos nearly every day. This spring he is finishing a Master of Social Work degree from The Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College. He is excited to experience where the Holy Spirit will continue to lead him.

Backpack Drive for Micah 6 Ministries: April

We are collecting backpacks (new or slightly used) for our friends at Micah 6 Ministries during the month of April. Folks need a helpful way to carry food, clothing, and personal items. Bring a new or slightly used backpack to the church sanctuary and place it in a Micah 6 box in the north transept of the sanctuary. We are grateful to Derek Bridges for the idea to meet this need. Questions? Contact Andy MacLaren at andyaclaren@cs.com. For more information visit <https://www.micah6austin.org>

Learning Ministry | Children's Faith Formation: Today, LaRu Woody concluded the Parable of the Prodigal Son. **May 5:** Holy Spirit and Early Church, 9 am in the Library. ***There is an opening for a Children's Faith Formation Leader on May 5. Contact Betsy Appleton if you are interested!***

Learning Ministry | Adult Faith Formation: Today, Pastor Bob Karli concluded his sessions on The Life Cycle of a Congregation. **May 5:** Ulrich Goebel, Heidi Goebel's father, will be presenting a special one-time session on Martin Luther at 9am in the Parlor.

Greetings from Ulrich Goebel

“Hello: I am Heidi’s Dad, a retired Professor of Historical Linguistics and Co-Editor of a multivolume German Dictionary that covers the lexicon of the German Late Middle Ages and the Early Modern Period. One of the principal figures in our Dictionary is Martin Luther, not only because of his role as a reformer but also (and in this case perhaps more importantly) because of his influence on the development of the German Language. But that is not our topic. In our discussion on May 5, we will review Jesus’ promise of “a covenant in my blood” (sacramental words that the pastor reaffirms every Sunday) by focusing on Luther’s understanding of concepts such as Testament, Faith, Freedom, Gospel etc. Question: We call ourselves Lutherans (in spite of the fact that Luther was adamantly apposed to using his name in this way) and as Lutherans, do his words still speak to us in a world that is so profoundly different from his in the early 16th century?”

Southwestern Texas Synod Assembly: Supporting our neighbors in need

The Synod Assembly of the Southwestern Texas Synod will convene May 3-5 in Corpus Christi. This year’s assembly offering will support the Lutheran Disaster Response, our ELCA ministry that responds to natural and unnatural disasters in the United States and around the world. If you would like to contribute to the donations to Lutheran Disaster Response you may **share a contribution today** (please make checks payable directly to Southwestern Texas Synod, memo Lutheran Disaster Response; cash is also welcome). Assembly participants are also collecting new or gently used laceless tennis shoes for adults and children to be distributed at the Texas border in response to the crisis there. Please **consider bringing shoes to FELC to donate to the synod assembly through Wednesday, May 1.** Contact: Bryan Rust for more information.

Word in Season Devotional Booklets

April, May, June devotional books are available in the narthex at the main church entrance and near the Second Readings Library in the hallway to the fellowship hall. Large print editions are also available.

FELC Benevolence Ministry Partners for 2024

Thank you for your input to identify organizations and agencies our community of faith will partner with in 2024. The Benevolence Task Force and Church Council considered organizations that reflect our biblical and congregational values, both local and global in their outreach and witness. Ultimately, we settled on intentional support of our Lutheran organizations, focusing on **LuMin**, the campus ministry at UT and **Global Refuge** (formerly Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services). We feel that both organizations have a proven record of reflecting the values of First English and are good stewards of their resources. This year, we also want to support our **own FELCDC**. For more information on our partners in ministry, visit our website *News section*.

Update from our Transition Team: April 23

We are currently working on final reviews of our drafts for both the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) as well as the Seven Reflections on Ministry and Context (an optional component to the MSP) and preparing both documents to be presented to the Council. This final review process will take place over the next few weeks. Our goal is to present the MSP and the Seven Reflections on Ministry and Context to the Council at their May meeting. After the Transition Team presents the MSP package, the Council will have the opportunity to review the MSP package and provide feedback. Once finalized and accepted by the Council, the MSP will be sent to the Southwestern Texas Synod. A copy of the MSP will then be shared with the congregation for informational purposes only. Once the Synod has our MSP, the Transition Team will shift focus as a Call Committee and begin preparing for discernment and interviews with pastoral leader candidates provided to us by the Synod. FELCTransitionMinistry@felcaustin.org

Visit our website to learn more about the FELC welcome, worship, community life, learning, engagement, racial justice and reconciliation ministries, our child development center, and ways to care and serve.

Since 1972, **the First English Lutheran Child Development Center** has been serving the community by offering safe, loving, and engaging care for children (infant - 5 years) and families of the Austin area. Our mission is to provide a quality full-day child care experience that helps each child develop cognitively, physically, socially, and emotionally, and we're passionate about our work. Visit <https://www.firstenglishcdc.org> or call 512-478-5424.

Feasts, Commemorations, & Prayers this week

Catherine of Siena, theologian, died 1380

Monday, April 29, 2024

This theologian was the first woman among Roman Catholics to receive the title "Doctor [teacher] of the Church." Catherine was a Dominican sister known for her mystical visions as well as her work on behalf of people who were poor and imprisoned.

Philip and James, Apostles

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

Philip was one of the first disciples of Jesus, and called Nathanael to "come and see." He later responded to an Ethiopian official's request for teaching and baptism. Little is known of James, the son of Alphaeus, called "the Less" to distinguish him from another apostle named James.

Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, died 373

Thursday, May 2, 2024

Best remembered for defending the teaching that Christ was fully God against those who taught otherwise, Athanasius was an influential church leader around the time of the Council of Nicea. He was banished from Alexandria five times for his forthright views.

Monica, mother of Augustine, died 387

Saturday, May 4, 2024

Monica was married to a pagan husband who was ill-tempered and unfaithful, but whom she helped bring into the Christian faith. She repeated the influence on her son Augustine, who went on to become one of the greatest church teachers.

As a faith community, First English prays for...

the citizens, immigrants, and refugees of the United States;
the national, state, local leaders of the United States;
the people of Ukraine, Russia, and the Middle East, and all places of war;
all communities and families, including those living with gun violence;
all in need of safe shelter, nourishing food, & quality care, and for those who offer it;
children, families, and caregivers living with and experiencing child abuse;
those responding to severe weather;
all who offer protection, defense, and advocacy, in this community and in our nation;
all who are LGBTQIA2S+, and for allies who advocate for safety, justice, and equity;
God’s guidance for our faith community in this time of transition and renewal;
our staff, congregation council, and child development center board of directors,
our child development center students and families;
our care ministers;
Anne Wiebe, as she prepares for surgery;
David Francis, William Nix, and Aditi Mitra, newly baptized on Easter Day;
Micah 6 Ministries;
our benevolence ministry partners: LuMin, Global Refuge, and FELCDC;
the voting members and leaders of the Southwestern Texas Synod preparing to gather next week;
all people seeking healing and justice; and all in any need and thanksgiving.

The FELC Prayer Circle gathers faithfully to offer prayer (including confidentially)
contact: bschutz@sbcglobal.net.

Ministers Serving in Learning, Liturgy & Hospitality

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| Altar Care Servers | Margaret Bruesch |
| Assisting Minister | Shannon Aguirre |
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