

*Our Tree of Life*



## First English Lutheran Church

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**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**ELW SETTING FOUR**



9:00 am

**August 13, 2023**

### PREPARATION

Prelude

Bells

Welcome & Announcements

### GATHERING

#### **Greeting & Passing of the Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

**Confession and Forgiveness** P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. **C: Amen.**

P: Merciful God, **C: we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

P: Righteous God, **C: we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

P: God is a cup of cold water...in the name of † Jesus Christ. **C: Amen.**

Gathering Hymn:

*'Shout to the Lord'*

#821

**My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you. All of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love. My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength; let ev'ry breath, all that I am never cease to worship you.**

**Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King. Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands; forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand. Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.**

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Greeting

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

Hymn of Praise

'This is the Feast'

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**1 This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.**

**2 Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Words: Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9, Composed by Richard Hillert, ©2006 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Augsburg Fortress.

Prayer of the Day: P: O God our defender, **C: storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WORD

First Lesson: 1 Kings 19:9-18

OT pg. 254

Psalm 85:8-13

ELW Psalm 85

L: <sup>8</sup>I will listen to what the LORD<sup>1</sup> God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

C: <sup>9</sup>**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.**

L: <sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

C: <sup>11</sup>**Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

L: <sup>12</sup>The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

C: <sup>13</sup>**Righteousness shall go before the LORD and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

Second Lesson: Romans 10:5-15

NT pg. 122

Children's Message

Pastor Denise Fossen

Special Music

*'Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You'*  
Words and music by Jay Althouse

Marilyn Hanson

Gospel Acclamation

*'Alleluia. Lord to whom.....'*

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**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia.**

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Holy Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

NT pg. 12-13

P: The Holy Gospel according to... **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Denise Fossen

Hymn of the Day

*'Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me'*

#755

**1. Jesus, Savior, pilot me over life's tempestuous sea; unknown waves before me roll, hiding rock and treach'rous shoal; chart and compass come from thee. Jesus, Savior, pilot me.**

**2. As a mother stills her child, thou canst hush the ocean wild; boist'rous waves obey thy will when thou say'st to them: "Be still." Wondrous sov'reign of the sea, Jesus, Savior, pilot me.**

**3. When at last I near the shore, and the fearful breakers roar twixt me and the peaceful rest, then, while leaning on thy breast, may I hear thee say to me: "Fear not, I will pilot thee."**

Text: Edward Hopper, 1818-1888. Music: John Edward Gould, 1822-1875.

Apostle's Creed

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**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.**

Prayers for the People of God

P: ... Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

## **MEAL**

### **Offering Collection and Presentation**

Offertory Hymn

*'We Give Thee But Thine Own'*

#686

- 1. We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**
- 2. May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive, and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our firstfruits give.**
- 3. The captive to release, to God the lost to bring, to teach the way of life and peace— it is a Christlike thing.**
- 4. And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be: whate'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it unto thee.**

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt. Music: L. Mason and G. Webb, Cantica Lauda, 1850

Offertory Prayer

**C: Amen.**

### **SHARING THE MEAL**

The Great Thanksgiving (spoken)

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P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*'Holy, Holy, Holy'*

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord. Lord God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

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Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

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**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.**

Invitation to Communion

Distribution Hymn: 'Lamb of God' pg. 154

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

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Distribution Hymn: 'Precious Lord, Take My Hand' #773

**1. Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn. Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**2. When my way grows . . drear, precious Lord, linger near, when my life is . . . almost gone, hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**3. When the darkness appears and the night draws . . near, and the day is . . . past and . . . gone, at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

Text: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899-1993. Music: George N. Allen, 1812-1877, adapt. Thomas A. Dorsey.  
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Distribution Hymn: 'My Life Flows On in Endless Song' #763

**1. My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation, I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.**

*(Refrain):* **No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?**

**2. Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing. It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? (Refrain)**

**3. What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth. What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth. (Refrain)**

**4. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing! All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? (Refrain)**

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899. Music: Robert Lowry, alt.

Eucharistic Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

## **SENDING**

Benediction

P: The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed  
bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age. **C: Amen.**

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the harvest. **C: We Will! Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn

'Blessed Assurance'

#638

**1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

*(Refrain): This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long: this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

**2. Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

*(Refrain)*

**3. Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.**

*(Refrain)*

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915. Music: Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830-1908.

Bells

Postlude

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Revelations 22- Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup>through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup>Nothing accursed will be found there anymore. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; <sup>4</sup>they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.

If you have pastoral needs, please call Pastor Denise anytime at 763-516-2026.

**Welcome to all visitors and guests!** May the joy of Christ fill you as we worship today. Friendship Pads are at the ends of each pew (by middle aisle). Fill them out, pass them on to your neighbor(s), and send them back to the middle aisle. Please join us downstairs following worship for coffee and fellowship.

**KDIO Radio Broadcast** is sponsored in memory of Ray Bergeson and other loved ones from the Bergeson Family. [Radio broadcast cards are available on the information kiosk in the narthex; cost is \$100/week].


**Happy Birthday Wishes** go out to Eldon Knutson whose birthday is on Monday and Janet Anderson whose birthday is this Saturday.


**OFFERING UPDATE:** Here are the expenses for July: \$17,983.03. Here is what we received: \$17,283.32. We deficit spent \$699.71. You're also encouraged to visit our webpage for Online Giving at [www.firstenglish.net](http://www.firstenglish.net). 

**God's Work Our Hands** is coming up on September 10th. Michelle Bauer has volunteered to assist in co-coordinating leading up to 9/10, but she won't be here that weekend. We are seeking someone to co-coordinate and lead God's Work Our Hands' Sunday. Please contact the office before August 27th if you are willing to help serve in this way or if you have any GWOH project recommendations.

**New Member Sunday** is on September 17th. If you are formally interested in joining our congregation, please talk with Pastor Denise (763-516-2026) or contact the church office (320-839-2527).

**St. Joseph's Catholic Church** is holding their annual bazaar & raffle August 27th. There will be a Roast Beef Dinner (11am-1pm), outdoor games, bingo, cakewalk, hog-weight guess, country store, root beer floats, beer garden, plus a raffle with over \$4,000 in cash and prizes! See posted flyers for more information.

**We are looking for volunteers** to prepare and serve coffee on Sundays going forward. Please contact the office if you are willing to help. If no one volunteers we may not be able to have coffee fellowship after our services. 

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT** for Ricky Anderson Jr., Carol Barrett; Glenn Berdan; Jyla Dahle, Arlen LaCombe; Gail Olson; Harris Selvig; Brandi Tweeter; Paul Erdman; Beckett Foster; Baby Rosie Frank; Larry Helgeson; Natalie Henneberg; Baby McCoy Jipson; Zane Kilde; Brian Pribyl; Janice Redfield; David Scholberg; Jerry Stotesbery; and Terry Ward. AT FAIRWAY VIEW NEIGHBORHOODS: Janet Anderson; Arvilla Bergseth; Ruth Hansen; Jim Hipple; Vivian Janssen; & Eleanor Nickolauson. ALL OUR MILITARY who are deployed to areas of conflict. If you would like a name added/removed, please contact the church office. 

**Stonecroft Ministries Women's Connection** will be meeting on Tuesday, August 15th at 5:30 pm at Tabor Methodist Church in Big Stone City, SD. Speaker will be Bonnie Neisess of Milford, IA. Her topic is "Treasures: Past, Present, and Future." Special feature will be Kathleen Marihart of Ortonville (Smallest Art Gallery & Studio). Special music will be provided by Paul Hamann (pianist & vocalist). The cost is \$6.00, and you can register with Carol Rabe at 605-862-8570 or just be a walk-in. Free nursery by reservation.

**We are seeking to fill** the FELC Youth Leader position. It will start at approx. 20-hours per week during school year, less in the summer. Limited evenings and weekend hours for youth ministry activities and chaperoning youth events and trips. There is potential for future growth in hours with program growth. If you, or someone you know is interested, please drop off resume and references at the church office or e-mail them to the pastor at [pastor@firstenglish.net](mailto:pastor@firstenglish.net).

**REMINDER:** Calendar and other important information is on our website at [www.firstenglish.net](http://www.firstenglish.net) and on the bulletin board (kiosk) in the narthex. The church office number is (320)839-2527.

### **This Week's Ministry Assistants— August 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Organist:** Carol Ydstie                                      **FWV:** Marge Dragseth & Brent Zahrbock  
**Tech Desk:** Matt Karels & Marina Thomson                                      **Acolytes:** Justice & Bryson  
**Lay Assistants:** Dave Ellingson & Brent Zahrbock                                      **Lector:** Marilyn Hanson  
**Ushers:** Gale May, Eldon Knutson, Darin Ehrenberg, & Harley Helgeson  
**Greeters:** Glenn & Deb Henningson                                      **Coffee Servers:** Schmeichel & Weber

### **Next Week's Ministry Assistants— August 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Organist:** Marilyn Hanson                                      **Acolytes:** Mason & Rylie  
**Tech Desk:** Marge Dragseth & Marina Thomson                                      **Lector:** Jim Foster  
**Ushers:** Russel Thielke, Warren Wiese, Gale May, & Connie Newman  
**Greeters:** Jim & Neva Foster                                      **Coffee Servers:** TBD

### **Weekly Calendar**

**Sun – 8/13** 9:00 am Worship – Communion – KDIO & FB Live  
10:00 am Coffee Fellowship  
10:30 am Fairway View Worship Pre-recorded

**Mon – 8/14** 10:00 am Staff Meeting

**Tues – 8/15** 8:30 am Day of Love  
4:00 pm Pastor Denise at Donnie's Diner at Fairway View

**Wed – 8/16** 9:30 am Channel 3 broadcast  
5:30 pm Channel 3 broadcast

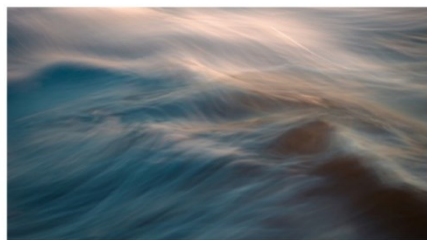
**Fri – 8/18** **CORNFEST**

9:00 am Bulletins Printed

**Sun – 8/20** 9:00 am Worship – Favorite Hymns – KDIO & FB Live  
10:00 am Coffee Fellowship







**August 13, 2023, Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Matthew 14:22-33**

*Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.*



**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

**God of wind and water, like the disciples we often find ourselves tossed about by life's challenges and wondering where you are. Remind us that you will always meet us in our distress, and your love will calm the storms in our hearts. Amen.**



**Read:** Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

*But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."*  
(Matthew 14:26-27)



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

**The disciples are struggling with the wind, the boat, and their fear at seeing their teacher walking on the water like a ghost. Jesus' presence restores their faith and calms the storms within and without.**



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

**What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?**

**What scares you? Courage is not absence of fear, but moving toward and through the scary thing despite the fear. What gives you courage?**

**For the littles: What are you scared of? Who or what makes you feel brave?**



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

**May God grant you courage. Amen.**



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

**Consider something you have been putting off doing because you are afraid. Pray for the courage to do it. Take one step (or more!) this week to move toward and through the fear.**



**Go Deeper:** Read and reflect on the readings for each day of the week.

Monday, Psalm 28; Genesis 37:29-36; 2 Peter 2:4-10

Tuesday, Psalm 28; Genesis 39:1-23; Romans 9:14-29

Wednesday, Psalm 28; Genesis 40:1-23; Matthew 8:23-27

Thursday, Psalm 133; Genesis 41:14-36; Revelation 15:1-4

Friday, Psalm 133; Genesis 41:37-57; Acts 14:19-28

Saturday, Psalm 133; Genesis 42:1-28; Matthew 14:34-36