



## First English Lutheran Church

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### **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**ELW SETTING FOUR**



9:00 am

October 1, 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.**

#### **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **C: Amen.**

Gathering Hymn                      *'Children of the Heavenly Father'*                      #781

**1 Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather; nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.**

**2 God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish. From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.**

**3 Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever; unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.**

**4 Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh; his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.**

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### **HOLY BAPTISM**

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**PROFESSION OF FAITH** (The minister addresses parents, sponsor, & congregation.)

P: Do you believe in the God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

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

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

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

## WELCOME

*A lighted candle may be given to each of the newly baptized as the congregation says:*

**C: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.**

P: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

Hymn of Praise

'This is the Feast'

pg. 149

**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.**

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Greeting

pg. 147

Prayer of the Day: P: God of love, **C: giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WORD

First Lesson: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

OT pg. 608-609

Psalms 25:1-9

ELW Psalm 25

L: <sup>1</sup> To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

**C: <sup>2</sup> My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

L: <sup>3</sup> Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

**C: <sup>4</sup> Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**

L: <sup>5</sup> Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

**C: <sup>6</sup> Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

L: <sup>7</sup> Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

**C: <sup>8</sup> You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

L: <sup>9</sup> You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

Second Lesson: Philippians 2:1-13

NT pg. 152-153

Children's Message

Pastor Denise Fossen

Special Music

*'Created in Christ Alone'*

Senior Choir

Words and music by Mary McDonald

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 21:23-32

NT pg. 18

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

*'Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word'*

#517

**1. Lord, keep us steadfast in your word; curb those who by deceit or sword would wrest the kingdom from your Son and bring to naught all he has done.**

**2. Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are Lord of lords alone; defend your holy church, that we may sing your praise eternally.**

**3. O Comforter of priceless worth, send peace and unity on earth; support us in our final strife and lead us out of death to life.**

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt. Music: J. Klug, Geistliche Lieder, 1543.

Prayers for the People of God

P: ....Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

## MEAL

### Offering Collection and Presentation

Offertory Hymn 'Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ' #674

**1. Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy: bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.**

*(Refrain): Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound! Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!*

**2. Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone, teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. (Refrain)**

**3. Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere! (Refrain)**

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929. Music: Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925-1980.  
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Offertory Prayer **C: Amen.**

### SHARING THE MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving (spoken) p. 152

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'* pg. 153

**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 pg. 154

**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: *'In the Singing'* #466

**1. In the singing, in the silence, in the hands expectant, open, in the blessing, in the breaking, in your presence at this table,**

*(Refrain):* **Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace; Jesus, Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.**

**2. In the question, in the answer, in the moment of acceptance, in the heart's cry, in the healing, in the circle of your people, (Refrain)**

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931 Text © 1996 Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188.

Distribution Hymn: *'Let Us Break Bread Together'* #471

**1 Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees.**

*(Refrain):* **When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.**

**2 Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees. (Refrain)**

**3 Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees. (Refrain)**

Text & Music: Text: African American spiritual

Distribution Hymn: *'Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty'* #413

**1 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.**

**3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.**

**4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, alt. Music: John B. Dykes, 1823-1876.

Eucharistic Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

## **SENDING**

Benediction

P: The God of glory, † Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. God is at work in you. **C: We Will! Thanks be to God.**

**1. Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from this dwelling take leave. The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended the fruits of this service in all who believe. The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all. Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us to work for your kingdom and answer your call.**

**2. With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living, the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face— our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, embracing God's children, the whole human race. With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us; unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.**

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997, alt. Music: Welsh folk tune.

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## Bells, Postlude

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*Psalm 139:14. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.*

*In other words, "created to be..."*

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 by Jim & Ranet Schmeichel in memory of our parents Marvin Schmeichel, Marvis & Mike Northwick and for all of us who have loved and lost loved ones. [Radio broadcast cards are available on the information kiosk in the narthex; cost is \$100/week]. 2024 cards are in the box.

**OFFERING UPDATE:** Here are the expenses for September: \$20,361.57. Here is what we received: \$16,198.07. We deficit spent \$4,163.50. You're also encouraged to visit our webpage for Online Giving at [www.firstenglish.net](http://www.firstenglish.net).




**Happy Birthday wishes go out** to Gene Stotesberry whose birthday is this Thursday.

**Congratulations and God's Blessings** be with:


.... Jordan & Rachel (Mork) Thorson on their marriage this Saturday!

.... Andrea & Daniel Bartels as we welcome their son, David John Bartels, into the Lord's family through Holy Baptism today. His sponsors are Emily & Cass Sigler, and Allyson Lindahl.

**The Family Bible Scavenger Hunt** will be next week at the Wildlife Refuge.

**FELC members are invited to** stop before church, after church, and after Sunday School beginning on Sunday, October 8 to have your photo taken for the new FELC church directory. Thanks for participating! 

**We are seeking 2 candidates** to fill the positions of **Jr./Sr. High Program Leader** and **Elementary Program Leader**. The *Jr./Sr. High Program Leader* would work a flexible schedule of 5-10 hours per week. Primary responsibilities include leading Jr./Sr. High youth group sessions on-site for approx. 2 hours on Wednesday evenings, plus additional planning hours. The *Elementary Program Leader* would work a flexible schedule of 3-8 hours per. Would primarily be responsible for leading Kids Club on-site for 1st – 6th grade students for approx. 2 hours on Wednesday after school, plus additional planning hours. If we have a candidate willing to perform both positions as a *combined Youth Program Leader*, that option is also available for anywhere from 10-20 hours per week. We are very flexible. Can earn up to \$20/hr for these positions relative to responsibilities. If interested, contact the secretary at [secretary@firstenglish.net](mailto:secretary@firstenglish.net).


**PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT** for Ricky Anderson Jr., Carol Barrett; Jyla Dahle, Arlen LaCombe; Gail Olson; Harris Selvig; Brandi Tweeter; Monty Athey, 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. 

**It's 4-H Week. 4-H is looking for volunteers.** Adults can share their talents (from arts, gardening, photography, quilting and more), share their knowledge of animals with the 4-H leasing program, and share their time volunteering at an afterschool program. You can view the green flyers in the Narthex or call them at 320-839-6380 for more information.

**There is a Youth Group Campfire** with worship, supper, and games at Zion Lutheran Church in Ortonville (806 Highland Hwy) on Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> from 5pm – 8pm. All Junior & Senior High Youth: Bring your friends and join Zion Lutheran, New Life Community Baptist, and FELC for some fun around the campfire in the back parking lot. No agenda, no assignments, just fun and food with friends!

**Trinity Lutheran Church** is having an Ol' Settlers Supper Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 pm. The menu includes Roast Beef with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Sausage & Sauerkraut, Glazed Carrots, Pickles, Breads, Pies, Coffee and Kool Aid. Take-Out Available. Call 320-839-3422 (church office) or 320-305-0353 (Betty Reinke) for more information. Tickets: Adults \$15, Children (5-12) \$10, Children 4 and under FREE.

**The LQP Women of the ELCA Fall Gathering** is October 17<sup>th</sup> at Granite Falls Lutheran Church. The Building Bridges Choir will be singing their patriotic concert. There is a \$5 registration fee that should be in by October 13<sup>th</sup>. On the 17<sup>th</sup> Registration, Coffee & Rolls start at 8:30 am with a 9:30-10:30 program. You can contact Bernice Oellien (320-752-4757) or Carla Johnson (320-752-4674) to register and learn more.

**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.

**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—October 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Greeters:** Jon & Kim Anderson **Acolytes:** Bennett & Bryson  
**Organist:** Kathy Haukos **Lector:** Liv Wollschlager  
**Tech Desk:** Liz Ketz & Marina Thomson **Lay Assistants:** Kristi & Darin Ehrenberg  
**Ushers:** Brent Zahrbock, Dean Strand, Vern Nickolauson, & Dave Ellingson  
**FVW:** Kristi and Darin Ehrenberg **Coffee Servers:** Henningsons

### **Next Week's Ministry Assistants—October 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Greeters:** Jackie & Mel Domine **Acolytes:** Liam & Mikaela  
**Organist:** Carol Ydstie **Lay Assistants:** Liz Ketz & Marilee Haukos  
**Tech Desk:** Matt Karels & Marina Thomson **Lector:** Darin Ehrenberg  
**Ushers:** Liz Ketz, Eldon Knutson, Darin Ehrenberg, & Harley Helgeson  
**FVW:** Liz Ketz & Brent Zahrbock **Coffee Servers:** Foster & Henningsons



## Weekly Calendar

- Sun – 10/1** 9:00 am Worship – Communion – David Bartels' Baptism  
– KDIO & FB Live  
10:00 am Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School  
w/ Baptism party to follow.  
10:30 am Fairway View Worship LIVE  
1:00 pm Howard Janssen Burial at Eidskog Cemetery
- Mon – 10/2** 10:00 am Staff Meeting  
7:00 pm Council Meeting
- Tues – 10/3** 8:30 am Day of Love  
4:00 pm Pastor Denise at Donnie's Diner at Fairway View
- Wed – 10/4** 9:00 am Circle 4 Bible Study in Church Lounge  
9:30 am Channel 3 broadcast  
3:30 pm Confirmation (7-8<sup>th</sup> grade)  
4:30 pm Confirmation (9<sup>th</sup> grade)  
5:30 pm Channel 3 broadcast  
7:00 pm Senior Choir
- Fri – 10/6** 9:00 am Bulletins Printed  
5:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal
- Sat – 10/7** 7:00 am Church Doors Open  
3:30 pm Rachel Mork & Jordan Thorson Wedding
- Sun – 10/8** **PASTOR APPRECIATION & PICTURE DAY**  
9:00 am Worship – Communion – KDIO & FB Live  
10:00 am Coffee Fellowship and  
Family Bible Scavenger Hunt at Wildlife Refuge  
10:30 am Fairway View Worship Pre-recorded  
Afternoon – Pastor Denise Fossen leaves for Bishop Fall  
Theological and will be back late Tuesday (10/10) afternoon.



October 1, 2023, Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Matthew 21:23-32

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



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

**Gracious God, you gave your Son, Jesus Christ, the authority to speak in your name. Through the Holy Spirit, give us the ability to speak your truth wherever it needs to be heard, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**



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

*"Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you." (Matthew 21:31b)*



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

**The chief priests and elders want to know: by whose authority does Jesus speak? Perhaps Jesus' authority rests on his belonging to God.**



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

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

**Why do you think Jesus told the chief priests and elders that the tax collectors and prostitutes would enter the kingdom of God ahead of them?**

**Who are the elders in your community? In what ways are they helpful to the community? In what ways do they hinder?**

**For the littles: Who is the oldest person you know? Are they wiser than you?**



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

**May God turn your world upside down. Amen.**



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

**Consider those places in your life where you have authority. Journal about how you use your authority to speak God's truth and love, even if it is indirectly. Share what you wrote with a trusted friend.**



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

Monday, Psalm 42; Exodus 18:1-12; Philippians 1:3-14

Tuesday, Psalm 42; Exodus 18:13-27; Philippians 1:15-21

Wednesday, Psalm 42; Exodus 19:9b-25; Matthew 9:2-8

Thursday, Psalm 19; Exodus 23:1-9; Colossians 2:16-23

Friday, Psalm 19; Exodus 23:14-19; Philippians 2:14-18; 3:1-4a

Saturday, Psalm 19; Exodus 23:10-13; John 7:40-52