

Our Tree of Life



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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

ELW SETTING FOUR



9:00 am

September 3, 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 *All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be God, the one who forms us, † Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete. **C: Amen.**

P: Steadfast and faithful God, **C: you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

P: Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In † Christ, you are already and always forgiven. **C: Amen.**

Gathering Hymn *'For the Beauty of the Earth'* (vs. 1, 2, & 4) #879

1. For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:

(Refrain): Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

2. For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light: *(Refrain)*

4. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild: (Refrain)

Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835-1917, alt. Music: Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872.

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'

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.

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, **C: we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

First Lesson: Jeremiah 15:15-21

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Psalm 26:1-8

ELW Psalm 26

L: ¹ Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.

C: ² Test me, O LORD, and try me; examine my heart and my mind.

L: ³ For your steadfast love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

C: ⁴ I have not sat with the worthless, nor do I consort with the deceitful.

L: ⁵ I have hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked.

C: ⁶ I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, that I may go in procession round your altar,

L: ⁷ singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

C: ⁸ LORD, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides.

Second Lesson: Romans 12:9-21

NT pg. 124

Children's Message

Rev. Rick Hoyme

Special Music

'Praise to the Lord' (Flute Solo)

Chris Petersen

Arranged by Brant Adams

Gospel Acclamation

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

pg. 151

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

Alleluia.

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Holy Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

NT pg. 14

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

Rev. Rick Hoyme

Hymn of the Day

'Will You Come and Follow Me'

#798

1. "Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"

2. "Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?"

3. "Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the pris'ners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"

4. "Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"

5. Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949. Music: Scottish traditional. Text © 1987 Iona Community, GIA Publications, www.giamusic.com.

Apostle's Creed

p. 105

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

MEAL

Offering Collection and Presentation

Offertory Hymn *'We Plow the Fields and Scatter'* #681

1. We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land, but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand, who sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain, the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.

(Refrain): All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above. We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

2. You only are the maker of all things near and far. You paint the wayside flower; you light the evening star. The winds and waves obey you, by you the birds are fed; much more to us, your children, you give our daily bread.

(Refrain)

3. We thank you, our creator, for all things bright and good, the seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food. No gifts have we to offer for all your love imparts, but what you most would treasure— our humble, thankful hearts.

(Refrain)

Text: Matthias Claudius, 1740-1815; tr. Jane M. Campbell, 1817-1878, alt. Music: Johann A. P. Schulz, 1747-1800.

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.

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

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.**

Closing Hymn

'Go Now in Peace'

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. (repeat)

Amen, amen, amen.

Text: Don Besig and Nancy Price. Music by Don Besig (ASCAP).

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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 ²through 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. ³Nothing 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; ⁴they 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 Kathy's parents Don and Joyce Koch from Kathy Haukos and family. [Radio broadcast cards are available on the information kiosk in the narthex; cost is \$100/week].


We welcome back Reverend Rick Hoyme as he is leading our service today, filling in for Pastor Denise as she is recovering.

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. 

Green Lake Lutheran Ministries has several Programmed Retreats for this fall season. You can find more information on them on the flyers posted around the building.

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. 

Stonecroft Ministries Women's Connection will be meeting on Tuesday, September 19th at 5:30 pm at Tabor Methodist Church in Big Stone City, SD. Speaker will be Delaine Shay of Sioux Falls. Her topic is "New Life." Special feature will be a silent auction as fundraiser for Stonecroft. Items such as decorations, baked goods, crafts, garden produce, etc. may be brought when you come. Special music will be provided by Dan Lindholm of Milbank (soloist). 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.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT for Ricky Anderson Jr., Carol Barrett; 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. 

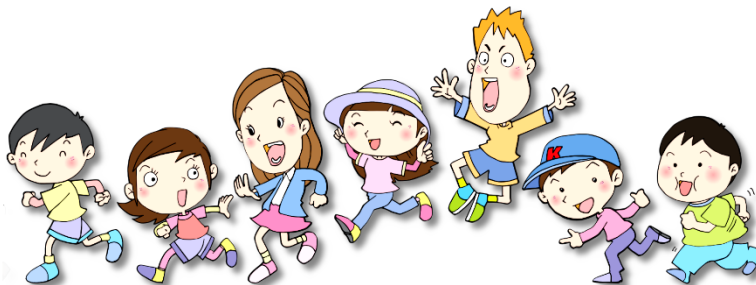
We're looking forward to celebrating God's Work, Our Hands Day next week, September 10th. We will have a brief service with prayer and communion in the Sanctuary at 9 am, then we will go out into the community and represent First English, spreading God's love. Afterward, we will gather back at the church for fellowship and a potluck lunch. The church will provide hot dogs. We ask that every family bring a dish to share. We will also be doing a supply drive for Someplace Safe and the food shelf. We will be looking for women's products (pads, tampons, etc.), toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, etc.), cleaning/sanitizing products, diapers/wipes. You can sign up to help on the sheets in the Narthex or online. You can also scan the QR code to get to the website to sign up:



SCAN ME

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0849AF2EA1FBC16-gods>

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.



REMINDER: Calendar and other important information is on our website at 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— September 3rd

Organist: Kathy Haukos

Acolytes: Archer & Meadow

Lay Assistants: Kirsten Karels & Marla Strei

Lector: Kelsey Kaye

Ushers: Ev Johnson, Kevin Fossen, Art Vollmer, & Ron Athey

Greeters: David & Debbie Ellingson

Tech Desk: Liz Ketz & Matt Karels

FWV: Kim Anderson, Pat Collins & Mary Lou Olson

Coffee Servers: Deb Henningson & Family

Next Week's Ministry Assistants— September 10th (God's Work Our Hands)

Organist: Amy Adelman

FWV: Kim Anderson

Tech Desk: Matt Karels & Marina Thomson

Acolytes: Amelia & Lexi

Lay Assistants: Jim & Ranet Schmeichel

Lector: Jon Ydstie

Ushers: Glenn Henningson, Larry Dahle, Jon & Kim Anderson

Greeters: Sharon Carlson & Lois Bergeson

God's Work Our Hands Coordinator: Kari and Archer Dorry & Michelle Bauer

Weekly Calendar

Sun – 9/3 9:00 am Worship – Communion – KDIO & FB Live

10:00 am Coffee Fellowship

10:30 am Fairway View Worship Pre-recorded

Mon – 9/4 **LABOR DAY** 

OFFICE CLOSED DAY

Tues – 9/5 8:30 am Day of Love

4:00 pm Pastor Denise at Donnie's Diner at Fairway View

Wed – 9/6 9:00 am Circle 4 in Church Lounge

9:30 am Channel 3 broadcast

3:30 pm Confirmation (7-8th grade)

4:30 pm Confirmation (9th grade)

5:30 pm Channel 3 broadcast

7:00 pm Senior Choir

Fri – 9/8 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

Sun – 9/10 **GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS SUNDAY**

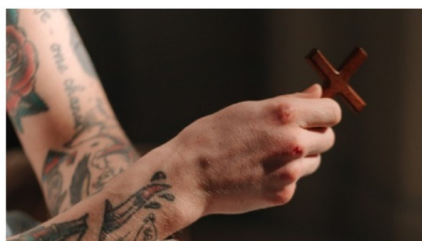
9:00 am Worship – Communion – KDIO & FB Live

9:30 am God's Work Our Hands Community Service

10:30 am Fairway View Worship Pre-recorded

11:00 am Potluck Lunch at the Church





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Matthew 16:21-28

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 vocation, stir up in us a passion for your creation that we might have the courage to follow the difficult path Jesus led. Give us both the sustenance we need to flourish and a heart for sacrifice on behalf of others, that all might have life and have it abundantly. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.



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

But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." (Matthew 16:23)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Jesus had his mind set on heavenly things so that he could give his life for the sake of the world. He taught his disciples to look upward and live forward.



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 reprimanded Peter for rejecting his expectation of suffering? What was Jesus' mind set on?

When has your suffering led to a positive outcome?

For the littles: Sometimes we get turned around and need help getting pointed in the right direction. When has someone pointed you in the right direction?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God turn you toward the things of God. Amen.



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

Sometimes we get set in our ways and have trouble breaking out of our regular routine. Use your GPS this week to find different routes to familiar places. Shop the aisles backward from your regular routine. Consider how the shift in routine can also shift your perspective.



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

Monday, Psalm 83:1-4, 13-18; Exodus 4:10-31; Revelation 3:1-6

Tuesday, Psalm 83:1-4, 13-18; Exodus 5:1-6:13; Revelation 3:7-13

Wednesday, Psalm 83:1-4, 13-18; Exodus 7:14-25; Matthew 12:22-32

Thursday, Psalm 149; Exodus 9:1-7; 2 Corinthians 12:11-21

Friday, Psalm 149; Exodus 10:21-29; Romans 10:15b-21

Saturday, Psalm 149; Exodus 11:1-10; Matthew 23:29-36