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Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

October 15, 2023

CONTEMPORARY

9:00 am

GATHERING

Gathering Music

'Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me'

SONG SHEET

'What Does the Lord Require of You?'

SONG SHEET

Welcome & Announcements

Litany:

P: We are created to be in relationship with one another.

C: We are created to be brave, to show up with an open mind and heart, willing to be challenged.

We are created to be authentic, to bring our whole selves and know that we are loved by our Creator.

We are created to be free, to be transformed by the gospel.

We are created to be an advocate to work for justice for all our siblings.

We are created to be disciples, to be sent out into the world to love our neighbor just as we are loved by God.

We are created to be.

Sharing of the Peace

Thanksgiving for Baptism

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **C: Amen.**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden.

C: In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock.

P: When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.

C: At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

P: We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere.

C: Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

P: To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Song

'God Welcomes All' (sing 3 times)

SONG SHEET

Prayer of the Day: P: Lord of the feast, **C: you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

Psalm 23

ELW Psalm 23

L: ¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

C: ² The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

L: ³ You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

C: ⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

L: ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

C: ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Lesson: Philippians 4:1-9

NT pg. 153

Children's Message

Pastor Denise Fossen

Special Music

'Take It to the Lord in Prayer'

Sr Choir

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" Words by Joseph M. Scriven, Music by Charles C. Coverse.

"Just a Little Talk with Jesus" Words & Music by Cleavant Derricks. Choral Setting by Joel Raney.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

NT p. 19

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

Sermon Song

'Make Me an Instrument'

SONG SHEET

Affirmation of Faith

C: Into the silence of the void the Creator spoke, and the world came into being. The Word of God in the vastness brought light from darkness, matter from nothing, flesh from dust, life from lifelessness. In the quiet of a small town in Palestine the Word of God came to us.

Even though of one being with the Creator, Jesus our Christ, taking on human form, was born, lived and walked among us, speaking the words of life. He was crucified, died, and was buried.

He rose from the dead and speaks to us today. He is the one who saves us from ourselves. In the stillness of our souls the Spirit of God, who is one with the Creator and the Christ, whispers the Word, and calls us back to the Creator, back to the Christ, back to the wholeness of everlasting life in the unity of the Creator, Christ, and Spirit.

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Prayers for the People of God

Song

'There is a Longing in Our Hearts'

SONG SHEET

MEAL

Offering Collection and Presentation

Offertory Hymn

'Giver of the Heartbeat'

SONG SHEET

Offertory Prayer

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

SENDING

Benediction

P: The holy Three, the holy One increase your hope, strengthen your faith, deepen your love, and ☩ grant you peace. **C: Amen.**

Dismissal

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

Closing Hymn

'Give Me a BE-attitude'

SONG SHEET

Bells


Postlude

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 in honor of Ruth Hansen's 100th birthday on October 18th by Anne & David. [Radio broadcast cards are available on the information kiosk in the narthex; cost is \$100/week].


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.

Birthday Wishes go out today to Ruth Hansen who is turning 100 this Wednesday and Luane Huizenga whose birthday is this Saturday!

FELC members are invited to stop before church, after church, and after Sunday School each week to have their photos taken for the new FELC church directory. Thanks for participating!



Children's Dental Services (a non-profit dental health clinic) is seeing new patients of all ages on October 30th from 10 am – 5 pm at the Big Stone County Family Services (340 2nd St NW) in Ortonville. They perform cleanings, exams, fillings, crowns, extractions, x-rays and provide sealants and fluoride. You can grab a slip with contact info from the flyers, visit childrensdentalservices.org, or call 612-746-1530 or 866-543-6009 to make an appointment or get more info.

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, October 17th at 5:30 pm at Tabor Methodist Church in Big Stone City, SD. Speaker will be Sherry Segal of Owatonna, MN. Her topic is "My Journey From Hopeless to Joy in Christ." Special feature will be Sherry's experience as an African missionary and Teri Spors from Grant County Cancer Walk. Special music will be provided by Liv Wollschlager of Bellingham (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.

Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church in Benson is having their 68th annual Norwegian Smorgasbord Wednesday, October 25th from 4:30-7:30 pm. Adults are \$16 & children under 6 are \$10. See the posted flyers for more information.

American Legion Auxiliary will be having a spaghetti supper at the Big Stone City Community Center October 20th, 5-7p.m. All proceeds to go to Veterans.

The United Methodist Presbyterian Church of Browns Valley will be sponsoring its annual Turkey Dinner and Bake Sale on Sunday, October 29th, 2023. The menu will include turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, squash, dressing, cranberries, pickles, rolls and desserts. Serving time is from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All this for only: Adult - \$15.00, Kids (6-12 years old) - \$7.00, and Kids (5 and under) – Free. Call Colleen at 605-237-0875 with any questions.

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.

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.



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—October 15th

Greeters: Jackie & Mel Domine

Acolytes: Chase & Ava

Organist: Lisa Berdan

Lector: Darin Ehrenberg

Tech Desk: Marge Dragseth & Marina Thomson

Coffee Servers: Schmeichel

Ushers: Russell Thielke, Warren Wiese, Gale May, & Connie Newman

Next Week's Ministry Assistants—October 22nd

Greeters: Dean & Anita Longnecker

Acolytes: Ashton & Madilyn

Organist: Marilyn Hanson

Coffee Servers: Amanda Stattelmann

Tech Desk: Terry Kalberg & Marina Thomson

Lector: Ellie Helgeson

Ushers: Eugene Stotesberry, Jim Foster, Gale May, & Keven Berdan

Weekly Calendar

Sun – 10/15 9:00 am Contemporary Worship – KDIO & FB Live

10:00 am Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School

10:15 am Mentor Meeting

Mon – 10/16 10:00 am Staff Meeting

Tues – 10/17 8:30 am Day of Love

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

Wed – 10/18 **NO SCHOOL – NO CONFIRMATION**

9:30 am Channel 3 broadcast

5:30 pm TV Broadcast

7:00 pm Senior Choir

Fri – 10/20 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

Sun – 10/22 **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

9:00 am Worship – Sunny Giese Baptism – Noisy Offering
– KDIO & FB Live

10:00 am Coffee Fellowship

10:20 am WAM meeting



October 15, 2023, Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Matthew 22:1-14

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



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

Lord of hosts, you fling the door wide and welcome into your reign all people, no matter what. Send us out to extend the invitation to all we meet, that all might share in your eternal feast. Amen.



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

"The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." (Matthew 22:8b-9)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

When a king's invited wedding guests disrespected the king and his slaves, the king opened the invitation to all—good and bad. But who would he let in?



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

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

Who are the insiders and who are the outsiders in your community? What happens when the lines get blurred? Who benefits when insiders and outsiders begin to work together? Who is hurt?

How is Jesus' parable of the wedding banquet good news for you? How is it bad news? For the littles: Describe your best going-to-a-banquet (party) outfit.



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God clothe you well for God's eternal banquet. Amen.



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

Invite someone to coffee that you normally would not invite (a co-worker, a neighbor, a parishioner). Come with no expectations. Enjoy the company of someone new.



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

Monday, Psalm 97; Exodus 32:15-35; Jude 17-25

Tuesday, Psalm 97; Exodus 33:1-6; Philippians 3:13-4:1

Wednesday, Psalm 97; 2 Kings 17:7-20; John 6:25-35

Thursday, Psalm 99; Exodus 33:7-11; 3 John 9-12

Friday, Psalm 99; Exodus 31:1-11; 1 Peter 5:1-5

Saturday, Psalm 99; Exodus 39:32-43; Matthew 14:1-12