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**Twenty First Sunday After Pentecost**

**October 22, 2023**

**BAPTISM - SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**9:00 am**

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## **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      *'Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters'*      #445

**1. Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleansing waters flow. Number them among your people; bless as Christ blessed long ago. Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light. Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.**

**2. We who bring them long for nurture; by your milk may we be fed. Let us join your feast, partaking cup of blessing, living bread. God, renew us, guide our footsteps; free from sin and all its snares, one with Christ in living, dying, by your Spirit, children, heirs.**

**3. Oh, how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways! To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise! We your people stand before you, water-washed and Spirit born. By your grace, our lives we offer Recreate us; God, transform!**

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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

'God is Here!' vs. 1, 3, 4

#526

**1. God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.**

**3. Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold; here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old. Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.**

**4. Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt, keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive; we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!**

Words by: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000), Music by: Cyril V. Taylor (1907-1991),

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Prayer of the Day: P: Sovereign God, **C: raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Greeting

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**WORD**

Psalm 96:1-13

ELW Psalm 96

L: <sup>1</sup> Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

**C: <sup>2</sup> Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD; proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

L: <sup>3</sup> Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples.

**C: <sup>4</sup> For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods.**

L: <sup>5</sup> As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

**C: <sup>6</sup> Majesty and magnificence are in your presence; power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**

L: <sup>7</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

**C: <sup>8</sup> Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**

L: <sup>9</sup> Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

**C: <sup>10</sup> Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king! The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity."**

L: <sup>11</sup> Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

**C: <sup>12</sup> Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD, for you come to judge the earth.**

L: <sup>13</sup> You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your truth.

Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

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Children's Message

Pastor Denise Fossen

Gospel Acclamation

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

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

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

'Rock of Ages' vs. 1-3

#623

**1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee; let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed, be of sin the double cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.**

**2. Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands; could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow, all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.**

**3. Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to thy cross I cling. Naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace; foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.**

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740-1778. Music: Thomas Hastings, 1784-1872.

Prayers for the People of God

P: ... God of grace. **C: Hear our prayer.**

### **MEAL**

#### **Offering Collection and Presentation**

Offertory Hymn

'Take My Life' vs. 1-4

#685

**1. Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**2. Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.**

**3. Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King; take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.**

**4. Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shall choose.**

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt. Music: William H. Havergal, 1793-1870.

Offertory Prayer **C: Amen.**

Thanksgiving for the Word Prayer

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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.**

## **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      'God of Grace and God of Glory' vs. 1, 3, 4      #705

**1. God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your pow'r; crown your ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flow'r. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.**

**3. Cure your children's warring madness; bend our pride to your control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your kingdom's goal, lest we miss your kingdom's goal.**

**4. Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.**

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878-1969. Music: John Hughes, 1873-1932.

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 Evelyn Olson in memory of Leonard Olson who would have been 100 years old on the 29<sup>th</sup>. [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](http://www.firstenglish.net). 

**Congratulations and God's Blessings** be with Kyle & Courtney Giese as we welcome their daughter, Sunny Margo Giese, into the Lord's family through Holy Baptism today. Her sponsors are Austin & Shelby Schoon.

**FELC members are invited** to stop before church, after church, and after Sunday School Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> to have their photo taken for the new FELC church directory. The photos will be taken by church members. No picture sales. Thanks for participating! 


**Children's Dental Services** (a non-profit dental health clinic) is seeing new patients of all ages on October 30<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – 5 pm at the Big Stone County Family Services (340 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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. 

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

**The United Methodist Presbyterian Church** of Browns Valley will be sponsoring its annual Turkey Dinner and Bake Sale on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:secretary@firstenglish.net).

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT** for Ricky Anderson Jr., Carol Barrett; Marcus Hanson, 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](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 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Greeters:** Dean & Anita Longnecker

**Acolytes:** Ashton & Madilyn

**Organist:** Marilyn Hanson

**Coffee Servers:** Amanda Stattelman

**Tech Desk:** Terry Kalberg & Marina Thomson

**Lector:** Ellie Helgeson

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

**Next Week's Ministry Assistants—October 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Greeters:** Sandy & Tom Rice

**Acolytes:** Raimi & Martino

**Organist:** Amy Adelman

**Lector:** Confirmands

**Tech Desk:** Dave Ellingson & Marina Thomson

**Coffee Servers:** Circle 4

**Ushers:** Eugene Stotesbery, Jim Foster, Gale May, & Josh Wollschlager

**FWV:** Becky Parker

## Weekly Calendar

### **Sun – 10/22      NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

9:00 am Worship – Sunny Giese Baptism – KDIO & FB Live  
10:00 am Coffee Fellowship  
10:20 am WAM meeting

### **Mon – 10/23      NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

10:00 am Staff Meeting  
3:00 pm Pastor-Parish Relations Meeting

### **Tues – 10/24** 8:30 am Day of Love

4:00 pm Donnie's Diner Bible Study at Fairway View

### **Wed – 10/25      EARLY OUT**

9:30 am Channel 3 broadcast  
1:45 pm Confirmation (7-8<sup>th</sup> graders)  
2:45 pm Confirmation (9<sup>th</sup> graders)  
5:30 pm Channel 3 broadcast  
7:00 pm Senior Choir

### **Fri – 10/27** 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

### **Sun – 10/29      CONFIRMATION & REFORMATION SUNDAY**

9:00 am Worship – Confirmation – Noisy Offering  
– KDIO & FB Live  
10:00 am Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School  
10:30 am Fairway View Worship Pre-Recorded  
11:00 am – 2 pm Fellowship Hall in use by private party





October 22, 2023,

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 22:15-22

*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 all, we might scoff at the Pharisee's constant attempts to entrap Jesus, but how often do we ourselves seek to justify our actions or inactions through complex arguments or sneaky manipulations? Remind us that we cannot overcome your truth, and call us back into the way you would have us go. Amen.



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

*Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away. (Matthew 22:21b-22)*



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

The Pharisees sought to trap Jesus in an argument about taxes. Jesus responded in the only way he could: by putting the onus back on them.



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

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

**If you could direct where all your tax dollars are going, where would you spend them?**

**How do you reconcile the things of God with the things of humanity? Where are there conflicts? Where do they align?**

**For the littles: What is your favorite thing that you own? What things belong to God?**



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

**May God set you right. Amen.**



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

**Do some research to discover how your taxes are spent locally. Make a list of 3-5 items that you can support. Reflect on how knowing where your money is going can help make paying taxes slightly less... taxing.**



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

Monday, Psalm 63:1-8; Exodus 40:34-38; Revelation 18:1-10, 19-20

Tuesday, Psalm 63:1-8; Numbers 12:1-9; Revelation 18:21-24

Wednesday, Psalm 63:1-8; Num. 13:1-2, 17-14:9; Matt. 17:22-27

Thursday, Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; Deuteronomy 31:14-22; Titus 1:5-16

Friday, Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; Deut. 32:1-14, 18; Titus 2:7-8, 11-15

Saturday, Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; Deuteronomy 32:44-47; John 5:39-47