



First English Lutheran Church

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October 29, 2023

Reformation Sunday
Affirmation of Baptism

9:00 am

PREPARATION

Prelude

Bells

Procession of the Cross

*Ashton (cross,) Archer (Paschal candle)
acolytes, confirmands, pastor*

Processional Hymn

'A Mighty Fortress is Our God'

#504

Trumpet Accompaniment: Ellie Helgeson & Carmen Zupfer

1. A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious; he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious. The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal.

2. No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected. But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected. You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored. He holds the field victorious.

3. Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour us, we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpower us. Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage! His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail! One little word subdues him.

4. God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it; for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit. Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day. The kingdom's ours forever!

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Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Greeting and Passing of the Peace

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

Invocation

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.**

Thanksgiving For Baptism

Prayer of the Day:

P: Almighty God, gracious Lord, **we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Archer
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Psalms 46

ELW Psalm 96

L: ¹ God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

C: ² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;

L: ³ though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

C: ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

L: ⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

C: ⁶ The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.

L: ⁷ The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

C: ⁸ Come now, regard the works of the Lord, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;

L: ⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

C: ¹⁰ "Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

L: ¹¹ The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Second Lesson: Romans 3:19-28

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Children's Message

Pastor Denise Fossen

Noisy Offering

Special Music

'How Great Thou Art & Majesty Medley'

Sr Choir

Words & Music by Stuart K. Hine (HGTA) & Jack Hayford (Majesty). Choral Setting by Joel Raney

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: John 8:31-36

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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.

Affirmation of Baptism

Presentation

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Profession of Faith

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P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Congregation Response: **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Congregation Response: **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Congregation Response: **I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in 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.

Affirmation

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P: People of God, do you promise to support *these sisters and brothers* and pray for *them* in their life in Christ?

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Blessing of Each Confirmand

L: Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

Gift Presentation

Board of Education

Prayers of Intercession

Pastor Denise Fossen, Mason, & Ashton

L: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

MEAL

Offering Collection and Presentation

Offertory Hymn: 'Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound'

#779

1. Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come; 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

4. The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

5. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt., sts. 1-4; anonymous, st. 5. Music: W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835, arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851-1921, alt.

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

Serve Communion

Rylie, Mikaela, Mason, and Pastor

Distribution Hymn:

'Lamb of God'

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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 Hymns

'Faith of Our Fathers'

#813

1. Faith of our fathers, living still in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy whene'er we hear that glorious word. Faith of our fathers, holy faith, we will be true to you till death.

2. Faith of our mothers, daring faith, your work for Christ is love revealed, spreading God's word from pole to pole, making love known and freedom real. Faith of our mothers, holy faith, we will be true to you till death.

3. Faith of our sisters, brothers too, who still must bear oppression's might, raising on high, in prisons dark, the cross of Christ still burning bright. Faith for today, O living faith, we will be true to you till death.

4. Faith born of God, oh, call us yet, bind us with all who follow you, sharing the struggle of your cross until the world is made anew. Faith born of God, O living faith, we will be true to you till death.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863, st. 1, alt.; Joseph R. Alfred, b. 1947, sts. 2-4. Text sts. 2-4 © Joseph R. Alfred, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

Distribution Hymns *'Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am' (sing 3 times)* #814
Take, oh, take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

Text & Music: John L. Bell, b. 1949. Text & Music © 1995 Iona Community, GIA Publications, Inc.

Distribution Hymns *'I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light'* #815
1. I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

(Refrain): **In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

2. I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus. Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.

(Refrain)

3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. (Refrain)

Text & Music: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934. Text & Music © 1970, 1975 Celebration.

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 *'On Our Way Rejoicing'* #537

1. On our way rejoicing gladly let us go. Christ our Lord has conquered; vanquished is the foe. Christ without, our safety; Christ within, our joy; who, if we be faithful, can our hope destroy?

(Refrain): **On our way rejoicing; as we forward move, hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!**

2. Unto God the Father joyful songs we sing; unto God the Savior thankful hearts we bring; unto God the Spirit bow we and adore, on our way rejoicing now and evermore. (Refrain)

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-1875, alt. Music: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879.

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 in honor of Mason Block and the 2023 Confirmation Class by Terry Block, Mark II, Jennifer & Matthew and families. [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.


Please join us for Confirmation cake in the fellowship hall following our service today to celebrate with our confirmands.

Circle 4 will be meeting 9am this Wed. for Bible Study in the Church Lounge.

FELC members are invited to stop before church, after church, and after Sunday School Sunday today 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 tomorrow, 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.

The United Methodist Presbyterian Church of Browns Valley will be sponsoring its annual Turkey Dinner and Bake Sale today, Oct. 29th. 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 pleased to announce that we have hired Kaitlyn Burdorf as our new Youth Leader for the Junior and Senior High programs. She will lead her first youth group session on Wednesday, November 1st with the continued voluntary support of Ronda Thielke. Kaitlyn was a former student in the FELC Youth Program, and she is a current member of our Board of Youth and Family.

We are still seeking a candidate to work 5-10 hours per week as a Youth Leader for the grade school activities including Sunday School oversight, leading the Kids Club program, assisting with VBS planning, and helping kids to sign up for summer camp opportunities. If you would like further information or to apply for this position, please contact Barbara at the Church office - 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; and Jerry Stotesbery. 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.



Congratulations and God's Blessings

to our confirmands Mason Nathaniel Block, son of Mark & Amy Block; his mentor was Dan Berdan; Rylie Paige Conroy, daughter of Scott & Lorraine Conroy, her mentor was Nikki Evje; Archer Henning Dorry, son of Chris & Kari Dorry, his mentor was Brent Zahrbock; Mikaela Rae Johnson, daughter of Alex Johnson & Brittany Folk, her mentor was Sara Mattison; and Ashton Timothy Sletten, son of Tim & Melissa Sletten, his mentor was Keven Berdan.



Students Bible Verses:

Archer

Isaiah 41:10 So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Ashton

John 3:16 1“For God so loved the world he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Mason

Ephesians 4:26-27 Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold.

Mikaela

Joshua 1:9 I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

Rylie

Jeremiah 29:11 For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

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 29th Confirmation/Reformation

Greeters: Sandy & Tom Rice

FWV: Becky Parker

Acolytes: Raimi & Lexi or Brandon

Organist: Amy Adelman

Lay Assistants & Lector: Confirmands

Coffee Servers: Circle 4

Tech Desk: Dave Ellingson & Marina Thomson

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

Next Week’s Ministry Assistants—November 5th All Saints Day

Greeters: Madilyn Sletten & Dawn Barnhardt

Acolytes: Brandon & Nash

Organist: Kathy Haukos

Lector: Sara Mattison

Tech Desk: Liz Ketz & Marina Thomson

Coffee Servers: TBD

Ushers: Ev Johnson, Kevin Fossen, Kim & Jon Anderson

Lay Assistants: Marilyn Chindvall & Liz Ketz **FWV:** Sara & Ann Mattison

Weekly Calendar

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

Mon – 10/30

10:00 am Staff Meeting

Tues – 10/31

HALLOWEEN / REFORMATION DAY



8:30 am Day of Love

12:00 pm Executive Meeting

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

Wed – 11/1

9:00 am Circle 4 Bible Study in Church Lounge

9:30 am Channel 3 broadcast

1:45 pm Confirmation (7-8th graders)



2:45 pm Confirmation (9th graders)

5:30 pm Youth Group (7-12th gr.) & Channel 3 broadcast

7:00 pm Senior Choir

Fri – 11/3

9:00 am Bulletins Printed

Sun – 11/5

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

9:00 am Worship – KDIO & FB Live

10:00 am Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School

10:30 am Fairway View Worship LIVE