



## First English Lutheran Church

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### Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

### ELW SETTING FOUR



9:00 am

October 8, 2023

## PREPARATION

Prelude

Bells

Welcome & Announcements

Quilt Blessing for Veteran's Home

*P: From Psalm 92:4: For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work.*

**C: At the works of your hands, we sing for joy.**

*P: Gracious God, from your handiwork in creation to our hands, we give thanks for the people that worked on these quilts, and the hours of service they represent.*

**C: We dedicate them to you. Use them, Lord, as good gifts from you, and as gifts from us.**

*P: Gracious God, we send them forth to those veterans in need, to those we will never know. May they bring comfort and hope.*

**C: May these quilts help those who receive them know they are your children, loved and valued.**

*P: Gracious God, may those who have labored over these quilts serving in your kingdom in this way, know they are appreciated for their service, as they give you glory through their actions.*

**C: Jesus, thank you for this opportunity to give of ourselves in this way. Remind us that we are all a part of you, the Body of Christ, lived in the world, a patchwork of love, sewn together in unity, and commissioned by your Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## 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      *'The Church's One Foundation'* (vs. 1, 2, & 5)      #654

**1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord; she is his new creation by water and the word. From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.**

**2. Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth, her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth: one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.**

**5. Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won. Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace, that we, like saints before us, may see you face to face.**

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900, Music: Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876.

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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: 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: Isaiah 5:1-7

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Psalm 80:7-15

ELW Psalm 80

L: <sup>7</sup> Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

**C: <sup>8</sup> You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.**

L: <sup>9</sup> You cleared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.

**C: <sup>10</sup> The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**

L: <sup>11</sup> You stretched out its tendrils to the sea and its branches to the river.

**C: <sup>12</sup> Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**

L: <sup>13</sup> The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

**C: <sup>14</sup> Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;**

L: <sup>15</sup> behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted.

Children's Message

Pastor Denise Fossen

Special Music

*'Hold On to the Rock'*

Senior Choir

*Also featuring Darin Ehrenberg (Soloist), & Eliot Dorry (Cajón)*

Words and Music by Pepper Choplin

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 21:33-46

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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

*'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross'* (vs. 1, 2, & 4)

#803

**1. When I survey the wondrous cross on which the prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God; all  
the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.**

**4. Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.**

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748. Music: Lowell Mason, 1792-1872.



**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: *'Jesus Loves Me!'* #595

**1. Jesus loves me! this I know, for the Bible tells me so; little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.**

**(Refrain): Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.**

**2. Jesus loves me! he who died heaven's gates to open wide; he will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. (Refrain)**

**3. Jesus loves me! he will stay close beside me all the way; when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high. (Refrain)**

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820-1915, alt. Music: William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868.

Distribution Hymn: *'Just As I Am, Without One Plea'* #592

**1. Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**2. Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**3. Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come,**

**4. Just as I am; thy love unknown has broken ev'ry barrier down; now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789-1871, Music: William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868.

Distribution Hymn: *'Lord Jesus, Think on Me'* #599

**1. Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin; from selfish passions set me free and make me pure within.**

**2. Lord Jesus, think on me, by anxious thoughts oppressed; let me your loving servant be and taste your promised rest.**

**3. Lord Jesus, think on me, nor let me go astray; through darkness and perplexity point out your chosen way.**

**4. Lord Jesus, think on me, that, when the flood is past, I may the eternal brightness see and share your joy at last.**

Text: Synesius of Cyrene, 375-430; tr. Allen W. Chatfield, 1808-1896, alt. Music: W. Daman, The Psalms of David, 1579, alt.

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

*'How Firm a Foundation' (vs. 1, 2, & 4)*

#796

**1. How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word! What more can he say than to you he has said who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?**

**2. "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed, for I am your God and will still give you aid; I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."**

**4. "Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love; and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn, like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne."**

Words by: J. Rippon, A Selection of Hymns, 1787, alt., Music by: Early American.

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 your gifts to the Endowment Fund. [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).


**We Appreciate Pastor Denise Fossen!** Thank you, Pastor, for all you do for us at FELC! Today, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>, is Pastor Appreciation Day. Remember to count the blessing that is our Pastor and join us for coffee fellowship after the service.

**Pastor Denise Fossen** will be leaving for the Bishop's Fall Theological in Sioux Falls this afternoon and will be back in town late Tuesday. We are not sure if she will be back in time for the bible study at Donnie's Diner at Fairway View.

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

**The Family Bible Scavenger Hunt is today** at the Wildlife Refuge following church.

**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.

**Stonecroft Ministries Women's Connection** will be meeting on Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

**Join Ruth Hansen in celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday** at the Ortonville VFW Post #3964 from 5:00-7:00 pm Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. Open to all friends. Birthday Meal Deal: Hamburgers (1/2 lb.) served with: beans, two salads, & chips \$12.00.

**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.



**PHOTO DIRECTORY TO COME:** The new photos will be taken by church members and there will be no picture sales. The photos will be taken each week before service, after service, and after Sunday School until we get as many photos as we can get. Thanks for participating!





**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 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Greeters:** Ethel & Garry Swenson

**Acolytes:** Liam & Mikaela

**Organist:** Carol Ydstie

**Lay Assistants:** Liz Ketz & Marge Dragseth

**Tech Desk:** Matt Karels & Marina Thomson

**Lector:** Kim Anderson

**Ushers:** Liz Ketz, Eldon Knutson, Darin Ehrenberg, & Harley Helgeson

**FVW:** Liz Ketz & Brent Zahrbock

**Coffee Servers:** Foster & Henningsons

### **Next Week's Ministry Assistants—October 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Greeters:** Dean & Anita Longnecker

**Acolytes:** Chase & Ava

**Organist:** Lisa Berdan

**Lector:** Darin Ehrenberg

**Tech Desk:** Marge Dragseth & Marina Thomson

**Coffee Servers:** TBD

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

### **Weekly Calendar**

#### **Sun – 10/8 PASTOR APPRECIATION & PICTURE DAY**



Photo Directory Pictures Taken Before Church

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

10:00 am Coffee Fellowship and Pictures

10:15 am Family Bible Scavenger Hunt at Wildlife Refuge

10:30 am Fairway View Worship Pre-recorded

Afternoon – Pastor Denise Fossen leaves for

Bishop's Fall Theological

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

4:00 pm Pastor Denise at Donnie's Diner at FWV (tentative)

#### **Wed – 10/11 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)

5:15 pm Endowment Committee Meeting

5:30 pm Channel 3 broadcast

6:15 pm Finance Committee Meeting

7:00 pm Senior Choir

#### **Fri – 10/13 9:00 am Bulletins Printed**

12:30 pm Staff Luncheon at Pastor's Home

#### **Sun – 10/15 Photo Directory Pictures Taken Before Church**



9:00 am Worship – KDIO & FB Live

10:00 am Coffee Fellowship, Sunday School, & Pictures Taken

10:15 am Mentor Meeting



October 8, 2023, Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Matthew 21:33-46

*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 the vineyard, you have entrusted to us the care and keeping of all of your creation. Make us good stewards of what is yours that we might return to you at the harvest our whole selves in gratitude and love. Amen.**



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

*Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:*

*'The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
this was the Lord's doing,  
and it is amazing in our eyes?'" (Matthew 21:42)*



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

**The Pharisees were pressing Jesus but not hearing him. Perhaps they will see themselves in Jesus' parable about wicked tenants who killed for their own gain—even the landowner's own son!**



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

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

**What are your top four values, the cornerstones of your moral compass? (If you're not sure, do an online search for "list of values" to browse your options.) How do your values shape your decisions?**

**For the littles: How high can you build a block tower?**



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

**May Jesus remain your cornerstone. Amen.**



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

**Build a house of cards. See how high you can make one. Then remove one of the foundational cards. Consider the metaphor. If Jesus is the cornerstone (or foundational card), what happens to humanity if we reject him?**



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

Monday, Psalm 119:49-56; Deuteronomy 5:1-21; 1 Peter 2:4-10

Tuesday, Psalm 119:49-56; Deut. 5:22-6:3; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Wednesday, Psalm 119:49-56; Deuteronomy 6:10-25; John 11:45-57

Thursday, Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Exodus 24:1-8; 1 Peter 5:1-5, 12-14

Friday, Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Exodus 24:9-11; James 4:4-10

Saturday, Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Exodus 24:12-18; Mark 2:18-22