



# First English Lutheran Church

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## Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 2024

ELW SETTING TWO

9:00 am

### 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 the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **C: Amen.**

P: Gracious God, **C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God promises to forgive ...your sins are forgiven. **C: Amen.**

Gathering Hymn 'Awake My Soul & With the Sun' v. 1-4 #557

**1. Awake, my soul, and with the sun thy daily stage of duty run; shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise to pay thy morning sacrifice.**

**2. All praise to thee, who safe hast kept and hast refreshed me while I slept. Grant, Lord, when I from death shall wake, I may of endless light partake.**

**3. Lord, I my vows to thee renew. Disperse my sins as morning dew; guard my first springs of thought and will; and with thyself my spirit fill.**

**4. Direct, control, suggest, this day, all I design or do or say, that all my pow'rs, with all their might, in thy sole glory may unite.**

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711, alt. Music: François H. Barthélémon, 1741-1808.

Greeting pg. 120

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. 122

### **Prayer of the Day**

P: O God our strength, **C: without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **WORD**

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 OT pg. 125

Psalm 15 ELW Psalm 15

L: <sup>1</sup> LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

**C: <sup>2</sup> Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;**

L: <sup>3</sup> they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

**C: <sup>4</sup> In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

L: <sup>5</sup> They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

Second Lesson: James 1:17-27 NT pg. 179

Children's Message Bishop Craig Anderson, Ph.D.

Special Hymn 'O Beautiful for Spacious Skies' #888

**1. O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain, for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain: America! America! God shed his grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.**

**2. O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife, who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life: America! America! May God thy gold refine, till all success be nobleness, and ev'ry gain divine.**

3. O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years thine  
alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears: America! America!  
God mend thine ev'ry flaw, confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in  
law.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936. Text © 1975, rev. 1995 Hope Publishing Company.  
Music: T. Williams, Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789.

Gospel Acclamation 'Alleluia' pg. 124  
**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia.**

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Holy Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 NT pg. 32-33

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 Bishop Craig Anderson, Ph.D.

Nicene Creed p. 104

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## MEAL

### Offering Collection and Presentation

Offertory Hymn 'Oh, That The Lord Would Guide My Ways' #772

**1. Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his statutes still! Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!**

**2. Order my footsteps by your word and make my heart sincere; let sin have no dominion, Lord, but keep my conscience clear.**

**3. Assist my soul, too apt to stray, a stricter watch to keep; and should I e'er forget your way, restore your wand'ring sheep.**

**4. Make me to walk in your commands, 'tis a delightful road; nor let my head or heart or hands offend against my God.**

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt. Music: William H. Havergal, 1793-1870.

Offertory Prayer

**C: Amen.**

Prayers for the People of God

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

### **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'*

pg. 130

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

Distribution Hymn:

*'Lamb of God'*

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Distribution 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.

Distribution Hymn: *'Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart'* #800

**1. Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth, through all its pulses move; stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart, and make me love you as I ought to love.**

**2. I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies, no sudden rending of the veil of clay, no angel visitant, no op'ning skies; but take the dimness of my soul away.**

**3. Have you not bid me love you, God and King; all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind? I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling. Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!**

**4. Teach me to love you as your angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame: the baptism of the heav'n-descended dove, my heart an altar, and your love the flame.**

Text: George Croly, 1780-1860. Music: Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841-1897.

Eucharistic Blessing

Post Communion Prayer **C: Amen**

## **SENDING**

Blessing

P: God all mighty, God most merciful † bless you, keep you, and give you peace. **C: Amen.**

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

**C: We will! Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn *'Savior, Again to Your Dear Name'* #534

**1. Savior, again to your dear name we raise with one accord our parting hymn of praise; once more we bless you ere our worship cease, then, lowly bending, wait your word of peace.**

**2. Grant us your peace upon our homeward way; with you began, with you shall end the day; guard all the lips from sin, the hearts from shame, that in this house have called upon your name.**

**3. Grant us your peace, Lord, through the coming night; for us transform its darkness into light. Keep us from harm and danger till the dawn; your evening presence promise to your own.**

**4. Grant us your peace throughout our earthly life, our balm in sorrow, and our stay in strife; then, when your voice shall bid our conflict cease, call us, O Lord, to your eternal peace.**

Text: John Ellerton, 1826–1893, alt. Music: Edward J. Hopkins, 1818–1901; arr. Arthur S. Sullivan, 1842–1900.

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..."*

**The Right Reverend** Bishop Craig Anderson, Ph.D., The Episcopal Church, now retired, began his ministry in South Dakota in 1984. We thank him for leading us in worship today.

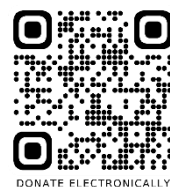
**Welcome to all visitors and guests!** May the joy of Christ fill you as we worship today. Friendship Pads are at the ends of each pew (by middle aisle). Fill them out, pass them on to your neighbor(s), and send them back to the middle aisle.

**KDIO Radio Broadcast** is sponsored in memory of Don & Joyce Koch by Kathy Haukos and family. [2024 & 2025 Radio broadcast cards are available on the information kiosk in the narthex; cost is \$100/week].

**OFFERING UPDATE:** Here are the expenses for August: \$14,826.45.



Here is what we received: \$23,242.71. You're also encouraged to visit our webpage for Online Giving at [www.firstenglish.net](http://www.firstenglish.net) or scan the QR Code from the



offering cards or bulletins.

**September's pink envelope emphasis is for the Endowment Fund.** When we don't have a KDIO sponsor, this fund helps us to pay for our broadcast ministry. You can find special pink envelopes for designated giving in a basket in the Narthex.

**God's Work, Our Hands (9/8) Sunday Activities** include cleaning headstones at the cemetery, making muffins, making cards, making birthday bags, and a potluck lunch, if you would like to help clean

headstones at the cemetery, please bring buckets, scrub brushes, and/or a putty knife/scrapper. Thanks!

**Women's Inspirational Spiritual Experience (WISE) is inviting women**, ages 16 and over to gather with other women on a journey titled "ICU Wound Assessment and Plan of Care" presented by Meg Kubesh, a retired nurse. The event takes place at St. John's Catholic Church (Ortonville) on September 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 9 am (with a light breakfast) and going until 11 am.

**Acolyte Training, Confirmation Interviews, & Confirmation Orientation are** on 9/11. Acolyte training is 3:30 pm and all 7<sup>th</sup> graders are expected to be there. 8-12<sup>th</sup> would be good to be here for a refresher, so optional, but **highly** recommended. The confirmation interviews are from 4:30-6:30 pm. At 6:30 pm we have Confirmation Orientation for all confirmation students and their parents.

**Our Saviour's Lutheran Church of Baxter** (HWY 212 between Monte & Dawson) is having a Turkey Supper (\$15) on Wed. Sept 11<sup>th</sup>. Serving starts at 4:30 pm. Take outs are available.

**Rally Sunday is September 15<sup>th</sup> - The parents of the Sunday School** children should be prepared to fill out paperwork after church that day while the Sunday School children engage in Rally Sunday activities.

**The picture directories are ready and can be picked up** in the church office during the week. Each family photographed in the directory will be given one free directory. Members who were not photographed in the 2024 edition may purchase a directory for \$5. Thank you for your cooperation!

**Coffee Fellowship needs volunteers to continue.** Please contact the office or sign-up in the fellowship hall if you're willing to help to prepare & serve coffee. If no one volunteers to serve, we won't have coffee fellowship that Sunday.



**Stonecroft Ministries Women's Connection** will be meeting on Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm at Big Stone Tabor Methodist Church. The speaker will be Karen Blankenship of Peculiar, MO on the topic, "Write it Down: The Power of Journaling". Special feature will be a Stonecroft Ministries Fundraiser Silent Auction – bring items to bid on like produce, baked goods, decorations, books, etc. Special music will be Susan Karels (pianist). 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.

**Big Stone Memory Loss Connection** presents "Aging, Dementia, Caregiving OH MY!" September 28<sup>th</sup> at the Clinton Memorial Building. There is no cost to attend. Please see the posted flyers for more information.

**The Silence and the Sound** - A Community Christmas Musical Experience  
While we may not be ready to say good-bye to summer, the Christmas season is all too soon upon us! For many of us, this means a celebration of memorable music. Singers of all ages and instrumentalists are welcomed and invited to be a part of our 3rd community Christmas musical experience to be held this year in concerts on Dec 7th and 8th at the Abbey of the Hills Inn and Retreat Center. The concerts will once again feature both small and large groups accompanied by talented musicians under the direction of Lisa Berdan. Large group practices will typically be held at 4:00 pm on Sunday afternoons at FELC. Optional practices will typically be Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 7:30. New this year is an opportunity for children ages 5-12 to have a part specially designed for them! (Practice times for them will be determined as the group forms.) If you couldn't attend the Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> meeting, but still wish to be a part of this heartfelt event -- or if you have any questions -- please contact Lisa. Text 305-1123, call 273-2323, or email lisamberdan@gmail.com.

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT** Carol Barrett; Jane Debner; Arlen LaCombe; Gail Olson; Harris Selvig; Beth Swanson; Brandi Tweeter; Monty Athey, Paul Erdman; Rosie Frank; Larry Helgeson; Natalie Henneberg; McCoy Jipson; Janice Redfield; David Scholberg; and Jerry Stotesbery. AT FAIRWAY VIEW NEIGHBORHOODS: Janet Anderson; Ricky Anderson; Arvilla Bergseth; Adeline Burgess; Ruth Hansen; Jim Hipple; Vivian Janssen; Roger Nornes; and Mary Lou Olson in Madison. 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, [www.firstenglish.net](http://www.firstenglish.net) & our bulletin boards. The church office number is (320) 839-2527.



## This Week's Ministry Assistants—September 1<sup>st</sup>

**Organist:** Kathy Haukos

**Acolytes:** Bennett & Bryson

**Tech Desk:** Liz Ketz & Marina Thomson

**Lector:** Marilyn Hanson

**Greeters:** Jim & Ranet Schmeichel

**FWV:** Jim & Neva Foster

**Lay Assistants:** Jim Foster & Marge Dragseth

**Coffee Servers:** Sharon Carlson & Gayle Anderson

**Ushers:** Ev Johnson, Ron Athey, Marilyn Chindvall, & Eldon Knutson

## Next Week's Ministry Assistants—September 8<sup>th</sup> (God's Work, Our Hands)

**Organist:** Amy Adelman

**GWOH Potluck Lunch:** Ethel Swenson leading

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

**Acolytes:** Bailey & Rylie

**Greeters:** Sandy & Tom Rice

**FWV:** Becky Parker & Brent Zahrbock

**Lector:** Kim Anderson

**Ushers:** Glenn Henningson, Art Vollmer, Scott & Julie Schneider

## Weekly Calendar

**Sun – 9/1** 9:00 am Worship (w/Bishop Craig Anderson) – Communion

– Broadcast on KDIO & FB Live

10:00 am Coffee Fellowship

10:30 am Fairway View Worship (Pre-recorded)

**Mon – 9/2** **OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY**

**Tues – 9/3** 8:30 am Day of Love

4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Donnie's Diner (FWV)

6:00 pm Executive Board Meeting

**Wed – 9/4** 9:00 am Circle 4 (in church lounge)

9:30 am Channel 3 broadcast

5:30 pm Channel 3 broadcast

7:00 pm Senior Choir

**Fri – 9/6** 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

**Sun – 9/8** **God's Work, Our Hands Sunday**

9:00 am Worship (w/Ellie Helgeson Leading) – Broadcast on

KDIO & FB Live

9:30~am Community Service Projects

**TBD** am Board of Christian Education Meeting

10:30 am Fairway View Worship (Pre-recorded)

11:00 am Potluck Lunch Back at FELC

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