



## WORD

First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a

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Psalm 116:1-9

ELW Psalm 116

L: <sup>1</sup> I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

**C: <sup>2</sup> for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.**

L: <sup>3</sup> The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.

**C: <sup>4</sup> Then I called upon the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray you, save my life."**

L: <sup>5</sup> Gracious is the LORD and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

**C: <sup>6</sup> The LORD watches over the innocent; I was brought low, and God saved me.**

L: <sup>7</sup> Turn again to your rest, O my soul. for the LORD has dealt well with you.

**C: <sup>8</sup> For you have rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;**

L: <sup>9</sup> I will walk in the presence of the LORD in the land of the living.

Second Lesson: James 3:1-12

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Children's Message

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Special Hymn

*'Encourage One Another'*

Senior Choir

Gospel Acclamation

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

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Holy Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

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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

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Apostle's Creed

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**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. 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.**

**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. Amen.**

## MEAL

### Offering Collection and Presentation

Offertory Hymn

*'This Little Light of Mine'*

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Offertory Prayer

**C: Amen.**

Prayers for the People of God

P: .... Hear us, O God, **C: your mercy is great.**

Blessing for Teachers and Students

P: Let us pray... Almighty God, you give wisdom and knowledge through these gifted teachers called by God to serve. Grant them joy and insight, empower them to care for the young ones in our family here at First English. Help them to teach faithfully, lead patiently, and guide confidently. We pray for our students to hear your word and trust in your love. Stir up the gift of your Holy Spirit that they will grow in what is good and honest and true. Bless all who teach and all who learn so that Christ may dwell in their hearts, grounded and rooted in love through faith for you and for one another. In Jesus name we pray.

**C: Amen.**

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

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 *'Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing'* v. 1-4, & 6 #886

**1. Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!**

**2. My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of your name.**

**3. The name of Jesus charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease, sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life and health and peace.**

**4. He speaks, and list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive; the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.**

**6. To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.**

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt. Music: Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872.

Bells

Postlude

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*1 Corinthians 13:13 (MSG) But for right now, until that completeness, we have three things to do to lead us toward that consummation: Trust steadily in God, hope unswervingly, love extravagantly. And the best of the three is love.*

**Pastor Cheryl plans to be in the FELC Pastor office on** Wednesdays 11 - 6:30 (unless in a meeting or confirmation classes) & Thursdays 10 – 3 pm (unless up at FWV with members) or by appt. You can contact her anytime via text (605-237-1501) or email her at [CMQRondeau@outlook.com](mailto:CMQRondeau@outlook.com).

**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 by Kim & Jon Anderson in celebration of the countless blessings over their 49 years of marriage. [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.

**Today is Rally Sunday - The parents of the Sunday School children** should be prepared to fill out paperwork after church while the Sunday School children engage in Rally Sunday activities.

**Bible Presentation will be September 22<sup>nd</sup>.** Bibles will be handed out to 3-year-olds and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders during our church service.

**Youth Group for all 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders will start on Wed, Sept 25<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7 pm.**

**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.



**There will be a Garden Produce, Food & Craft Sale (with a quilt raffle) at** Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church in Benson on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:15 am.

**There are many of you that have such wonderful gifts in our congregation** and should highly consider sharing these with our youth in our Sunday School program. Sunday school teachers can influence and impact many lives with foundational teaching and grounding children in God's word. We are always looking for people to fill these roles in ANY capacity (twice a month, only a certain age groups, etc.) so PLEASE consider and let Sara Wollschlager know if you are interested. (Materials & lessons are prepped and supplied for you weekly.)

**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.

**There will be a Salad Luncheon at St. Charles Catholic Church** Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. Free will offering and take out available.

**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.) We have started to organize, but if you still wish to be a part of this heartfelt event -- or if you have any questions -- please contact Lisa Berdan. 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 15<sup>th</sup> (Rally Sunday)**

**Organist:** Lisa Berdan    **Coffee Servers:** Glenn & Deb Henningson  
**Tech Desk:** Marge Dragseth & Marina Thomson                      **Acolytes:** Liv & Miley  
**Greeters:** Sara Mattison & Lois Bergeson                      **Lector:** Brent Zahrbock  
**Ushers:** Dean Longnecker, Gale May, Rodney Torgerson, & Dick Strei

### **Next Week's Ministry Assistants—September 22<sup>nd</sup> (Bible Presentation)**

**Organist:** Carol Ydstie    **Coffee Servers:** Neva & Jim Foster  
**Tech Desk:** Terry Kalberg & Marina Thomson                      **Lector:** Jon Ydstie  
**Acolytes:** Mikaela & Liam    **Greeters:** Glenn & Deb Henningson  
**Ushers:** Tami Lundberg, Marilyn Chindvall, Jackie & Mel Domine

## Weekly Calendar

- Sun – 9/15**  **Rally Sunday**  
9:00 am Worship (w/Pastor Cheryl Leading) – Broadcast on KDIO & FB Live  
10:00 am Coffee Fellowship & SS Rally Activities  
4:00 – 5:15 pm Christmas Cantata Practice
- Tues – 9/17** 8:30 am Day of Love  
4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Donnie's Diner (Fairway View)
- Wed – 9/18 EARLY OUT**  
9:30 am Channel 3 broadcast  
11:00 am Staff Meeting  
1:45 pm 7-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation  
2:45 pm 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation  
5:30 pm Channel 3 broadcast  
7:00 pm Senior Choir
- Fri – 9/20** 9:00 am Bulletins Printed
- Sun – 9/22 Bible Presentation Sunday**  
9:00 am Worship (w/Jack Holmquest Leading)  
– Broadcast on KDIO & FB Live  
10:00 am Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School  
4:00 – 5:15 pm Christmas Cantata Practice



1st Day of  
Autumn



## LOOKING AHEAD

**Confirmation classes begin this Wednesday, September 18th.** 7th-8th grade will meet at 1:45 and 9th grade will meet at 2:45 because it's an Early Out Day.

**Bible Presentation will be held on September 22nd.** This involves the 3 year olds and the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders.

**Youth Group will begin meeting on Wednesday, September 25th** at 5:30-7:00 PM. All 7-12 grade students are encouraged to attend.

**Sunday School will be having a Scavenger Hunt on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>** at the Wildlife Refuge.