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First English Lutheran Church

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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 22, 2024

SERVICE OF THE WORD



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 *'Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing'* vs. 1-4 #389

Greeting pg. 213

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 *'Glory to God in the Highest'* pg. 213

Prayer of the Day

P: O God, **C: our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

First Lesson: Jeremiah 11:18-20

OT pg. 552

Psalm 54

ELW Psalm 54

L: ¹ Save me, O God, by your name; in your might, defend my cause.

C: ² **Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.**

L: ³ For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, those who have no regard for God.

C: ⁴ **Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

L: ⁵ Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithfulness, destroy them.

C: ⁶ **I will offer you a freewill sacrifice and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.**

L: ⁷ For you have rescued me from every trouble, and my eye looks down on my enemies.

Second Lesson: James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a

NT pg. 180

Children's Message

Jack Holmquest

Bible Presentation

Jack Holmquest & Amanda Stattelmann

JH: Dear friends in Christ, it wasn't that long...to help fulfill this pledge.

Amanda presents the bibles to children, then says...

AS: Receive the Word of God. Learn its stories and study its words. Its stories belong to us all, and these words speak to us all. They tell us who we are. They tell us that we belong to one another, for we are the people of God.

Congregation to children: We rejoice in this step in your journey with God. We pray God will guide you, your family, and us as you use this Holy Bible in your home, in your church school classes, and in our worship. We will learn together and grow in our love for God's Word.

ALL: The Word of God is a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Special Hymn

'Children of the Heavenly Father'

Senior Choir

Gospel Acclamation

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

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Holy Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

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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.**

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 *'Children of the Heavenly Father'*

#781

Offertory Prayer

C: Amen.

Prayers for the People of God

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

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

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

'I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light'

#815

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.

Thanks to Jack Holmquest for leading us today in worship.

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 Ray Bergeson by Lois and sons. [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 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.

Big Stone Memory Loss Connection presents "Aging, Dementia, Caregiving OH MY!" September 28th from 9am - noon at the Clinton Memorial Building. There is no cost to attend. Please see the posted flyers for more information.

Youth Group (7th-12th graders) will start on Wed, Sept 25th from 5:30-7 pm.

We're looking for volunteers to sit in our 7th-8th grade confirmation classes this year. If you would like to help please sign up for a Wednesday afternoon on the sheet in the hallway between the youth director and secretary offices. Non-parents welcome!

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

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.)

Laura Thomas, Director of Aging Well with Prairie 5, will be speaking on / about Dementia Friends at Zion Lutheran in Appleton on October 15th. There is a 9:30 am registration, 10:00 am program. The cost is \$10, please join us for coffee and treats & enjoy the program. Early registration is requested for number count to Bernice Oellien (507) 829-0676 *Sponsored by Lac Qui Parle Women of the ELCA.*

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.



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.



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.

REMINDER: Calendar and other important information is on our website, www.firstenglish.net & our bulletin boards. The church office number is (320) 839-2527.

This Week's Ministry Assistants—September 22nd (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

Next Week's Ministry Assistants—September 29th

Organist: Marilyn Hanson

Coffee Servers: NEED VOLUNTEERS

Tech Desk: David Ellingson & Marina Thomson

Lector: Kathy Randall

Acolytes: Jace & Archer

Greeters: Dave & Debbie Ellingson

Ushers: Dick & Marla Strei and Scott & Julie Schneider

Weekly Calendar

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



Tues – 9/24 8:30 am Day of Love

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

Wed – 9/25 9:30 am Channel 3 broadcast

3:30 pm 7-8th Grade Confirmation

4:30 pm 9th Grade Confirmation

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

7:00 pm Senior Choir

Fri – 9/27 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

Sun – 9/29 9:00 am Worship (w/Pastor Cheryl Leading) – Noisy Offering

– Broadcast on KDIO & FB Live

10:00 am Coffee Fellowship

Sunday School Scavenger Hunt at Wildlife Refuge

10:15 am WAM Meeting

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

4:00 – 5:15 pm Christmas Cantata Practice