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October 20, 2024

CONTEMPORARY

9:00 am

PREPARATION

Prelude Gathering Music:

SONG SHEET

'Cornerstone,' (pg. 3) 'The Goodness of God,' (pg. 7) 'Faith is Believing,' (pg. 8) 'Encourage One Another,' (pg. 8) 'The Blessing,' (pg. 12) & 'Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)' (pg. 12)

Bells

Welcome & Announcements

GATHERING

Greeting and Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

Invocation:

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God;

C: who calls us into an everlasting hope, keeps us grounded in faith, and shows us daily what it means to love unconditionally.

Song of Hope

'Cornerstone'

SONG SHEET PG. 3

Litany

P: If I speak with human eloquence and angelic ecstasy but don't love

C: I am nothing but the creaking of a rusty gate.

P: If I speak God's word with power, revealing all his mysteries and making everything plain as day, And if I have faith that says to a mountain "Jump" and it jumps,

C: But if I don't love, then I am nothing.

P: If I give everything I have to the poor and even go to the stake to be burned as a martyr, but I don't love, I've gotten nowhere.

C: So no matter what I say, what I believe, and what I do, I am bankrupt without love.

P: Children of God, we know only a portion of the truth, and what we say about God is always incomplete

C: But when the Complete arrives, our incompletes will be canceled.

P: We don't yet see things clearly. We are squinting in a fog, peering into the mist. But it won't be long before the weather clears and the sun shines bright! We'll see it all then, see it all as clearly as God sees us, knowing Him directly just as He knows us. But for right now, until that completeness, we have three things to do to lead us to that consummation:

C: Trust steadily in God, hope unswervingly, and love extravagantly. And the best of these three is love.

P: God's love and mercy never fail us.

C: God is good - all the time. We know extravagant love by God's example.

Song of Praise

'The Goodness of God'

SONG SHEET PG. 7

Prayer of the Day: P: Sovereign God, **C: you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

First Lesson: Isaiah 53:4-12

OT pg. 529-530

Psalms 91:9-16

ELW Psalm 91

L: ⁹ Because you have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,

C: ¹⁰ no evil will befall you, nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.

L: ¹¹ For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.

C: ¹² Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.

L: ¹³ You will tread upon the lion cub and viper; you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

C: ¹⁴ I will deliver those who cling to me; I will uphold them, because they know my name.

L: ¹⁵ They will call me, and I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

C: ¹⁶ With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

Second Lesson: Hebrews 5:1-10

NT pg. 172

Song of Invitation

'Let the Children Come to Me'

SONG SHEET PG. 7

Children's Message

Jack Holmquest

Holy Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

NT pg. 36

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

'Downside up!'

Jack Holmquest

Apostle's Creed

p. 217

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**

Song of Faith

'Faith is Believing'

SONG SHEET PG. 8

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Offertory Blessing:

P: Lord, you are the giver of all good gifts. Accept these gifts we offer to be used for good in your kingdom. Source of Our Hope, inspire our faith and fuel our ability to love as you would have us love: Love never gives up, love cares more for others than self, love doesn't want what it doesn't have, love doesn't keep score of the sins of others. Love trusts God always, always looks for the best, never looks back, but keeps going to the end. Love never fails. Bless this offering of our love. **C: Amen.**

Prayers for the People of God

P: God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

Lord's Prayer

pg. 154

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

Song of Benediction 'The Blessing' SONG SHEET PG. 12
P: Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and give you peace. **C: Amen**

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the good news. Trust steadily in God, hope unswervingly, and love extravagantly. **C: We will! Thanks be to God!**

Song of Love 'Encourage One Another' SONG SHEET PG. 8

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.

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.

New Member Sunday will be held on November 10th. We invite anyone who is interested in becoming a member at First English Lutheran to stop at the church office or contact Pastor Cheryl about transferring your records to our congregation. We are thrilled to have new members and hope you will join us to be welcomed into our faith family.

KDIO Radio Broadcast is sponsored in memory of Darrell Rufer from David & Debbie Ellingson 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 September: \$18,133.48. Here is what we received: \$17,895.69. We deficit spent by \$237.79 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.



DONATE ELECTRONICALLY

October's pink envelope emphasis is for the Jaycees Project Christmas. You can find special pink envelopes for designated giving in a basket in the Narthex.

Birthday wishes go out to Luane Huizenga whose birthday is tomorrow, Monday the 21st!

We are always looking for people to help with our Sunday School teaching 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.)

We will need an extra acolyte or lay assistant to help with All Saints Sunday, Nov. 3rd. We have a couple but would like one more. Please let someone in the office know that you are willing to help with taking and placing candles during communion that day.

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.



Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church will be having their Norwegian Smorgasbord for the 69th year. It will be in Benson on October 23rd from 4:30-7:30 PM. Adults - \$16 / Children 6 & Under - \$10. Dine in or pickup. Menu: Rommegrot, Sot Suppe, Lefse, Blod & Potato Klub, Rullepølse, Flatbread, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Meat Balls, Roast Pork, Cole Slaw, Relishes, Deviled Eggs, & Assorted Cookies.

The United Methodist Presbyterian Church of Browns Valley will be sponsoring its annual Turkey Dinner and Bake Sale on Sunday, October 27, 2024. 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: Adults - \$15.00, Kids (6-12 years old) - \$7.00 and Kids (5 and Under) – Free.

Prairie Five has put together a reverse Holiday calendar with suggested donation items for November. The holiday season is almost upon us! With the high cost of food, utilities, and other expenses, many people are turning to the food shelf for help. Find two wine boxes with dividers. Each day, fill a slot with as many items as you wish. Before Thanksgiving, donate the contents to the Prairie Five/Big Stone Lake Area Food Shelf. Please see the inserts for more information.

The Green Lake Lutheran Ministries Christmas Dinner Theater is back & volunteers are needed. They are looking for help filling the following roles: actors, choir members and musicians, kitchen helpers, table servers, greeters and more! Volunteers will get to see the show for free! Overnight housing can be made available as needed. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Kirsten at 320-796-2181 or kpalan@gllm.org!

The Benson Area Memory Loss Network is proud to announce, Jolene Brackey, the author of "Creating Moments of Joy for Persons with Alzheimer's or Dementia". Jolene will be speaking at the Benson Performing Arts Center on November 4, 2024. Jolene provides practical advice sprinkled with hope, encouragement, new stories and generous helping of humor. She will be available after her presentation to sign books during a time of refreshment. There is no charge for this event. Benson Performing Arts Center is located 1400 Montana Ave., Benson, MN

GRANDPARENT & GRANDCHILD RETREAT November 2-3, 2024 at Shores of St. Andrew The Village. Join Green Lake Lutheran Ministries for a fun-filled retreat meant just for grandparents and grandchildren! This one night retreat will offer you a unique chance to spend time doing camp activities, while also learning more about your faith together! With intergenerational Bible studies, worship, activities, and more, this is your chance to spend intentional time together while playing in God's creation! Register before the deadline - Tue, Oct 23rd! Visit gllm.org for more information and to register today!

CREATIVE SOULS RETREAT November 15-17, 2024 Held at the ***newly renovated*** The Village at Shores of St. Andrew. Whatever your hobby may be, bring your supplies and join us for a great weekend of crafting at Shores of St. Andrew. You will enjoy fellowship, and a supportive Christian atmosphere in the company of other creative women. You will also have time for devotions, taking a walk, or even a nap. Register before the deadline - Tue, Nov 5th! Visit gllm.org for more information and to register today!

PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT Ryan Adams, 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: 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.



This Week's Ministry Assistants—October 20th

Organist: Lisa Berdan

Coffee Servers: Schmeichels & Webers

Tech Desk: Liz Ketz & Marina Thomson

Lector: Chris Petersen

Acolytes: Harley & Madilyn

Greeters: Paula Reisdorph & Lori Larson

Ushers: Russ Thielke, Warren Wiese, Gale May & Connie Newman

Next Week's Ministry Assistants—October 27th (Confirmation)

Organist: Marilyn Hanson

Coffee Servers: Circle 4

Tech Desk: Terry Kalberg & Marina Thomson

Greeters: Dick & Marla Strei

Acolytes: Jordan & Mason

Lector & Lay Assistants: Confirmands

Ushers: Gene Stotesbery, Jim Foster, Gale May, & Keven Berdan

Weekly Calendar

Sun – 10/20 9:00 am Contemporary Worship (w/Jack Holmquest) – Broadcast on KDIO & FB Live
10:00 am Coffee Fellowship (**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**)
4:00 – 5:15 pm Christmas Cantata Practice

Pastor Cheryl
will be away
10/16-10/21.

Tues – 10/22 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

8:30 am Day of Love

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

Wed – 10/23 EARLY OUT

9:30 am Channel 3 broadcast

11:00 am Staff Meeting

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

2:45 pm Confirmation (9th grade)

5:30 pm Channel 3 broadcast

7:00 pm Senior Choir

Fri – 10/18 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

Sun – 10/27 CONFIRMATION & REFORMATION SUNDAY



9:00 am Worship (w/Rev. Pastor Cheryl) – Confirmation –

Communion – Noisy Offering – Broadcast on KDIO & FB Live

10:00 am Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School (Christmas Program Practice)

10:15 am WAM Meeting

4:00 – 5:15 pm Christmas Cantata Practice

