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October 27, 2024

First English Lutheran Church

9 NW 3rd Street; Ortonville, MN 56278

Lisa Berdan, Senior Choir Director

Dr. Stephen and Jodi Swanson, Missionaries/Tanzania

Reformation Sunday

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM



9:00 am

PREPARATION

Prelude, Bells

Procession of the Cross

*Bryson (cross,) Brandon (Paschal candle)
acolytes, confirmands, pastor*

Welcome & Announcements

GATHERING

Greeting & Passing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 23)*

P: Day by day, God leads us:

C: to the deep, deep pools of peace, to the green, lush lawns of grace.

P: Day by day, Jesus calls us:

C: to pour out ourselves in service, to anoint the stranger with hope.

P: Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us:

C: the community we could be, the family we are called to become.

Gathering Hymn *'Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound'* #779
(Requested by Brandon)

- 1. Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.**
- 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!**
- 3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come; 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.**
- 4. The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.**
- 5. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.**

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt., sts. 1-4; anonymous, st. 5. Music: W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835, arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851-1921

Greeting

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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.**

Kyrie (sung)

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

'Ten Thousand Reasons'
(Requested by Bryson)

ACS #1097

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, gracious Lord, **C: we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34 (Madilyn)

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Psalms 46 (Brandon)

ELW Psalm 46

L: ¹ God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

C: ²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;

L: ³ though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

C: ⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

L: ⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

C: ⁶The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.

L: ⁷ The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

C: ⁸Come now, regard the works of the Lord, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;

L: ⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

C: ¹⁰ "Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

L: ¹¹ The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Second Lesson: Romans 3:19-28 (Miley)

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Children's Message
Noisy Offering

Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett

Special Music

'I Believe, Help My Unbelief'

Senior Choir

Gospel Acclamation

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

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Holy Gospel: John 8:31-36

NT pg. 77

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 Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett

Affirmation of Baptism

Presentation

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Profession of Faith

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P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Confirmands' Response: **I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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.

Affirmation

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P: People of God, do you promise to support *these sisters and brothers* and pray for *them* in their life in Christ?

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Blessing and Laying Hands on Each Confirmand

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

The blessing over **Bryson Phillip Dragseth Karels** with the laying of hands.
Bryson kneels and his family lays hands.

The blessing over **Miley Block** with the laying of hands.
Miley kneels and her family lays hands.

The blessing over **Brandon Joseph Baker Kaye** with the laying of hands.
Brandon kneels and his family lays hands

The blessing over **Madilyn Emma Sletten** with the laying of hands.
Madilyn kneels and her family lays hands

P: Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

Gift Presentation by the Board of Education

MEAL

Offering Collection and Presentation

Offertory Hymn *'What a Friend We Have in Jesus'* #742
(Requested by Miley)

1. What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear-- all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!

2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged-- take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness-- take it to the Lord in prayer.

3. Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge-- take it to the Lord in prayer. Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer. In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820-1886. Music: Charles C. Converse, 1832-1918.

Offertory Prayer **C: Amen.**

Prayers for the People of God

Pastor Cheryl & Bryson

P: God of grace, **C: hear 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'

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Holy, holy, holy Lord. Lord God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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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 (Each of the families of the confirmands will come forward as a family first. Once the families are done, the congregation may come forward down the center aisle and pass to each side.)

Serve Communion

Bryson, Brandon, Miley, Madilyn, & Pastor

Distribution Hymn:

'Lamb of God'

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Distribution Hymn: *'A Mighty Fortress is Our God'* vs. 1-2

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Distribution Hymn *'Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me'*

#767

Distribution Hymn

'Healer of Every Ill'

#612

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

'How Great Thou Art'

#856

(Requested by Madilyn)

Bells

Postlude

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 Gale and Ann Haukos 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 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.



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.

May the God of all consolation be with Barb Jones Brotherton and the rest of the Jones family on the unexpected passing of Barb's husband James on Saturday, October 19th. Services were held on Friday, October 25th at Mount Olivet Lutheran church in Minneapolis and the burial will be at a later date in Ortonville.

Congratulations and God's Blessings to our confirmands Bryson Karels, son of Matt & Kirsten Karels; Miley Block, daughter of Amy & Mark Block; Brandon Kaye, son of Brett & Kelsey Kaye; and Madilyn Sletten, daughter of Tim & Melissa Sletten.



We will need an extra acolyte or lay assistant next week to help with All Saints Sunday. Please let someone in the office know that you are willing to help with taking and placing candles during communion that day.

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.)

God's Creations Fundraiser Calendars are in! If you'd like one, they can be bought in the office or in the Narthex following church (Starting Nov. 3rd)! They're \$8.00. You can bring cash or pay by check (please write checks for calendars out to **FELC Youth**).

The United Methodist Presbyterian Church of Browns Valley will be sponsoring its annual Turkey Dinner and Bake Sale today, October 27th. 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.

WAM committee meeting Sunday, October 27, 2024 after church in the lounge.

Pastor Cheryl will hold a special non-denominational & non-political prayer service on Nov. 5th. It will be a time of prayer and scripture reading in Zion's sanctuary. God's Word will be read to hear what scriptures has to say about peace & our responsibility to honor our government. All are welcome!

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.

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

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.



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—October 27th (Confirmation)

Organist: Marilyn Hanson **Greeters:** Art & Arlene Vollmer
Tech Desk: Terry Kalberg & Marina Thomson **Coffee Servers:** Circle 4
Acolytes: Jordan & Mason **Lector & Lay Assistants:** Confirmands
Ushers: Gene Stotesbery, Jim Foster, Vern Nickolauson, & Keven Berdan

Next Week's Ministry Assistants—Nov. 3rd All Saints Day

Organist: Amy Adelman **Coffee Servers:** Debbie Ellingson & Terry Block
Tech Desk: Liz Ketz & Marina Thomson **Lector:** Jim Foster
Acolytes: Kimberly, Brooke **Greeters:** Justice & Sandy Brown
Lay Assistants: Lori Strei, Terry Kalberg, Amanda Stattelman, & Archer Dorry
Ushers: Ev Johnson, Ron Athey, Jon & Kim Anderson **FWV:** TBD

Weekly Calendar

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



WAM

10:15 am WAM Meeting

4:00 – 5:15 pm Christmas Cantata Practice

Tues – 10/29 8:30 am Day of Love

4:00 pm Bible Study at Donnie's Diner at Fairway View

Wed – 10/30 11:00 am Staff Meeting

3:30 pm Confirmation (7-8th grade)

4:30 pm Confirmation (9th grade)

5:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting

5:30 pm Youth Group (7-12th grade)

7:00 pm Senior Choir

Thurs – 10/31 Reformation Day / Halloween

Fri – 11/1 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

Sun – 11/3 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

9:00 am Worship (w/Rev. Rick Hoyme) – Communion –
Broadcast on KDIO & FB Live

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

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

4:00 – 5:15 pm Christmas Cantata Practice



Daylight Saving Time Ends November 3rd



Please remember to turn your clocks back next weekend as Daylight Saving Time will end on the very early hours of Sunday, Nov. 3rd.

All Saints Sunday, November 3rd

Then, come join us at 9:00 am for our All Saints Sunday Service. All Saints Sunday is a special day on which we rejoice in the many ways so many people have let Christ's light shine through them and give thanks to God for the saints we have been blessed to know. As a part of this service, not only do we name the people dear to us who have died in the last year and light a candle in honor of each one, we also remember the newly baptized as part of the community of saints on earth.

