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November 17, 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

Temple Talk (Board of Stewardship)

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: Almighty God, **C: your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

First Lesson: Daniel 12:1-3

OT pg. 647

Psalms 16

ELW Psalm 16

L: ¹ Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

C: ² All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.

L: ³ But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

C: ⁴ I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips.

L: ⁵ O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

C: ⁶ My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.

L: ⁷ I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

C: ⁸ I have set the LORD al-ways before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

L: ⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

C: ¹⁰ For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.

L: ¹¹ You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Song of Invitation *'Let the Children Come to Me'* SONG SHEET PG. 7

Children's Message Jack Holmquest
Special Music *'Hear Our Prayer'* Senior Choir with
Amanda Stattelman (Soloist)

Holy Gospel: Mark 13:1-8 NT pg. 38

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 *'No struggle; No wings'* 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.**

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!**

Special Music *'Peace, Love, Joy'* Sunday School Children

Special Music *'Jungle Jam'* Sunday School Children

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.

Thank you to Jack Holmquest for leading our service today!

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.

KDIO Radio Broadcast is sponsored in honor of Adeline Burgess' 102nd Birthday which was November 16th from her 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 October: \$18,338.96.



Here is what we received: \$17,597.25 (this doesn't include Zion's portion of Pastor's salary as of yet). 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.

November's pink envelope emphasis is for God's Work, Our Hands / service projects. You can find special pink envelopes for designated giving in a basket in the Narthex.

Birthday wishes go out to Roger Nornes whose birthday is today!

Thanksgiving Eve service is Nov. 27th at 7:00 pm. We will need an additional acolyte and ushers to help with that service. Please contact the office if you would like to volunteer. Thanks!

Due to Dec. 1st being a holiday weekend, we need some volunteer greeters. Please let someone in the office know if you are willing to greet that Sunday. Thanks!

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! They're \$8.00. You can bring cash or pay by check (please write checks for calendars out to **FELC Youth**).

Mark your calendars and Join us for a free family fun day of skating and pizza from 10am-1pm Sunday January 5 at Sioux Historic. They have plenty of skates available if you don't have a pair at home, or bring your own if you prefer.

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, November 19th at 5:30 pm at **Fairway View Apartments Dining Room**. The speaker will be Lois Thomas of Tabor, SD on the topic, "Cherishing the Tranquility after the Storm" Special feature will be Levi Waddell of Central Church Milbank, speaking on the youth trip to Costa Rica. Special music will be Brent Zahrbock (Soloist). The cost is \$6.00, and you can register with Paula Reisdorph at (320) 760-9583 or just be a walk-in. Free nursery by reservation.

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.)

Weekly Calendar

Sun – 11/17 9:00 am Contemporary Worship (w/Jack Holmquest) –
Sunday School children singing – Broadcast on KDIO & FB Live
10:00 am Coffee Fellowship, Sunday School (Christmas Practice)
4:00 – 5:15 pm Christmas Cantata Practice

Mon – 11/18 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Tues – 11/19 8:30 am Day of Love
4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Donnie's Diner (Fairway View)

Wed – 11/20 9:30 am Channel 3 broadcast
11:00 am Staff Meeting
3:30 pm Confirmation (7-8th gr.)
4:30 pm Confirmation (9th gr.)
5:30 pm Youth Group (7-12th gr.) & Channel 3 broadcast
7:00 pm Senior Choir

Fri – 11/22 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

Sun – 11/24 9:00 am Worship (w/Rev. Pastor Cheryl) – Noisy Offering –
Broadcast on KDIO & FB Live
 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School (Christmas Practice)
10:15 am WAM Meeting
4:00 – 5:15 pm Christmas Cantata Practice

