



First English Lutheran Church

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Fifth Sunday of Easter – Senior Recognition

May 18, 2025

ELW SETTING FOUR

9:00 am

PREPARATION

Prelude

Bells

Welcome & KDIO Announcement

Peace

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

GATHERING

Prayer of Confession (based on John 13:34-35)

P: God's love for the world has been.... if you have love for one another.

P: Merciful God, we confess that so often our discipleship has been weak...when we have failed to serve as Jesus served;

C: forgive us.

P: When we have failed to love one another as Jesus loves us;

C: forgive us.

P: When we have been happy to proclaim our devotion to Jesus with our lips and then denied him by our actions;

C: forgive us.

P: Merciful God, empower us by your Spirit to be steady and true to you in every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Assurance of Forgiveness

Jesus said: "I came not to judge the world, but to save the world" and "having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end."

The good news therefore is this: In Jesus Christ, you are loved and you are forgiven. **C: Thanks be to God!**

Gathering Hymn 'Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones' vs. 1-2, & 4 #424

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.**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

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.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen

Hymn of Praise

'This is the Feast'

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Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray, **C: O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

Reading: Acts 11:1-18

NT pg. 99

Psalms 148

ELW Psalm 148

L: ¹ Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

C: ² Praise the LORD, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.

L: ³ Praise the LORD, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.

C: ⁴ Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.

L: ⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD, who commanded, and they were created,

C: ⁶ who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away.

L: ⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

C: ⁸ fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;

L: ⁹ mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

C: ¹⁰ wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;

L: ¹¹ sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

C: ¹² young men and maidens, old and young together.

L: ¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

C: ¹⁴ The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah!

Children's Message

Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett

Gospel Acclamation

'Alleluia. Lord to whom...?'

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Holy Gospel: John 13:31-35

NT pg. 83

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

Special Music

'They'll Know We Are Christians'

Senior Choir

Recognition of Seniors and Blessing

P: Dear friends: Life presents us with....God's blessing on you. Let us pray

C: Gracious God, we give thanks for the milestones these young people have attained and ask your blessing on them. As they begin new phases of their lives may they know your love in all their experiences. Bless them and grant them your gifts: joy as they live among your faithful people; openness in hearing your Word; thankfulness in sharing your supper; eagerness in sharing the good news of Christ through their words and actions; dedication in serving all people following the example of the Lord Jesus; and a hunger for justice and peace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

P: Members and friends of First English...as they go forth into the future?

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

Presentation of Senior Gift

by the Boards of Education & Lay Ministry

Prayers of the People

P: Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Answer us in the day of trouble...through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

MEAL

Offering Collection and Presentation

Offertory Hymn

'Where Charity and Love Prevail' vs. 1-2 & 5

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Offertory Prayer

P: Risen One, you have gathered us...live as your risen body in the world.

C: Amen.

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.

Preface

P: It is indeed right... join their unending hymn:

'Holy, Holy, Holy'

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Words of Institution

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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.

Invitation to Communion

P: Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

Distribution Hymn:

'Lamb of God'

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Distribution Hymn:

'Borning Cry'

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Distribution Hymn:

'The Lord's My Shepherd'

#778

Eucharistic Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

P: Living One, **C: in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. Amen.**

SENDING

Commission & Benediction: *(inspired by Revelation 21: 1-6)*

P: God invites us into his future, where the one who makes all things new has made his home among us. We are called and chosen, together embraced by the God in whom tears, mourning, crying, pain and even death will be no more. Remember God's future, for this is our story. Our Lord says, "See, I am coming soon!" and we respond, "Come, Lord Jesus!". And may God dwell with you; May Christ Jesus give you repentance that leads to new life; And may the Holy Spirit grant you springs of the water of life.

C: Amen.

Announcements

Dismissal

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: We will! Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn

'Earth and All Stars!' vs. 1, 4-5

#731

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's Hours: Mondays (FELC Pastor Office 10 am to 4 pm), Tuesdays (Zion Lutheran 10 am to 4 pm), Wednesdays (FELC Pastor Office 10 am to 3:30 (and then teaching confirmation classes), & Thursdays (FELC Pastor Office 10 am – 4 pm (unless up at FWV/or visiting members) or by appointment. Contact her anytime via text (605-237-1501) or email at CMQRondeau@outlook.com.

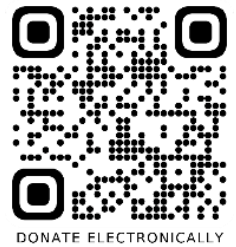
Welcome to all visitors and guests! May the joy of Christ fill you as we worship today. Friendship Pads are at the ends of each pew (by middle aisle). Fill them out, pass them on to your neighbor(s), and send them back to the middle aisle.

KDIO Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Ron & Ginger Athey in honor of Mitchell & Carissa (Vanderwal) Meyer on their wedding yesterday. [2025 Radio broadcast cards are available in the narthex; cost is \$100/week].

OFFERING UPDATE: You're encouraged to visit our webpage for Online Giving at www.firstenglish.net or scan the QR Code from the offering cards or bulletins.



	<u>April 2025</u>	<u>Year-to-Date 2025</u>
Offerings/Gifts:	18,643.49	75,253.40
Zion Receivable:	3,192.06	12,632.56
Total Revenue:	21,835.55	87,885.96
Expenses:	21,330.11	81,163.95
Balance:	505.44	6,722.01



May's pink envelope emphasis is for the Global Missions – Companion Synod South Africa. You can find special pink envelopes for designated giving in the Narthex.

May the God of all consolation be with the family of JoAnn Hasslen on her passing. More information on the memorial service will be provided when we know more.

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD'S BLESSINGS be with Brooke, Hannah, Raimi, and Ava on their high school graduation! Please join us downstairs in the fellowship hall for graduation cake during coffee fellowship following the service.



If you would like to help with our Vacation Bible School (June 8th - 12th), there is a signup sheet in the Narthex by the kitchenette where you can sign up to help with bringing bars or cookies, or help in the kitchen. They would like two people from each church working and providing food each evening, except Thursday when they would like three. You don't have to work *and* provide food, please sign up for which option and what day you would prefer. Thank you for your help. Call Sandy Helgeson with questions (her phone number is on the signup sheet).

TWINS GAME HERE WE COME!! We have a full bus - so now we need to reserve the bus by collecting the transportation fee of \$25 per person. We need this before reserving the bus, so please drop your payment off at FELC as soon as possible before June 8th. The drop box is outside the Church Office. Please add a note explaining which passengers the payment covers. More information to follow concerning the time of departure, etc. Barbara is also e-mailing this info, so please check your e-mail. GO TWINS!!

Items in the kitchen are not to be borrowed or taken out of the church. If you have borrowed any items from the church kitchen, please return them to the kitchen. They are used for church events and are all we have for those events.

We are seeking a couple additional volunteers to help at the Tech Desk on Sundays. We'd like a few more volunteers for additional rotational support for these duties. If you have an interest in helping or want to ask more questions about the duties, please contact the Church office. We will provide formal training for all Tech Desk volunteers.

Stonecroft Ministries Women's Connection will be meeting on Tues., May 20th at **5:00 pm** at Big Stone Tabor Methodist Church. The speaker will be Joyce Yexley on the topic, "A Broken Dream – From Fiery Trial to New Purpose." Special music will be Jody Kuper, soloist accompanied by Bob Frink. 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.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT for Arlen LaCombe, Marianne Morrill, Gail Olson, Harris Selvig, Beth Swanson, Brandi Tweeter, Jean Zielike; 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, Jim Hipple, Vivian Janssen, Nola Lockwood, Roger Nornes; Aletta Simonitch; and Mary Lou Olson in Madison. ALL OUR MILITARY who are deployed to areas of conflict, and South African students Sanelisiwe Dlamini and Andiswa Mbatha. 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—May 18th (Senior Recognition)

Organist: Amy Adelman **Coffee Servers:** Juniors & Their Parents
Tech Desk: Marge Dragseth & Marina Thomson **Lector:** Jim Foster
Greeters: David & Deb Ellingson **Acolytes:** Brianna & Jace
Ushers: Dick Strei, Rodney Torgerson, Gale May, & Dean Longnecker
Lay Assistants: Kirsten & Bryson Karels

Next Week's Ministry Assistants—May 25th (Memorial Day Weekend)

Organist: Lisa Berdan **Acolytes:** Nash & Dawson
Tech Desk: Terry Kalberg & Marina Thomson **Lector:** Kelsey Kaye
Greeters: Wollschlager Family
Ushers: Tami Lundberg, Marilyn Chindvall, Mel & Jackie Domine

Weekly Calendar

Sun – 5/18 SENIOR RECOGNITION

9:00 am Worship – Communion –

Broadcast on KDIO & Facebook Live

10:00 am Coffee Fellowship with graduation cake



Mon – 5/19 11:00 am Staff Meeting

Tues – 5/20 8:30 am Day of Love

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

Wed – 5/21 9:30 am Channel 3 Broadcast

3:30 pm Confirmation (*7-9th Graders who aren't finished*)

5:30 pm Channel 3 Broadcast

Fri – 5/23 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

Sun – 5/11 9:00 am Worship – Noisy Offering – Favorite Hymns

– Broadcast on KDIO & Facebook Live