



First English Lutheran Church
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Sixth Sunday of Easter – Favorite Hymn Sunday

May 25, 2025

CONTEMPORARY

9:00 am

PREPARATION

Prelude (featuring solo of Amazing Grace by Brianna Jones)

Bells

Welcome & KDIO Announcements

Peace:

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

GATHERING

Call to Worship:

P: We are a community of faith that has been created by the love of God.

C: We are the people who have been set free by the world of forgiveness in Jesus Christ, and are therefore a people called to reach out to the sojourners in our midst and in other lands, people whose lives cry out for the warm embrace of fellowship.

P: We have come not to exalt our own goodness, but to praise the holiness of God.

C: We have come not to boast of what we have done, but to proclaim the redeeming work of Jesus Christ by extending the hand of community to refugees, displaced persons and asylum seekers.

P: With all our being,

C: we will praise God and tell of God's goodness in our acts of kindness and love toward the "least" among us in our times.

Gathering Hymn

Favorite Hymn

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

Prayer of Confession

P: Jesus said: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments."

C: Eternal God, we confess that often we have failed to be an obedient church: we have not done your will; we have broken your law.

P: Jesus said: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" and "you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

C: We have rebelled against your love; we have not loved our neighbors; we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(silence for personal confession)

Words of Assurance: *(Titus 3: 4-8)*

P: Hear now God's assurance of pardon: *"But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit He poured out on you richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, you might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. The saying is sure."*

C: Thanks be to God!

Hymn of Praise *'Praise to the Lord, the Almighty' vs. 1 & 4* #858

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation! Let all who hear now to his temple draw near, joining in glad adoration!

4. Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him! All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again. Gladly forever adore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt. Music: Erneueren Gesangbuch, Part II, Stralsund, 1665.

Prayer of the Day:

P: Bountiful God... **C: you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, 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: Acts 16:9-15

NT pg. 104

Psalms 67

ELW Psalms 67

L: ¹ May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.

C: ² Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

L: ³ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

C: ⁴ Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.

L: ⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

C: ⁶ The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.

L: ⁷ May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

Solo *'Angels Through the Night'* Archer Dorry

Second Lesson: Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5 NT pg. 204

Children's Message Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett
Noisy Offering

Gospel Lead In *'Help Us, O Lord'* DRM pg. 117

Holy Gospel: John 14:23-29 NT pg. 83-84

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

Sermon Song *Favorite Hymn*

Affirmation of Faith:

As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world—which some seek to control, but which others view with despair— we declare with joy and trust: Our world belongs to God! From the beginning, through all the crises of our times, until his kingdom fully comes, God keeps covenant forever. Our world belongs to him!

God is King! Let the earth be glad! Christ is Victor; his rule has begun. Hallelujah! The Spirit is at work, renewing creation. Praise the Lord!

We rejoice in the goodness of God, renounce the works of darkness, and dedicate ourselves to holy living. As covenant partners, called to faithful obedience, and set free for joyful praise, we offer our hearts and lives to do God's work in his world. With tempered impatience, eager to see injustice ended, we expect the Day of the Lord. And we are confident that the light which shines in the present darkness will fill the earth when Christ appears. Come, Lord Jesus! Our world belongs to you.

MEAL

Prayer of the People A God who makes all things new
(inspired by a reading of Revelation 21 and Acts 16:9-15)

P: God of new possibilities...all that you reveal to us.

Time of Silent Reflection

P: Living God, Maker of heaven and earth...

Lord in your mercy

C: hear our prayer.

Offering Collection and Presentation

Offering

Offertory Hymn

Favorite Hymn

Offertory Prayer

P: Merciful God, the gifts we bring are so small in comparison to the vast needs in our world—nowhere near enough to save the thousands dying of starvation all around the world, or even to meet the needs of the hungry and homeless in our city. Yet we have brought what we can.

As You once revealed your divine creative power at the pool of Beth-zatha, multiply these gifts as well, so that, once again, eyes will be opened and ears will eagerly hear your Words of promise, and be filled with the water of life. **C: Amen**

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

Commission & Benediction

P: Go now and walk in the light of God's glory. Love Christ and keep his word. Do not let your hearts be troubled, but lead others to the waters of life. And may God's face shine on you with favor; May Christ Jesus mark you out as his own; And may the Holy Spirit lead you into all truth and peace. **C: Amen.**

Pastor Leaves

Announcements

Dismissal

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

C: We will. Thanks be to God.

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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.

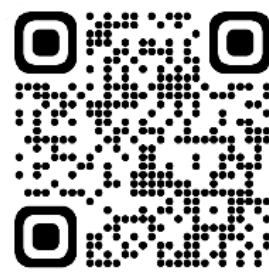
Welcome to all visitors and guests! May the joy of Christ fill you as we worship today. Friendship Pads are at the ends of each pew (by middle aisle). Fill them out, pass them on to your neighbor(s), and send them back to the middle aisle.

KDIO Radio Broadcast is sponsored by your gifts to the endowment fund. [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



DONATE ELECTRONICALLY

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 Marianne Morrill on her passing. Her memorial service will be at FELC on June 28th at 11 am with a visitation period an hour beforehand.

Our congregational annual election meeting will be June 22nd with a backup date of June 29th. It will be after the church service that morning.

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).

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.

Pastor Cheryl & Barbara's hours will switch to summer hours (*which will be provided in the newsletter & bulletins*) in June.

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.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT Arlen LaCombe, 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.



This 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

Next Week's Ministry Assistants—June 1st

Organist: Amy Adelman

Tech Desk: Liz Ketz & Marina Thomson

Acolytes: Brandon & Lexi

Greeters: Brent Zahrbock & Ellie Helgeson

Lector: Archer Dorry

FWV: Jim & Ranet Schmeichel

Ushers: Gale May, Dean Strand, Vern Nickolauson, & David Ellingson

Lay Assistants: Lori Larson & Jim Schmeichel

Looking ahead, the **June 8th** service will be at Zion Lutheran Church, so we won't need our regular assistants that day. There will still be a Fairway View service that day.

Weekly Calendar

Sun – 5/25 MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

9:00 am Worship – Noisy Offering – Favorite Hymns
Broadcast on KDIO & Facebook Live

Mon – 5/26 MEMORIAL DAY - OFFICE CLOSED

Tues – 5/27 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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

Wed – 5/28 9:30 am Channel 3 Broadcast
5:30 pm Channel 3 Broadcast
6:30 pm VBS Training at Zion Lutheran Church

Fri – 5/29 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

Sun – 6/1 9:00 am Worship – Communion
Broadcast on KDIO & Facebook Live
10:30 am Fairway View Pre-recorded