

First English Lutheran Church

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July 20, 2025

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost 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

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the \pm Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God, C: you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

P: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of \pm Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn 'Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise'

#834

- 1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!
- 2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3. To all, life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

4. Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light; thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all laud we would render; oh, help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824-1908, alt.. Music: Welsh traditional; arr. John Roberts, 1807-1876.

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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 pg. 147

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: Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

First Lesson: Genesis 18:1-10a

OT pg. 10

L: Word of God, Word of Life C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 15 ELW Psalm 15

L: 1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

C: ² Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;

L: ³ they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

C: 4 In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

L: 5 They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

L: Word of God, Word of Life C: Thanks be to God.

Special Music

'God of Our Fathers'

Ray Ogdahl

Accompanied by Carol Ydstie

Second Lesson: Colossians 1:15-28

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L: Word of God, Word of Life C: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett

Gospel Acclamation 'Alleluia, Lord to Whom?'

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Holy Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

NT pg. 55

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

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Hymn of the Day

'Give Me Jesus'

#770 Apostle's Creed p. 127 C: 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.

Prayers of Intercession

P: God of grace, C: Hear our prayer.

MEAL

Offering Collection and Presentation

Offertory Hymn

'What a Friend We Have in Jesus'

#742

- 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

P: Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **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 pg. 134

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: The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

'Lamb of God' Distribution Hymn: pg. 154

Distribution Hymn: 'Jesus, the Very Thought of You' #754

- 1. Jesus, the very thought of you fills us with sweet delight; but sweeter far your face to view and rest within your light.
- 2. No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mind recall a sweeter sound than your blest name, O Savior of us all!
- 3. O Hope of ev'ry contrite soul, O joy of all the meek, how kind you are to those who fall! How good to those who seek!
- 4. O Jesus, be our joy today; help us to prize your love; grant us at last to hear you say: "Come, share my home above."

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-1878. Music: John B. Dykes, 1823-1876.

Distribution Hymn: 'Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak' #676

- 1. Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in living echoes of your tone; as you have sought, so let us seek your straying children, lost and lone.
- 2. Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the wand'ring and the wav'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that we may feed your hung'ring ones with manna sweet.
- 3. Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the precious truths which you impart; and wing our words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.
- 4. Oh, fill us with your fullness, Lord, until our very hearts o'erflow in kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

 Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt. Music: Robert Schumann, 1810-1856.

Distribution Hymn

'Around You, O Lord Jesus'

#468

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: Gracious God, C: you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

SENDING

Commission & Benediction:

P: Go out into the world to serve God with love. Be ready to laugh with delight at the good news God has to offer you. Make room at your table for unexpected guests. When the work of discipleship leaves you weary or frustrated, rest in Christ's presence and listen to what he is saying.

And the blessing of God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, go with you today and always. **C: Amen.**

Pastor Leaves

Announcements

Dismissal

L: Go in peace... And Share God's Love...

C: We will! Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn

'O Savior, Precious Savior'

#820

- 1. O Savior, precious Savior, whom yet unseen we love; O name of might and favor, all other names above: we worship thee; we bless thee; to thee alone we sing; we praise thee and confess thee, our holy Lord and King.
- 2. O bringer of salvation, who wondrously hast wrought, thyself the revelation of love beyond our thought: we worship thee; we bless thee; to thee alone we sing: we praise thee and confess thee, our gracious Lord and King.
- 3. In thee all fullness dwelleth, all grace and pow'r divine; the glory that excelleth, O Son of God, is thine. We worship thee; we bless thee; to thee alone we sing; we praise thee and confess thee, our glorious Lord and King.
- 4. Oh, grant the consummation of this our song above, in endless adoration and everlasting love; then shall we praise and bless thee where perfect praises ring, and evermore confess thee, our Savior and our King!

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879. Music: Arthur H. Mann, 1850-1929.

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 <u>Summer</u> Hours: Mondays (FELC Pastor Office 9 am to 3 pm), Tuesdays (Zion Lutheran 11 am to 5 pm), Wednesdays (FELC Pastor Office 11 am to 5 pm, & Thursdays (FELC Pastor Office 9 am – 3 pm), 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 Glenda Reiffenberger and family in memory of loved ones. [2025 **& 2026** Radio broadcast cards are available at the kiosk 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>June 2025</u>	Year-to-Date 2025
Offerings/Gifts:	\$15,449.82	\$106,132.21
Zion Receivable:	\$3,192.06	\$16,391.62
Total Revenue:	\$18,641.88	\$122,523.83
Expenses:	\$18,494.76	\$118,104.63
Balance:	\$147.12	\$4.419.20

July's pink envelope emphasis is for Families in Need. You can find special pink envelopes for designated giving in the Narthex.

The new KDIO cards for 2026 are out in the Narthex if you would like to reserve a date.

Pastor Cheryl's installation to our churches will be during our services on Sept. 28th.

Our next Youth Fun Night is this Wed., July 23rd. The fun will begin at Zion at 6:30 PM & run until 11:00 PM. This is a rain or shine event. We have need of some bars for snacks. If you're willing to provide some, please let Pastor Cheryl or Tonya know.

Attending Green Lake Bible Camp this week are Vayda Backstrand, Hartley Neuman, Kimberly Neuman, Landri Wollschlager, and Livia Wollschlager. Please add these youth to your prayers to have a safe and inspirational time this week.

FELC & Zion MEMBERS: Come one, come all (ages 0-110 welcome) to the FELC Summer Pool Party at the Ortonville Swimming Pool on Sunday, July 20th from 8-10 pm. Free admission. Ice cream floats and fun provided. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Floaties are welcome! See you there! Alternate weather date is August 3rd from 8-10 pm.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Bellingham at the Community Center July 29th from 1 to 6 p.m. Appointments for a regular or Power Red donation can be made by calling Audrey at (320) 568-2385. You can also schedule your own appointment by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

Zion Lutheran Church invites you to their Pie & Ice Cream Social on August 3rd from 4:00-7:00 pm. The menu includes Bar-B-Que, Hot Dogs, Chips, Homemade Pie, Ice Cream, Pop & Coffee. 100% of proceeds to go to Big Stone Lake Area Food Shelf & Trojan Take Out.

We are looking for a 20 hr. a week youth director. You can learn more on our website (under about FELC -> church updates) or our Facebook page (it's pinned). Even if this position is not right for you, please share this opening with anyone who might be interested or who might know someone who might be interested.

★ A Special Thank You from the Minnesota Twins! ★ To everyone who joined us on the church bus trip to the Twins game on June 26th — exciting news! As a thank-you for sticking it out through the long rain delay, the Minnesota Twins are gifting a free game voucher for each ticket purchased with our group. For example, if you bought 5 tickets, you'll receive 5 vouchers — each good for any game of your choice this season! We'll be handing out the vouchers after church today. Each envelope will include instructions on how to redeem your free tickets. If you'd prefer to pick up your vouchers at another time, feel free to contact Archer Dorry (320-305-1839) or Deb Henningson (320-815-8522) to make arrangements. If you don't plan to use your voucher(s), please let us know so we can gift them to someone who will. Thank you all for being part of a memorable and fun day at the ballpark! ◆

- Group Organizers: Deb Henningson, Archer Dorry, Marla Strei

PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT for Angie Aschwege, Kelly Athey, 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 especially Jacob Hamann, Colin Hartman, Tyler Ruby, and Thomas Halverson; and our South African students Sanelisiwe Dlamini and Andiswa Mbatha. If you would like a name to be added/removed, please contact the church office.

This Week's Ministry Assistants — July 20th

Organist: Kathy Haukos Acolytes: Miley & Oliver

Tech Desk: Marge Dragseth & Marina Thompson Lector: Barb Wiese **Greeters:** Jon & Kim Anderson Lay Assistants: Marla Strei & Terry Kalberg

Ushers: Dick Strei, Rodney Torgerson, Gale May, & Dean Longnecker

Next Week's Ministry Assistants — July 27th

Organist: Carol Ydstie Greeters: Dean & Anita Longnecker Acolytes: Bailey & Rylie Tech Desk: Terry Kalberg & Marina Thompson

Lector: Ellie Helgeson Ushers: Tami Lundberg, Marilyn Chindvall,

Glenn & Deb Henningson

Weekly Calendar

Sun - 7/20 9:00 am Worship with communion

- Broadcast on KDIO & FB Live

8:00 pm – 10 pm Pool Party at the Ortonville Swimming Pool (Zion & FELC Members invited – free admission)

Mon - 7/21 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

11:00 am Staff Meeting

Tues – 7/22 8:30 am Day of Love 4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Donnie's Diner (Fairway View)

Wed - 7/23 9:30 am Channel 3 Broadcast

5:30 pm Channel 3 Broadcast

6:30 – 11:00 pm Youth Night at Zion Lutheran Church

Fri – 7/25 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

Sun - 7/27 9:00 am Worship - Favorite Hymns - Noisy Offering

- Broadcast on KDIO & Facebook Live