



First English Lutheran Church

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Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

August 10, 2025

SERVICE OF THE WORD

9:00 am

PREPARATION

Prelude

Bells

Welcome & Announcements

Peace:

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

C: And also with you.

GATHERING

Confession and Forgiveness

L: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit..

C: Amen.

L: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

L : Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen

1. Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love, teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.

2. Here I raise my Ebenezer: "Hither by thy help I've come"; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be; let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790, alt. Music: J. Wyeth, Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813.

Kyrie

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L: Lord, have mercy **C: Lord, have mercy**

L: Christ have mercy **C: Christ have mercy**

L: Lord, have mercy **C: Lord, have mercy**

Canticle of Praise *'Glory to God in the Highest'*

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Prayer of the Day

L: Almighty God, **C: you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

First Lesson: Genesis 15:1-6

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L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God**

Psalms 33:12-22

ELW Psalm 33

L: ¹² Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

C: ¹³ The LORD looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.

L: ¹⁴ God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.

C: ¹⁵ God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.

L: ¹⁶ A king is not saved by the size of the army, nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

C: ¹⁷ The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite its great strength it cannot save.

Offering Collection and Presentation

Offertory Hymn *'I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light'*

#815

Offertory Prayer (*inspired by Luke 12:33*)

L: We give in grateful thanksgiving for all that God has given us. In the upside down world of the gospel, we measure our wealth not by what we have, but what we can give away. Let us give away generously, in this offering, To bless your church, your people, your creation. **C: Amen.**

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.

SENDING

Benediction (*inspired by Luke 12: 32-40*)

L: As we go forth to proclaim and live the Good News, may our hearts remain set on an unfailing treasure in heaven where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.

Wherever we are, may we know your treasured love in our hearts, and be always ready to open a door as soon as we hear Jesus coming and knocking. Let us follow the footsteps of Christ into the world, and like our Savior, may we unconditionally serve in love all who dwell on this home called earth. **C: Amen.**

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: We will! Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn

'O God, Our Help in Ages Past'

#632

1. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

2. Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

3. Before the hills in order stood or earth received its frame, from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.

4. A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone, short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away; they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.

6. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt. Music: William Croft, 1678-1727.

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 Summer 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.

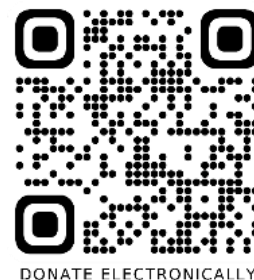
Welcome to all visitors and guests! May the joy of Christ fill you as we worship today. Friendship Pads are at the ends of each pew (by middle aisle). Fill them out, pass them on to your neighbor(s), and send them back to the middle aisle.

KDIO Radio Broadcast is sponsored in honor of Jim & Neva Foster's 50th Wedding Anniversary. We have had many blessings through the years – Jim & Neva Foster. [2025 & 2026 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.



	July 2025	Year-to-Date 2025
Offerings/Gifts:	\$15,791.84	\$121,924.05
Zion Receivable:	\$3,192.06	\$19,583.68
Total Revenue:	\$18,983.90	\$141,507.73
Expenses:	\$17,416.03	\$135,520.66
Balance:	\$1,567.87	\$5,987.07



August's pink envelope emphasis is for our Baptism Chests. You can find special pink envelopes for designated giving in the Narthex.

Happy birthday wishes go out to Eldon Knutson whose birthday is Thursday

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

We have copies of the Lutheran Digest, Christ in our Home, and Word in Season that have daily devotionals. Feel free to take a copy home!

Greenwood Cemetery is looking for donations. The roads need to be redone, and the expense is above & beyond their current budget. Any donation would be greatly appreciated. You can mail your donation to Greenwood Cemetery, PO Box 41, Big Stone City, SD 57216. If you have any questions, contact Rick Barnhardt at (605) 880-0407.

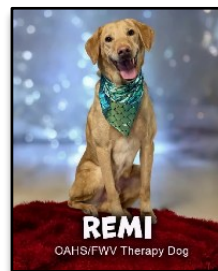
If you would like giving envelopes for the new year and signed up or came into the office within the last year to get them, then you will be on the list for next year. But if you have not signed up or asked for envelopes within the past year and would like some for 2026, please contact someone in the office to request them.

If you turned in a confirmation project, please pick it up from the pickup room.

Recognition of New Members Sunday will be October 5th. If you're interested in becoming a member reach out to Pastor Cheryl, someone on the Evangelism Committee, or grab a household record from the Narthex & turn it into the office.

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.

Stonecroft Ministries Women's Connection will be meeting on Tues., Aug. 19th at 5:30 pm at Big Stone Tabor Methodist Church. The speaker will be Patricia Bishop of Sioux Falls on the topic, "Who am I, Why am I Here." The special feature will be John Thomas of Ortonville and Remi, a therapy dog. John will give a history of Remi and the training of therapy dogs. The music will be Deanna Larson of Ortonville gifting us with flute music. 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. ALL ARE WELCOME!



A Community Christmas Musical Opportunity for Singers and Instrumentalists

While we may not be ready to say good-bye to summer, the Christmas season is all too soon upon us! Singers of all ages and instrumentalists are invited to be a part of our 4th community Christmas musical experience to be held once again this year in concerts on Dec. 6th and 7th at the Abbey of the Hills Inn and Retreat Center. The concerts will feature groups accompanied by talented musicians under the direction of Lisa Berdan. Large group practices will typically be held at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoons at First English Lutheran Church.



An organizational meeting will be held Wednesday, August 27th, 6:30 p.m. at First English Lutheran Church, 9 NW 3rd Street. If you cannot attend that meeting, but still wish to be a part of this event -- or if you have any questions -- please contact Lisa Berdan (email lisamberdan@gmail.com).

If it works better for you to be a part of the audience, please put the performance dates on your calendar, with more information to come!

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 — August 10th

Organist: Amy Adelman

Greeters: Marilyn Hanson & Ann Mattison

Lector: Marilyn Hanson

FWV: Marilyn Chindvall

Acolytes: Bryson & Bennett

Tech Desk: David Ellingson & Marina T.

Ushers: Darin Ehrenberg, Eldon Knutson, Ellie & Harley Helgeson

This Week's Ministry Assistants — Wed. (1 pm FWV) August 13th

Organist: Marilyn Hanson

FWV: Marge Dragseth & Paula Reiffenberger

Next Week's Ministry Assistants — August 17th

Organist: Carol Ydstie

Greeters: Scott & Julie Schneider

Lector: Miley Block

Lay Assistants: Sara Mattison & Sara Wollschlager

Acolytes: Mya & Justice

Tech Desk: Kim Anderson & Marina Thomson

Ushers: Russ Thielke, Warren Wiese, Gale May, & Connie Newman

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun – 8/10 9:00 am Worship w/ Lisa Berdan
– Broadcast on KDIO & Facebook Live
10:30 am Fairway View Worship (pre-recorded)

Tues – 8/12 Pastor Cheryl Back to Work (*at Zion on Tues*)
8:30 am Day of Love
4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Donnie's Diner (Fairway View)
5:30 pm FELC-Zion Joint Partnership Meeting at Zion Church

Wed – 8/13 9:30 am Channel 3 Broadcast
1:00 pm Fairway View Worship Live
with Pastor Cheryl & communion
2:00 pm Hymn Sing at Fairway View
5:30 – 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting
5:30 pm Channel 3 Broadcast



Fri – 8/15 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

Sun – 8/17 9:00 am Worship with communion
– Broadcast on KDIO & Facebook Live

