



First English Lutheran Church

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August 17, 2025

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

ELW SETTING FOUR

9:00 am

PREPARATION

Prelude

Bells

Welcome & Announcements

Peace

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

GATHERING

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

C: Amen.

Confession *(inspired by Psalm 82)*

P: O God of all good gifts

C: How generous are your provisions for us! Even before we are aware of our needs, you know what it is that we need. You invite us into community and provide for us out of your steadfast love: nourishment for our bodies, protection from the elements and safety. You ask in return that we respond to your love by working for justice: nourishment and protection for all. You expect that we will seek righteousness as a way of life.

But so often O God, we fail to live being mindful of others in a caring, just and righteous way. When your love and justice do not flow through our lives, our community withers, and so do we. Forgive us, O God! In your loving care, show us again the way to participate in your realm. Amen.

Words of Assurance

P: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, be assured that God hears your petitions!

God continues to expect of us a life in which justice prevails. This is God's desire for us. We, God's forgiven people, are free to live into that desire as children God. **C: Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

'How Firm a Foundation'

#796

1. How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word! What more can he say than to you he has said who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

2. "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed, for I am your God and will still give you aid; I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."

3. "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply. The flames shall not hurt you; I only design your dross to consume and your gold to refine."

4. "Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love; and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn, like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne."

Words by: J. Rippon, A Selection of Hymns, 1787, alt., Music by: Early American.

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.**

Kyrie

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: 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. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen**

Hymn of Praise

'This is the Feast'

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1. **This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.**

2. **Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

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Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray...O God, judge eternal **C: you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

First Lesson: Jeremiah 23:23-29

OT pg. 562

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

Psalms 82

ELW Psalm 82

L: ¹ God stands to charge the divine council assembled, giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

C: ² **"How long will you judge unjustly, and show favor to the wicked?**

L: ³ Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy;

C: ⁴ **rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

L: ⁵ They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

C: ⁶ **Now I say to you, 'You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High;**

L: ⁷ nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.' "

C: ⁸ **Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own.**

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

Second Lesson: Hebrews 11:29—12:2

NT pg. 176

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 12: 49-56

NT pg. 57-58

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

'When Pain of the World Surrounds Us'

#704

1. When pain of the world surrounds us with darkness and despair, when searching just confounds us with false hopes ev'rywhere, when lives are starved for meaning and destiny is bare, we are called to follow Jesus and let God's healing flow through us.

2. We see with fear and trembling our aching world in need, confessing to each other our wastefulness and greed. May we with steadfast caring the hungry children feed. We are called to follow Jesus and let God's justice flow through us.

3. The church is a holy vessel the living waters fill to nourish all the people, God's purpose to fulfill. May we with humble courage be open to God's will. We are called to follow Jesus and let God's Spirit flow through us.

4. We praise you for our journey and your abundant grace, your saving word that guided a struggling human race. O God, with all creation, your future we embrace. We are called to follow Jesus and let God's changes flow through us.

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Apostle's Creed

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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: Hear us, O God, **C: your mercy is great.**

MEAL

Offering Collection and Presentation

Offertory Hymn

'We Plow the Fields and Scatter'

#681

1. We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land, but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand, who sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain, the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.

(Refrain): All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above. We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

2. You only are the maker of all things near and far. You paint the wayside flower; you light the evening star. The winds and waves obey you, by you the birds are fed; much more to us, your children, you give our daily bread. (Refrain)

3. We thank you, our creator, for all things bright and good, the seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food. No gifts have we to offer for all your love imparts, but what you most would treasure—our humble, thankful hearts. (Refrain)

Text: Matthias Claudius, 1740-1815; tr. Jane M. Campbell, 1817-1878, alt. Music: Johann A. P. Schulz, 1747-1800.

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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Holy, holy, holy Lord. Lord God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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

Distribution Hymn:

'Lamb of God'

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**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

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Distribution Hymn:

'Come, Let us Eat'

#491

1. Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread, Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread. Our Lord's body let us take together. Our Lord's body let us take together.

2. Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured. Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured. Jesus' blood poured let us drink together. Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.

3. In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest. In the presence of our Lord we gather. In the presence of our Lord we gather.

4. Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word. Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word. Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom. Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.

Text: Billema Kwillia, b. c. 1925, sts. 1-3; Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930, st. 4, alt.; tr. Margaret D. Miller, b. 1927, sts. 1-3, alt. Text sts. 1-3 © Lutheran World Federation. Text st. 4 © 1972 Contemporary Worship 4: Hymns for Baptism and Holy Communion, admin. Augsburg Fortress. Music: Billema Kwillia, adapt.

Distribution Hymn: *'Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart'* #800

1. Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth, through all its pulses move; stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart, and make me love you as I ought to love.

2. I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies, no sudden rending of the veil of clay, no angel visitant, no op'ning skies; but take the dimness of my soul away.

3. Have you not bid me love you, God and King; all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind? I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling. Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!

4. Teach me to love you as your angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame: the baptism of the heav'n-descended dove, my heart an altar, and your love the flame.

Text: George Croly, 1780-1860. Music: Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841-1897.

Distribution Hymn *'One Bread, One Body'* #496

(Refrain): One bread, one body, one Lord of all; one cup of blessing which we bless, and we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. (Refrain)

2. Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. (Refrain)

3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all. (Refrain)

Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939. Music: John Foley, SJ. Text & Music: © 1978 John B. Foley, SJ and OCP Publications.

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: *(based on Hebrews 12: 1-2)*

P: Brothers and sisters, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses, each of whom lived a life of faith in God, let us lay aside every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily hinders our progress, and let us run with endurance the race that God has set before us, keeping our eyes on Jesus Christ, on whom our faith depends from start to finish.

And may the peace of God, the love of Jesus Christ, and the presence of the Holy Spirit, be among us and within us as we go. **C: Amen.**

Dismissal

L: Go in peace... Live in faith...

C: We will! Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn

'Lead On, O King Eternal'

#805

1. Lead on, O King eternal! The day of march has come; henceforth in fields of conquest your tents will be our home. Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong; and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

2. Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease, and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace; for not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums, but deeds of love and mercy the heav'nly kingdom comes.

3. Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears, for gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears. Your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light; the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!

Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1862-1917. Music: Henry T. Smart, 1813-1879.

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 by Tom & Sandy Rice in honor of their 58th Anniversary which was on August 15th. [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>July 2025</u>	<u>Year-to-Date 2025</u>
Offerings/Gifts:	\$15,791.84	\$121,924.05
Zion Receivable:	\$3,192.06	\$19,583.68
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Total Revenue:	\$18,983.90	\$141,507.73
Expenses:	\$17,416.03	\$135,520.66
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Balance:	\$1,567.87	\$5,987.07



DONATE ELECTRONICALLY

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 Rita Verheul whose birthday is this Wednesday, and Ardell LaCombe whose birthday is on Friday.

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

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 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.

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.

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.

Thank you to everyone who donated jeans to the Day of Love. With those jeans we are able to continue making our graduation quilts. These quilts are made with the denim and stitches of love. Also, a big thank you to those of who have donated old cards for reprocessing. As the cards are reprocessed, it is fun to think of the joy that the card must have brought to the recipient. With reprocessing your cards, new cards have been created and are bringing joy and sunshine to someone else. Thank you for sharing and donating, it is appreciated

Stonecroft Ministries Women's Connection will be meeting on Tues., Aug. 19th at 5:30 pm at Big Stone Tabor Methodist Church. See flyers for the details.

Children's Dental Services will be at the Big Stone County Family Services on Tues, September 9th. See the flyer in the kiosk for more information.

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 FELC. An organizational meeting will be held Wednesday, August 27th, at 6:30 p.m. at FELC. 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, Dawson Evje, Harley Helgeson, 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, Jerry Stotesbery, and George Wegner. 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 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 T.
Ushers: Russ Thielke, Warren Wiese, Gale May, & Connie Newman

Next Week's Ministry Assistants — August 24th

Organist: Kathy Haukos **Greeters:** Bruce & Kristi Redfield
Lector: Kathy Randall **Tech Desk:** Marge Dragseth & Marina Thomson
Acolytes: Archer & Lola
Ushers: Eugene Stotesbery, Jim Foster, Gale May, & Art Vollmer

Weekly Calendar

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

Mon – 8/18 11:00 am Staff Meeting

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

Wed – 8/20 9:30 am Channel 3 Broadcast
 5:30 pm Channel 3 Broadcast
 6:30 – 11:00 pm Youth Night at Zion Lutheran Church



Fri – 8/22 9:00 am Bulletins Printed



Sun – 8/24 9:00 am Worship – Backpack Blessing – Noisy Offering
 – Favorite Hymns – Broadcast on KDIO & Facebook Live

