

**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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### **Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray...**C: O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Special Music

*'Blessings'* By Laura Story

Liv Wollschlager

### **WORD**

First Lesson: : Exodus 32:7-14

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

Psalms 51:1-10

ELW Psalm 51

L: <sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

**C: <sup>2</sup> Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.**

L: <sup>3</sup> For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

**C: <sup>4</sup> Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

L: <sup>5</sup> Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.

**C: <sup>6</sup> Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

L: <sup>7</sup> Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

**C: <sup>8</sup> Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

L: <sup>9</sup> Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

**C: <sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

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

Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

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

Holy Gospel: Luke 15: 1-10

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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

Archer Dorry

Sermon Song

'Jesus Loves Me!'

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**1. Jesus loves me! this I know, for the Bible tells me so; little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.**

*(Refrain): Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.*

**2. Jesus loves me! he who died heaven's gates to open wide; he will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. *(Refrain)***

**3. Jesus loves me! he will stay close beside me all the way; when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high. *(Refrain)***

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820-1915, alt. Music: William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868.

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** *(based on Psalm 51: 10)*

L: Let us implore the Lord our God praying, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."

*A brief silence.*

L: We pray for leaders of the Church. May they serve as examples to those who would come to believe in Christ for eternal life. May the Church place its hope in you, O God, and not in human wisdom.

*Silence*

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

L: We pray for the leaders of the nations. May they show mercy and advocate for the rights of the people. May they, like Moses, seek the greater good rather than their own interests.

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

L: We thank you for all you created. We thank you that your Son Jesus Christ rejoiced in your creation—telling stories about sheep, praying in the wilderness and walking on the sea. May we also appreciate the works of your hands.

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

L: We pray for the people in our lives. May we learn to love the stiff-necked, the sinners and all those in great need of your mercy. Make us instruments of your peace.

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

L: We pray for the sick, the anxious and the sorrowful. Make them hear of joy and gladness, that broken bodies and broken spirits may rejoice.

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

L: We trust to your mercy, O God, all who have died. May they rest eternally in your peace. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, our God, be honor and glory forever and ever.

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Amen.**

## **MEAL**

### **Offering Collection and Presentation**

Offertory Hymn                      *'Lord, I Lift Your Name on High'*                      #857

Offertory Prayer

L: Lord of the harvest, **C: we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**SHARING THE MEAL The Great Thanksgiving (spoken)**                      pg. 152

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: Merciful Lord, we do not come... dwell with you. Amen.

**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: Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.

Come to this meal of mercy.

Distribution Hymn

*'Lamb of God'*

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Distribution Hymn

*'Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)'*

Distribution Hymn

*'I Come With Joy'*

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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: Let us pray... **C: O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## SENDING

### Commission & Benediction:

L: Go from this place praising God who loves and cares for you. Go knowing that even in your weakest moments, when you feel lost and unable to find your way, there is One who seeks you and will find you.

May God of the lost find you rejoicing with a clean heart,  
May Christ Jesus remove all your sins with Hyssop and make you pure,  
And may the Holy Spirit blot out all wickedness and create in you, a right spirit. **C: Amen.**

*Pastor Leaves*

## Announcements

Bryson Karels

## Dismissal

L: Go in peace... washed clean by grace.

**C: We will! Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn

*'This Little Light of Mine'*

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## Bells Postlude

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*John 10:27 "My sheep hear my voice; I know them and they follow me."*

**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.

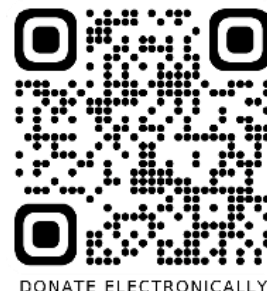
**Welcome to all visitors and guests!** May the joy of Christ fill you as we worship today. Friendship Pads are at the ends of each pew (by middle aisle). Fill them out, pass them on to your neighbor(s), and send them back to the middle aisle.

**KDIO Radio Broadcast** is sponsored in memory of Donald and Joyce Koch from Kathy Haukos and family. [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](http://www.firstenglish.net) or scan the QR Code from the offering cards or bulletins.



	<u>August 2025</u>	<u>Year-to-Date 2025</u>
Offerings/Gifts:	\$19,763.83	\$141,687.88
Zion Receivable:	\$3,413.16	\$22,996.84
Total Revenue:	\$23,176.99	\$164,684.72
Expenses:	\$18,203.22	\$153,723.88
Balance:	\$4,973.77	\$10,960.84



**September's pink envelope emphasis is for the Endowment Fund.** You can find special pink envelopes for designated giving in the Narthex.

**May the God of all consolation be with** Evie Swigerd on the death of her husband, Bruce Swigerd. A Memorial Mass was held on Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, at St. John's Catholic Church in Ortonville, His inurnment will be at Mound Cemetery in Ortonville at a later date.

**Nancy Pierzina will be having cancer treatments** in Willmar daily (M-F) starting on September 15<sup>th</sup> thru October. She could possibly need a few drivers to get her to her appointments. If this is something you might be able to do, please call Ashley Eastman at (320) 305-9815 to see what days and times a driver is needed.

**There are signup sheets in the Office hallway for volunteers to help with** the confirmation and youth. Even if you are a not a parent, but would like to support the youth of the congregation, we would appreciate your help if you can make it one of these days.

**You're invited to a Garden Produce, Food, & Craft Sale** at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church in Bendon (800<sup>th</sup> St. S) Sunday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>, at 10:15 am.

**You're invited: BSA Memory Loss Connection's Annual Run to Remember** event, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 9:30-12:00 pm at the Clinton Memorial Building in Clinton, MN. Guest Speaker: Gretchen Reeves, 10-12 PM. Gretchen is a certified Dementia Friends MN Champion, facilitating Dementia Friends information Sessions for friends, family, colleagues, and the wider community.

**Before Pastor's installation service, September 28<sup>th</sup>,** there will be a special welcoming coffee event from 8:00 am – 9:00 am downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Please come early that morning to help welcome Pastor Cheryl in as our officially called Pastor!

**Recognition of New Members Sunday will be October 5<sup>th</sup>.** 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.

**There will be a Grief Support Group put on by CentraCare Hospice** at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church in Benson from 12:30-2:00 pm on Wednesdays, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, & 19<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome. Please RSVP to their church office: orlcstaf@hotmail.com or (320) 843-3151.

**Stonecroft Ministries Women's Connection** will be meeting on Tues., September 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm at Big Stone Tabor Methodist Church. The speaker will be Carlotta Rasmussen of Jamestown, ND whose talk is titled, "Paint and Repurpose." The special feature will be a Silent Auction to fund raise for Stonecroft Ministries. Bring items to bid on like produce, baked goods, decorations, books, etc. The music will be played by Amy Adelman, pianist. 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!

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT** for Angie Aschwege, Kelly Athey, Dawson Evje, Harley Helgeson, Arlen LaCombe, Gail Olson, Nancy Pierzina, 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.

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## **Are You Called to Make a Difference?**

Do you have a heart for helping young people grow in their faith and become confident, compassionate leaders? We are seeking a **Youth Leader** for the combined youth program of First English and Zion Lutheran Churches.

This is more than just a job; it's an opportunity to have a significant impact on the lives of young people in the Ortonville community. You'll be a mentor and guide, helping them navigate their spiritual journey and build a strong, supportive community.

### **About the Opportunity**

- **Part-Time:** Approximately 10-15 hours per week, primarily on Wednesdays.
- **Your Role:** Guide, mentor, and inspire our youth.
- **Make an Impact:** Help shape the next generation of leaders in our community.

If you are passionate about working with youth, we want to hear from you!

For more information, please contact Pastor Cheryl at First English Lutheran Church, 9 Third Street NW, Ortonville, MN, or email [CMQRondeau@outlook.com](mailto:CMQRondeau@outlook.com).

### **This Week's Ministry Volunteer Assistants—September 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Organist:** Lisa Berdan    **FWV:** Kim Anderson    **Acolytes:** Dawson & Gibson  
**Tech Desk:** Kim Anderson    **Lector:** Youth Reader(s)  
**Greeters:** Terry Kalberg & Sharon Carlson    **Lay Assistants:** Youth Leaders  
**Ushers:** Art Vollmer, Brent Zahrbock, Glenn & Deb Henningson

### **Next Week's Ministry Volunteer Assistants—September 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Organist:** Amy Adelman    **Acolytes:** Liam & Mikaela  
**Tech Desk:** Cody Backstrand & Terry Kalberg    **Lector:** David Ellingson  
**Greeters:** Glenn & Deb Henningson  
**Ushers:** Dean Longnecker, Josh Wollschlager, Jim Foster & Dick Strei

# WEEKLY CALENDAR



## Rally Sunday



### **Sun – 9/14 RALLY SUNDAY**

Before Service – Coffee Fellowship in Narthex  
9:00 am Youth-led Worship – Communion  
- Broadcast on KDIO & Facebook Live  
10:00 am Youth at Wildlife Refuge  
10:30 am Fairway View Worship (pre-recorded)  
4-5:15 pm Christmas Cantata Practice

**Mon – 9/15** 11:00 am Staff Meeting

**Tues – 9/16** 8:30 am Day of Love  
4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Donnie's Diner (Fairway View)

### **Wed – 9/17 EARLY OUT – NO YOUTH GROUP**

9:30 am Channel 3 Broadcast  
1:45 pm Confirmation (7-8<sup>th</sup> graders)  
2:45 pm Confirmation (9<sup>th</sup> graders)  
5:30 pm Channel 3 Broadcast  
7:00 pm Senior Choir

**Fri – 9/19** 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

### **Sun – 9/21 BIBLE PRESENTATION & MENTOR MEETING DAY**

Before Service – Coffee Fellowship in Narthex  
9:00 am Worship – Baptism of Norah Jaymes Haukos – Noisy  
Offering – Bible Presentation – Broadcast on KDIO & FB Live  
9:30ish – 10:15 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Mentor / Mentee Meeting  
4-5:15 pm Christmas Cantata Practice