



First English Lutheran Church

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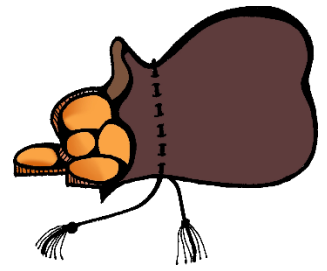
Rev. Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett, Pastor

Lisa Berdan, Senior Choir Director

Dr. Stephen and Jodi Swanson, Missionaries/Tanzania

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Baptism

September 21, 2025 Bible Presentation & Teacher Installation



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

Baptismal Song 'Dearest Jesus, We Are Here' (vs. 1 & 2) #443

1. Dearest Jesus, we are here, gladly your command obeying. With this child we now draw near in response to your own saying that to you it shall be given as a child and heir of heaven.

2. Your command is clear and plain, and we would obey it duly: "You must all be born again, heart and life renewing truly, born of water and the Spirit, and my kingdom thus inherit."

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672–1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Music: Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673.

HOLY BAPTISM OF NORAH JAYMES HAUKOS

pg. 227

P: In baptism our gracious heavenly Father...

People of God, do you promise to support Norah and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

C: We do.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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.

P: Oh Lord... Pour out your Holy Spirit...Let us pray.

Laying hands

P: Oh Lord, sustain Norah with... both now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Anointing

Norah Jaymes Haukos, child of God, ... cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

Baptismal Candle

Norah, Let your light so... Let us welcome our new sister in Christ.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Baptismal Song Contin. 'Dearest Jesus, We Are Here' (vs. 3) #443

3. Therefore we have come to you, in our arms this infant bearing; truly here your grace we view; may this child, your mercy sharing, in your arms be shielded ever, yours on earth and yours forever.

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Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper. **C: Amen.**

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess ... and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful and loving God,

C: we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

P: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven! **C: Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray...**C: God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

First Lesson: : Amos 8:4-7

OT pg. 664

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

Psalms 113

ELW Psalm 113

L: ¹ Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD.

C: ² Let the name of the LORD be blessed, from this time forth forevermore.

L: ³ From the rising of the sun to its going down let the name of the LORD be praised.

C: ⁴ The LORD is high above all nations; God's glory above the heavens.

L: ⁵ Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high,

C: ⁶ but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

L: ⁷ The LORD takes up the weak out of the dust and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

C: ⁸ enthroning them with the rulers, with the rulers of the people.

L: ⁹ The LORD makes the woman of a childless house to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

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Special Music

'Rising Up With the Sun'

Senior Choir

Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

NT pg. 162

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Children's Time

Bible Presentation for K, 3rd & 7th

Teachers will come forward to hand out Bibles. Child stands as name is read.

P: Receive this Bible. Hear God's word with us. Learn and tell its stories.

Discover its mysteries. Honor its commandments. Rejoice in its good

news. May God's life-giving word inspire you and make you wise. **Amen**

Children remain in front facing teachers.

TEACHER INSTALLATION

P: Brothers and sisters, you have volunteered ... comes from God?

Teacher Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: Will you carry out this ministry....God as your guide and inspiration?

Teacher Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: Will you trust in God's care...honor the gospel with a faithful life?

Teacher Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: I now ask you, people of First English Lutheran Church: Will you today renew your commitment to our youngest brothers and sisters, our children and youth who look to you for guidance, support, and examples of righteous living?

Congregation Response: We will, and we ask God to help us.

P: Will you pray for these leaders and the young people they serve, celebrating our children and youth as the ones Jesus blessed and welcomed?

Congregation Response: We will, and we ask God to help us.

Children will raise their hand in blessing over the teachers as the pastor says the Blessing...

BLESSING OF TEACHERS

P: God of wisdom, your Son came among us as a teacher. Send your blessing on all who are engaged in the work of education: give them clearness of vision and freshness of thought, and enable them so to train the hearts and minds of their students that they may grow in wisdom and be prepared to face the challenges of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Noisy Offering

Children will put their Bibles down for the Noisy Offering. When they come back, they can pick up their Bibles & be excused for Sun. school.
Sunday school children and teachers excused

Gospel Acclamation 'Alleluia. Lord to whom.....' pg. 151

Holy Gospel: Luke 16: 1-13 NT pg. 60

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 'There's a Wideness in God's Mercy' (vs. 1, 2, & 4) #588

MEAL

Offering Collection and Presentation

Offertory Hymn 'Take My Life, That I May Be' (vs. 1-5) #685

1. Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2. Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

3. Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King; take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.

4. Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shall choose.

5. Take my will and make it thine, it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own, it shall be thy royal throne.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt. Music: William H. Havergal, 1793-1870.

Offertory Prayer

P: 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.**

Prayers of Intercession

P: God of grace, **C: receive our prayer.**

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.

SENDING

Commission & Benediction: *(Inspired by Luke 16)*

P: Go now and continue to offer prayers and thanksgiving for everyone. Be shrewd in dealing with the world around you but do not be seduced into serving wealth. Weep for those who suffer and share faith and truth with all.

And may God welcome you with love; May Christ Jesus give you knowledge of the truth; And may the Holy Spirit lead you into all godliness and dignity. **C: Amen.**

Pastor Leaves **Announcements**

Dismissal

L: Go in peace... Serve God, not wealth.

C: We will! Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn

'Rise Up, O Saints of God!' (vs. 1-3, & 5)

#669

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 honor of Vern & Carol Bell's 50th Wedding Anniversary, September 20th, 2025. [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.



| | <u>August 2025</u> | <u>Year-to-Date 2025</u> |
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| 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.

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Gayle Anderson whose birthday is this Thursday, September 25th.

Congratulations and God's blessings to...

...Garth & Chelsie Haukos on the baptism of their daughter, Norah Jaymes Haukos! The baptism was held here, Sunday, September 21st. Norah's sponsors are Hunter Haukos and Amanda Haukos.

...the following young people who are receiving their Bibles this morning. 3-year-olds: Bodin, Logan, Ryley, and Kyson. 3rd graders: Tenley, Jacob, Arlie, Mason, Baylor, Jaxton, Brinley, Avery, and Kova. 7th graders (who received their Bibles the first day of confirmation): Gibson, Mia, Amelia, Brielle, and Riley.

May the God of All Consolation be with Chris & Kari Dorry and family on the death of Chris's father, Tom Dorry. Funeral services were held yesterday at Living Word Lutheran Church in Milbank, SD.

Church members can now request access to the "First English Lutheran Youth-Ortonville MN" group on Facebook.

The endowment group will be meeting on October 5th. Please get your requests into their mailbox before then.

Do you have apples to spare? The Board of Christian Education is looking for some apple donations for Sunday School class on September 28th. If you would be willing to donate, call Kandra Kellen at (701) 205-5095.

There are signup sheets in the Office hallway for volunteers to help with the confirmation and youth. Even if you are 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: BSA Memory Loss Connection's Annual Run to Remember event, September 27th, 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 28th, 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 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.

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. 8th, 15th, 29th, Nov. 5th, 12th, & 19th. All are welcome. Please RSVP to their office: orlcstaf@hotmail.com or (320) 843-3151.

Trinity in Clinton is hosting a Pancake Breakfast at the Clinton Memorial Building on Sunday morning September 28th from 9 am to Noon. The Vikings Game will be on TV during the breakfast as well. We invite all area churches to join us for breakfast after your morning service.

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; Bishop Craig Anderson, 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.



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.

This Week's Ministry Assistants—September 21st

Organist: Amy Adelman

Acolytes: Liam & Mikaela

Tech Desk: Cody Backstrand & Terry Kalberg

Lector: David Ellingson

Greeters: Glenn & Deb Henningson

Ushers: Dean Longnecker, Gale May, Jim Foster & Dick Strei

Next Week's Ministry Assistants—September 28th

Organist: Carol Ydstie

Lector: Liv Wollschlager

Tech Desk: Dave Ellingson & TBD

Acolytes: Kimberly & Hartley

Greeters: Sandy & Tom Rice

Lay Assistants: Lori Strei & Lori Larson

Ushers: Tami Lundberg, Marilyn Chindvall, Mel & Jackie Domine

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

**1st Day of
Autumn**



Mon – 9/22 FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN

11:00 am Staff Meeting

Tues – 9/23 8:30 am Day of Love

4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Donnie's Diner (Fairway View)

Wed – 9/24 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

9:30 am Channel 3 Broadcast

3:30 pm Confirmation (7-8th graders)

4:30 pm Confirmation (9th graders)

5:30 pm Youth Group (7-12th graders) & Channel 3 Broadcast

7:00 pm Senior Choir

Fri – 9/26 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

Sun – 9/28 Pastor Cheryl's Installation Day

8:00-9:00 am Special Coffee Welcoming in Fellowship Hall

9:00 am Worship with Communion –

Broadcast on KDIO & FB Live

9:30ish – 10:15 am Sunday School

1:00 – 3:30 Fellowship Hall Reserved

4-5:15 pm Christmas Cantata Practice