



**First English Lutheran Church**  
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**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost – GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS**

**September 7, 2025**

**Contemporary**

**9:00 am**

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**Note: Offering basket as you enter – no collection or presentation**

**PREPARATION**

Prelude

Bells

Welcome & KDIO Announcements

**Greeting & Passing of the Peace:**

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

P: Let us pray... God, source of all goodness, draw your church together. We are called by the Holy Spirit to serve and love one another. As children of God, we have been marked by the sign of the cross of Christ forever, we are claimed, gathered, and sent for the sake of the world. Lord we ask for your blessings upon these hands. Hands that will be about your work. Hands which will spread love and compassion in your world. **C: Amen.**

**GATHERING LITANY:**

P: As we live in community with God and one another

**C: May our hands be instruments of peace and love.**

P: When a stranger is in our midst

**C: May our hands be extended in welcome**

P: When our brother or sister is lost, distraught, or troubled,

**C: May our hands be used to point to the cross of hope and salvation**

P: Where there is injustice in the world and in our communities

**C: May our hands be instruments of healing, justice, and hope.**

P: In times of sorrow, sickness, and great suffering

**C: May our hands embrace the broken and offer prayers of consolation**

P: In times of disaster and tragedy

**C: May our hands bring help and comfort.**

P: God, may we be reminded whatever the need, large or small, you are at work in our hands. May we serve generously, lovingly, and faithfully.

**C: Amen.**

Gathering Hymn      *'Everybody's Got Something to Offer'*      DRM pg. 120

Greeting      pg. 120

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.**

Hymn of Praise      *'Come, Let Us Join'*      pg. 204

**Prayer of the Day:**

P: Let us pray, **C: Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.. Amen.**

**WORD**

Lesson: Jeremiah 18:1-11      OT pg. 558

Psalms 1      ELW Psalm 1

L: <sup>1</sup> Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

C: <sup>2</sup> **Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

L: <sup>3</sup> They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

C: <sup>4</sup> **It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

L: <sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

C: <sup>6</sup> **For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

Gospel Acclamation      *'Alleluia'*      pg. 124

Holy Gospel: Luke 14:25-33      NT pg. 59

P: The Holy Gospel according to... **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Message      Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett

**Prayers for the People of God**

P: .... God, we pray, **C: open our hands in love.**

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.**

**Benediction** (*inspired by Isaiah 64:8, Jeremiah 18:1-11*)

P: We came to this sacred space to celebrate and affirm that the Lord is like a potter, making and reshaping us into God's image to be and share the Good News.

**C: Lord, send us out into your world as your change agents to help mold and remake the human condition, with your grace and your help. Let it be so in this age and forever more. Amen!**

### **BLESSING OF THE OIL:**

P: Holy God, as oil was used as a base for medicine in ancient times, we ask you to bless the use of this oil today. May it's fragrance be a symbolic offering of what is pleasing to You. May its texture remind us that the soothing work of our hands is also pleasing to You. **Amen.**

*After the blessing – an acolyte will take the oil to the back of the church*

### **Announcement of God's Work, Our Hands Options**

### **BLESSING OF THE HANDS**

*As you leave, you may dip your finger in the anointed oil  
and make the sign of the cross on the back of your hand...*

*Please hold your hands up for the blessing*

P: May your hands, and the work that they do be truly blessed. And may you know you are a blessing to others.

### **AFFIRMATION OF SERVICE:**

P: Sisters and Brothers in Christ, God is at work. God is working through you, in you, and with your hands. Will you look to Jesus, who frees you from sin and death, to be your example in freely serving others with your hands in love, compassion and humility? **C: We will and ask God to help us.**



**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 Art Lee whose birthday is September 10<sup>th</sup>. **Children's Dental Services** will be at the Big Stone County Family Services on Tues, September 9<sup>th</sup>. See the flyer in the kiosk for more information.

**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.

**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.

**Prairie Five is having a senior expo Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>.** It will be held at 550 S 1<sup>st</sup> Street, in the Montevideo community center. Lunch will be served. The cost is \$12.00 and guests must register prior to the event. The registration deadline is September 10<sup>th</sup>. Please see the flyer in the Narthex for more information.

**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.

**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.

**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!

**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.

**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, 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 Volunteer Ministry Assistants—September 7<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Organist:</b> Kathy Haukos	<b>Tech Desk:</b> Liz Ketz	<b>Lector:</b> Brent Zahrbock
<b>Acolytes:</b> Brandon & Lexi	<b>Greeters:</b> Dean & Anita Longnecker	
<b>Ushers:</b> Ev Johnson & Ron Athey	<b>FWV:</b> Becky Parker & Marge Dragseth	

### **This Week's Ministry Volunteer Assistants — FWV 1 pm Wed. Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>**

<b>FWV Organist:</b> Amy Adelman	<b>FWV Assistants:</b> Deb Henningson
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## Next 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

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sun – 9/7   **GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS**



Before Service – Coffee Fellowship in Narthex  
9:00 am Worship – Broadcast on KDIO & Facebook Live  
9:30ish Community Service Projects  
10:30 am Fairway View Worship (pre-recorded)  
4-5:15 pm Christmas Cantata Practice

**Mon – 9/8** 11:00 am Staff Meeting

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

**Wed – 9/10** 9:30 am Channel 3 Broadcast  
1:00 pm Fairway View Worship with Pr. Cheryl & Communion  
3:30 pm Confirmation (7-8<sup>th</sup> graders)  
4:30 pm Confirmation (9<sup>th</sup> graders)  
5:30-6:00 pm Youth Group Orientation  
5:30 pm Channel 3 Broadcast  
5:30-7:00 pm Church Council Meeting  
7:00 pm Senior Choir



**Fri – 9/12** 9:00 am Bulletins Printed



### Sun – 9/14   **RALLY SUNDAY**

# 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