



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

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



October 19, 2025

CONTEMPORARY (EARLY COMMUNION)

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

Call to Worship:

The Word of God is planted in our hearts.

May our hearts be receptive to the Word.

The Love of God rains down on us.

May our souls soak in the wonder of God's love.

The Breath of God blows softly within us.

May our minds be stirred by the power of God's spirit.

Gathering Song

'All Are Welcome'

SONG SHEET PG 3

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

P: Almighty God, You have set before us the path but we have wandered on our own to try to find our way. Sometimes we are like toddlers and we hear Your call and come back. Other times, we are children testing boundaries, ignoring Your call until fear finally makes us look back.

C: Still other times we are full of youthful rebellion, demanding to be cut loose and set free, not knowing how much we still need to seek Your wisdom and guidance.

But most of all, too often we think we are adults and have figured it all out and know our own way, only to stumble and stray so far.

P: Remind us, parental God, that we are always Your children, that we are never fully grown up in Your sight, that we always have much to learn.

C: Help us to seek You every day, to acknowledge that we need Your wisdom and guidance, and help us to return to the path and walk with You. In the name of Christ, who is our companion on this journey of faith, we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF GRACE/ABSOLUTION *(inspired by Jeremiah 31: 31-34)*

P: The Lord comes to us with a new covenant, saying: "I will write my law on your hearts; I will forgive your wrongdoing and remember your sins no more."

Sisters and Brothers in Christ, your sins are forgiven; be at peace.

C: Thanks be to God!

Praise Song

'Mercy'

SONG SHEET PG 5

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray...

C: O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord! Amen.

Preparation for Communion

P: Lord, we take the time to remember your great sacrifice for our sins. We remember your broken body and shed blood, not for anything you did wrong, but taking the penalty for our sins. We repent of our sins and recognize what you have done for us with this meal for our redemption with thankful hearts. **Amen.**

Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed...for the remembrance of me.

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.

Invitation to Communion

P: Jesus welcomes sinners at His table. Come to the table of grace.

Distribution Hymn

'Lamb of God'

SONG SHEET PG 7

Distribution Hymn

'Giver of the Heartbeat'

SONG SHEET PG 10

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: O God, **C: 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.**

Special Music

'Pray for the People'

Senior Choir

Children's Message

Noisy Offering

WORD

First Lesson: Genesis 32:22-31

OT pg. 23

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

Psalms 121

ELW Psalms 121

L: ¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

C: ² My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.

L: ³ The LORD will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

C: ⁴ Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;

L: ⁵ the LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

C: ⁶ the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

L: ⁷ The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

C: ⁸ The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.

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Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

NT pg. 166

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

Gospel Lead In

'To Be Alive'

SONG SHEET PG 13

Holy Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

NT pg. 62

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

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

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

Called by God (inspired by Mark 1:14-20, Matthew 4:18-22)

I believe in an innovative God, who does not wait for us to find ourselves but comes seeking the lost and calling us into a new way.

I believe in Jesus of Nazareth as God's crucial initiative, that when he calls us to follow, Christ also gives us the power to become, both in creed and deed, the children of the living God.

I believe in the Spirit by whom Jesus still comes to us, calling us to follow him into an obedience which is true liberty and to a humble service which is the fruit of holy friendship.

I believe in the church as the fellowship of Christ's people, called to respect and support one another through joys and tribulations as we travel the road towards the "promised land" of God's future.

Because Christ has called me in this I truly believe. Amen.

Prayer for Others: (inspired by Luke 18: 1-8)

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all creation.

Silence is kept for reflection

God of Justice, we know that in this hard world there are judges that neither fear God nor respect their fellow men. But you call us to remember the woman who gave one a hard time, crying out to him day and night, until he changed his mind - her sheer stubbornness.

And we celebrate all those, women and men, who persist in the cause of right; who will not keep quiet; who insist on raising the issues, again and again; who campaign for unpopular causes, write letters, send emails, sign petitions: people round the world who pick up their pens or take to the streets - and young girls determined to go to school.

We celebrate them: steadfast, down-to-earth, blessed with both stubbornness and courage, to change the world.

Lord, Your son taught us to pray and to never lose heart. But frankly God there are times that wear us down and we feel fainthearted. We feel weary and close to giving up. There are times Lord we lose hope and give up.

It is times like these that we need to hold each other up in prayer.

It is times like these that we need to encourage each other.

It is times like these that we need to be there for one another.

It is times like these that we need to cry out to God for those in need.

So we cry out for those in need... especially... But God it is not just for those in need, it is also for justice that we cry out.

We plea for those who can not speak up for themselves.

We stand up for those who rights have been violated.

We seek peace with justice for those who need both.

We pray for justice for those who are the weakest.

Thank you for hearing our prayers and answering them;

We thank you for your mercy that you pour out with your justice.

In all of this may we be found faithful. Amen.

MEAL

Offering Collection and Presentation

Offering

Offertory Hymn

'What Shall I Give?'

SONG SHEET PG 17

Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray... **C: Almighty God, who made us who we are, we offer all of ourselves to You. Take our talents, our energy and our joy, and use us to share Your love. Take our mistakes, our regrets and our pain, and use us to bring Your healing. Magnify the gifts we offer before You today, to spread Your peace in the world. Amen.**

SENDING - *Commission & Benediction (based on Luke 18: 1-8)*

P: Go now, awakened to the voice of God who speaks in his Word and his world. As you leave this place, be listening amid the noise of your everyday life.

Be persistent, for the One whom you follow is not dead, nor are his teachings and his promises. Do not get discouraged. Keep asking ... seeking ... knocking, for times of receiving, finding, and opening will come.

And May you continually wrestle with prayer. May you beseech the Lord with shameless boldness. May your prayers produce, in you, an expression of joy and a peaceful heart

C: Amen.

Pastor Leaves

Announcements

Dismissal

L: Go in peace... justified in God. **C: We will! Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn

'Send Us Out'

SONG SHEET PG 19

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 by your gifts to the Endowment Fund. [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>September 2025</u>	<u>Year-to-Date 2025</u>
Offerings/Gifts:	\$19,243.73	\$160,931.61
Zion Receivable:	\$3,192.06	\$26,188.90
Total Revenue:	\$22,435.79	\$187,120.51
Expenses:	\$22,077.61	\$185,801.49
Balance:	\$358.18	\$1,319.02



DONATE ELECTRONICALLY

October's giving emphasis is for Jaycee's Project Christmas. You can find special pink envelopes for designated giving in the Narthex.

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Luane Huizenga whose birthday is on Tuesday, the 21st.

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

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.

Stonecroft Ministries Women's Connection will be meeting on Tues., October 21st at 5:30 pm at Big Stone Tabor Methodist Church. The speaker will be Maysil Malard-Lodoen of Bismark, ND whose talk is titled, "Stepping Out in Faith." The special feature will be Sue Lockwood of Ortonville, Claims Research Specialist – Locating money that belongs to the people. The music will be Shirone Spolar of Twin Brooks, SD, a soloist. 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, 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 Haitian student, Ycherson Soh and 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—October 19th

Organist: Lisa Berdan	Greeters: Sara Mattison & Liam Johnson
Lector: Jim Foster	Tech Desk: Kim Anderson & Liz Ketz
Lay Assistants: Kirsten & Bryson Karels	Acolytes: Miley & TBD
Ushers: Galy May, Connie Newman, Ellie & Harley Helgeson	

Next Week's Ministry Assistants—October 26th

Organist: Carol Ydstie	Greeters: Jim Foster & Bennett Karels
Acolytes: Oliver & Katelyn	Lay Assistants: Confirmands
Tech Desk: David Ellingson & Cody Backstrand	Lector: Confirmands
Ushers: Eugene Stotesbery, Jim Foster, Gale May, & Art Vollmer	

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun – 10/19

NO
SUNDAY
SCHOOL

Before Service – Coffee Fellowship in the Narthex
9:00 am Contemporary Worship – Communion
– Noisy Offering– Broadcast on KDIO & FB Live
4-5:15 pm Christmas Cantata Practice

Mon – 10/20 11:00 am Staff Meeting

Tues – 10/21 8:30 am Day of Love
4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Donnie's Diner (Fairway View)

Wed – 10/22 **EARLY OUT**

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

Fri – 10/24 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

Sun – 10/26 **CONFIRMATION SERVICE**

Before Service – Coffee Fellowship in the Narthex
9:00 am Worship – Communion
– Broadcast on KDIO & FB Live
9:30ish – 10:15 am Sunday School
10:00 am Coffee Fellowship
w/Confirmation Cake in Fellowship Hall
4-5:15 pm Christmas Cantata Practice

