



## First English Lutheran Church

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Lisa Berdan, Senior Choir Director

### Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost



November 16, 2025 ELW SETTING TWO – 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

### Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Faithful God,

**C: you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.**

P: Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves you, ☩ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free. **C: Amen.**

### Prayer of the Day

P: O God, **C: Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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.

## **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. **C: 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: There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.

Distribution Hymn

'Lamb of God'

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Distribution Hymn: 'For the Bread Which You Have Broken'

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Distribution Hymn

'We Come to the Hungry Feast'

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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: 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

'Built on a Rock'

Senior Choir

## Children's Message by Paul Hanson

### WORD

First Lesson: Malachi 4:1-2a

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

Psalm 98

ELW Psalm 98

L: <sup>1</sup> Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

**C: <sup>2</sup> O LORD, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

L: <sup>3</sup> You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**C: <sup>4</sup> Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

L: <sup>5</sup> Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

**C: <sup>6</sup> With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

L: <sup>7</sup> Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

**C: <sup>8</sup> Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**

L: <sup>9</sup> The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

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

Second Lesson: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

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

Gospel Acclamation

'Alleluia'

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Holy Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

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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 by Paul Hanson

Sermon Song

'My Hope is Built on Nothing Less'

#597

**1. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; no merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

(Refrain): **On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.**

**2. When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace; in ev'ry high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)**

**3. His oath, his covenant, his blood sustain me in the raging flood; when all supports are washed away, he then is all my hope and stay. (Refrain)**

**4. When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in him be found, clothed in his righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before the throne! (Refrain)**

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt. Music: William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868.

### Offering Collection and Presentation

Offertory Hymn

'When Peace Like a River'

#785

**1. When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll, whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.**

(Refrain): **It is well (it is well) with my soul, (with my soul,) it is well, it is well with my soul.**

**2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control, that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed his own blood for my soul. (Refrain)**

**3. He lives--oh, the bliss of this glorious thought; my sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (Refrain)**

**4. Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; even so it is well with my soul. (Refrain)**

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888, Music: Villa Du Havre, Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876.

### Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray.... God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

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

## SENDING

### Commission & Benediction:

P: Go now and tell the world what God does. Do not chase after self-proclaimed messiahs, but draw deeply from God's saving well and speak the words the Spirit gives you. Do not be weary in doing what is right.

And may God delight in you and give you strength;  
May Christ Jesus lead you in the ways of new life;  
And may the Holy Spirit give you the words and wisdom  
to withstand all that would tear you down.

**C: Amen.**

*Pastor Leaves*  
**Announcements**

### Dismissal

L: Go in peace... endure without fear. **C: We will! Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn                      'O God, Our Help in Ages Past'                      #632

- 1. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:**
- 2. Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.**
- 3. Before the hills in order stood or earth received its frame, from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.**
- 4. A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone, short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.**
- 5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away; they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.**
- 6. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home.**

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt. Music: William Croft, 1678-1727.

### 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 Adeline Burgess. Happy 103<sup>rd</sup> Birthday to our Mother & Grandmother, Adeline, today, November 16<sup>th</sup> from her 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>October 2025</u>	<u>Year-to-Date 2025</u>
Offerings/Gifts:	16,267.59	\$177,199.20
Zion Receivable:	\$3,192.06	\$29,380.96
Total Revenue:	\$19,459.65	\$206,580.16
Expenses:	\$19,302.17	\$205,103.66
Balance:	\$157.48	\$1,476.50



**November's pink envelope emphasis is for God's Work, Our Hands / Service Projects.** You can find special pink envelopes for designated giving in the Narthex.

**Happy Birthday wishes go out to** Adeline Burgess whose birthday is today, and Roger Nornes whose birthday is tomorrow.

**May the God of all consolation be with** Glenn and Deb Henningson and family and Sharon Carlson and family on the death of their sister- in- law, Linda Henningson on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Services were held on Friday and burial was at Eidskog Cemetery on Saturday.

**10-12<sup>th</sup> graders who want to go on the mission trip to Savannah, GA -** There is an organizational meeting for that trip in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm and we would like you to attend.

**We are excited to have 14 youth and 3 adults attending** the SW MN Synod Junior High Youth Gathering in Willmar this Friday-Saturday. This is a YOUTH LED event that is planned by the Southwestern Minnesota Synod Lutheran Youth Organization (LYO) Board. Archer and Bryson are a part of this board. Please add the following youth to your prayers for

this event: Bennett, Mya W, Alexis, Olivia, Maci, Lola, Kim, Hartley, Dawson, Katelyn, Liv, Kenedee, Nash, and Jace. In addition, add Archer, Byson, Kirsten, Sara, and Alan.

**God's Creations Fundraiser Calendars are in! If you'd like one**, they can be bought in the office or in the Narthex following church! They're \$8.00. You can bring cash or pay by check (please write checks for calendars out to **FELC Youth**).

**Please remember to pick up your** Stewardship envelope and giving envelopes for 2026 (if you requested them). If you would like 2026 giving envelopes, but did not request them, we have some extras, so you can let someone in the office know and we'll get you a box of 2026 envelopes.

**Please return your completed opportunity sheets and pledges** from your envelope. There is a box in the Narthex that says "Leave commitment cards and opportunity sheets here" on it. If the office is open, you can leave them with Barbara instead. It's important that they be turned in before the end of the year. The first Sunday of 2026 we dedicate the pledges, and the opportunity sheets will be compiled into a list for the council in January.

**Noisy Offering will be next Sunday, the 23rd**, due to the Holiday weekend.

### **Call to support FELC Technology Upgrades**

First English Lutheran Church has been known for its continual commitment to proclaim the gospel message through song, word and actions sharing their talents within and outside of its walls. Today we are reaching out to you for help to donate to the technology upgrades needed to continue that commitment.

Our technology is outdated and past due for upgrades requiring immediate improvements. Updating is essential to continue our mission to those at Fairway View, snowbirds, and others outside our faith family who login each week to hear the good news of Christ for them.

Thank you for your patience with the current audio and video quality as we work on this project with New Life Communications of Wilmar to be completed in the next weeks.

Donations have already been made, but approximately \$15,000 is still required for additional equipment and installation. Your generous contribution will go directly to fund this project. Please send or drop off a designated contribution to the Technology Upgrade Project at First English Lutheran, 9 3<sup>rd</sup> St NW, Ortonville, MN 56278.

## **Volunteers sought for FELC Technology Committee**

We are asking for volunteers to be on a technology committee to oversee our equipment and software ensuring they are up-to-date and will continue to work reliably. The committee should meet at least once a year to review the current technology and advise on any upcoming needs to be addressed and in any urgent technological situations. Please let the office know if you can share your gifts in this area.

**Stonecroft Ministries Women's Connection** will be meeting on Tues., November 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm at Big Stone Tabor Methodist Church. The speaker will be Lori Mayer, of St. Ansgar, IA, whose talk is titled, "What Are You Looking For?" The special feature will be St. Teresa Ann Wolf of Watertown, SD on Human trafficking. The music will be provided by Dan Lindholm of Milbank, SD, a soloist with guitar. 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 Kelly Athey, Barb Nornes, 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, Arlen LaCombe, 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—November 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Greeters:** Hartley Neuman & Amy Hodenfield      **Lector:** Terry Kalberg  
**Acolytes:** Bennett & Bryson      **Organist:** Amy Adelman  
**Tech Desk:** Kim Anderson & Cody Backstrand  
**Lay Assistants:** Amanda Stattelmann & Lori Larson  
**Ushers:** Dean Longnecker, Josh Wollschlager, Jim Foster & Dick Strei

### **Next Week's Ministry Assistants—November 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Organist:** Lisa Berdan      **Acolytes:** Jordan & Rylie  
**Greeters:** Austin Schoon & Jace Athey      **Lector:** Ellie Helgeson  
**Tech Desk:** Liz Ketz & Matt Karels  
**Ushers:** Tami Lundberg, Marilyn Chindvall, Mel & Jackie Domine



# **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**Sun – 11/16** 8:15 am Coffee Fellowship in the Narthex  
9:00 am Worship – GLLM Rep Speaking – Communion  
– Broadcast on KDIO & Facebook Live  
9:30ish – 10:30 am Sunday School Christmas Practice  
4-6:00 pm Christmas Cantata Practice

**Mon – 11/17** 11:00 am Staff Meeting  
5:00 pm Youth Gathering Planning Meeting at FELC  
6:00 pm Sr. Youth (10-12<sup>th</sup> gr) Mission Trip Meeting

**Tues – 11/18** 9:00 am Day of Love  
4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Donnie's Diner (Fairway View)

**Wed – 11/19** 9:30 am Channel 3 Broadcast  
3:30 pm Confirmation (7-8<sup>th</sup> graders)  
4:30 pm Confirmation (9<sup>th</sup> graders)  
5:30 pm Youth Group (gr. 7-12) & Channel 3 Broadcast  
7:00 pm Senior Choir

**Thurs – 11/20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

**Fri – 11/21** 9:00 am Bulletins Printed  
4:00 pm SW MN Synod Junior High Youth Gathering  
Starts in Willmar. Goes to Saturday at Noon.

**Sun – 11/23 Christ the King – Contemporary Service**



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9:00 am Worship – Noisy Offering  
– Broadcast on KDIO & FB Live  
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