



First English Lutheran Church

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Christ the King Sunday

CONTEMPORARY



November 23, 2025

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: *(inspired by Psalm 46)*

P: Be still!

C: We come to quiet ourselves in this haven of holiness.

P: Be still and know . . .

C: we come to discern the Word which can set us free.

P: Be still and know that God is

C: our Hope, our Help, our Refuge, and our Redeemer.

Gathering Song 'Giver of the Heartbeat' SONG SHEET PG 10

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

P: Sovereign God, **C: we confess we have given idols power over us, the idols of power and wealth, fame and security. We confess we have fallen into the ways of this world and have forgotten our kindred in Christ. We have lost sight of the reign of God here on earth, and instead have allowed the idols of the world to rule over us.**

Forgive us. Call us into Your reign, to declare You the One who has power over us because Your power is love. Call us to love our neighbors as ourselves, and to work for justice, show mercy, and love one another in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

P: Hear the good news: Jesus came to us not to reign as a king over us, but to serve us, and to show us the way of God is the way of love. 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: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray...

C: O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Special Music

'Carry Me'

Senior Choir

Children's Message

Noisy Offering

WORD

First Lesson: Jeremiah 23:1-6

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

Psalms 46

ELW Psalm 46

L: ¹ God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

C: ² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;

L: ³ though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

C: ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

L: ⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

C: ⁶ The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.

L: ⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

C: ⁸ Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought up- on the earth;

L: ⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

C: ¹⁰ "Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

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Gospel Lead In

'To Be Alive'

SONG SHEET PG 13

Holy Gospel: Luke 23:33-43

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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

Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett

Sermon Song

'Make Me an Instrument'

SONG SHEET PG 15

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *the God who reigns*

I believe in God, the God, the only God, who created everything and reigns as King over earth, sky, and water, Sovereign and Holy, and yet revealing Himself in the intimacy of the name "Father". He reigns over the nations; He is seated on his holy throne. *Psalm 47:8*

And I believe in Jesus Christ, the Son, the only-begotten Son whose reign began in the weakness of a manger-bed, conceived by the Spirit and born of a virgin, who reigned even while nailed to a cross of wood; who died and rose again, ascended and will come again. He will reign forever; and his kingdom will never end. *Luke 1:33*

And I believe in the Spirit, the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God who as God Himself brings the presence of God and extends the reign of God in every believer and throughout the world, who ever directs hearts to our Lord and Savior, so that grace might reign ... to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Romans 5:21*

Amen.

Prayer of Intercession for Reign of Christ Sunday

P:...Let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord have mercy.**

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.

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 -

Benediction: *(based on Colossians 1: 9-12)*

May God give you the gift of spiritual insight and understanding, so that you may see things from His point of view, and so that your lives may bring credit to God's name, and joy to His heart.

May your lives bear the fruit of God's Spirit, as you continue to grow in your knowledge and understanding of God.

And may God give you the strength you need to be able to pass through any experience and endure it with joy, all the while giving thanks to God who has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to God's holy people.

And may the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Pastor Leaves

Announcements

Dismissal

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

Sending 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.

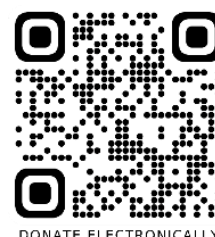
Welcome to all visitors and guests! May the joy of Christ fill you as we worship today. Friendship Pads are at the ends of each pew (by middle aisle). Fill them out, pass them on to your neighbor(s), and send them back to the middle aisle.

KDIO Radio Broadcast is sponsored in honor of Eldon & Carol Knutson's 61st Wedding Anniversary on November 28th from Dick & Marla Strei & 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 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



DONATE ELECTRONICALLY

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.

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.

The Endowment Committee will be meeting on December 7th. Please get your requests in to their mailbox before then.

The bulletins for next Sunday will be printed early due to the holiday. Get any announcements to the office before Tuesday afternoon.

Join us on Sunday, December 14th for a Youth Bake Sale held before and after worship, the same day as the Christmas Program. All goodies will be available for free-will donation, with every dollar supporting the FELC Youth Mission Trip to Savannah, Georgia next June. Thank you for your continued generosity to the FELC Youth! If you would like to donate baked goods, please contact Archer at 320-305-1839.

Blood Drive – Wednesday, December 3 at Ortonville High School, organized by the OHS Student Council, which includes over ten youth from FELC. All are encouraged to give the gift of life if able. You can sign up at <http://tiny.cc/uc7v001>, using the QR code, or by contacting Archer at 320-305-1839.



Community Christmas Cantata - Love Changes Everything

Enter into the spirit of Christmas with a concert of inspirational music at the Abbey of the Hills! The concert features over 70 of our local singers and instrumentalists: Saturday, Dec. 6, at 2:30 and 6:30 and Sunday, Dec. 7, at 2:30 -- freewill donation. Festive refreshments will follow each performance. There are no reserved seats, but please register your concert preference online at abbeyofthehills.org or call 605-398-9200. Concert attendance is limited to 200 at each performance, so please register early!

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, Dustin Hanson, 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.



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 3rd 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.

This Week's Ministry Assistants—November 23rd

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

Next Week's Ministry Assistants—November 30th

Organist: Kathy Haukos

Greeters: Carol Knutson & Mya Wittnebel

Acolytes: Madilyn & Ashton

FWV: Marge Dragseth & Lexi Kaye

Tech Desk: David Ellingson & Kim Anderson

Lector: Barb Wiese

Ushers: Ev Johnson, Brent Zahrbock, Dick & Marla Strei

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun – 11/23 Christ is King – Contemporary Service

8:15 am Coffee Fellowship in the Narthex

9:00 am Worship – Noisy Offering

– Broadcast on KDIO & FB Live

9:30ish – 10:30 am Sunday School Christmas Practice

After Church Service – Giving Tree goes up

4-6:00 pm Christmas Cantata Practice



Mon – 11/24 11:00 am Staff Meeting

6:30 pm Combined Thanksgiving Service at Zion Church

Tues – 11/25 No Day of Love

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

Wed – 11/26 BULLETINS PRINTED EARLY

9:30 am Channel 3 Broadcast

5:30 pm Channel 3 Broadcast

No Confirmation
No Youth Group
No Choir

Thurs – 11/27 THANKSGIVING OFFICE CLOSED



Fri – 11/28 OFFICE CLOSED

Sun – 11/29 Hanging of the Greens

8:15 am Coffee Fellowship in the Narthex

9:00 am Worship – Giving Tree Temple Talk

– Broadcast on KDIO & FB Live

9:30ish – 10:30 am Sunday School Christmas Practice

10:30 am Fairway Worship – Pre-recorded

4-6:00 pm Christmas Cantata Practice

HANGING
of the **GREENS**