



## First English Lutheran Church

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Rev. Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett, Pastor

Lisa Berdan, Senior Choir Director

### Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

ELW SETTING THREE



9:00 am

July 12, 2026

#### 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, whose compassion endures forever. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Compassionate God, **C: we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

P: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

**C: Amen.**

Gathering Hymn 'Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty' #533

**1. Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there, where my soul in joyful duty waits for God who answers prayer. Oh, how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace!**

**2. Gracious God, I come before thee; come thou also unto me; where we find thee and adore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, oh, enter thou, let it be thy temple now!**

**3. Here thy praise is gladly chanted, here thy seed is duly sown; let my soul, where it is planted, bring forth precious sheaves alone, so that all I hear may be fruitful unto life in me.**

4. Thou my faith increase and quicken, let me keep thy gift divine; howsoe'er temptations thicken, may thy word still o'er me shine as my guiding star through life, as my comfort in all strife.

5. Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done indeed; may I undisturbed draw near thee while thou dost thy people feed. Here of life the fountain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672–1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Music: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680.

**GREETING** pg. 138

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.**

**Kyrie** pg. 138

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen.**

Hymn of Praise 'Glory to God in the Highest' pg. 139

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Almighty God, **C: we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Special Music** 'Trust in God' Paula Tobin & Jenna Schulte

**WORD**

First Lesson: Isaiah 55:10-13 OT pg. 531

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

Psalm 119:105-112

L: <sup>105</sup>Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light upon my path.

**C: <sup>106</sup>I have sworn and am determined to keep your righteous judgments.**

L: <sup>107</sup> I am deeply troubled; preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.

**C: <sup>108</sup> Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, and teach me your judgments.**

L: <sup>109</sup> My life is always in danger, yet I do not forget your teaching.

**C: <sup>110</sup> The wicked have set a trap for me, but I have not strayed from your commandments.**

L: <sup>111</sup> Your decrees are my inheritance forever; truly, they are the joy of my heart.

**C: <sup>112</sup> I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes forever and to the end.**

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

Second Lesson: Romans 8:1-11

NT pg. 120

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

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Gospel Acclamation

'Alleluia, Lord to whom?'

pg. 142

Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

NT pg. 10-11

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**

'We Plow the Fields and Scatter'

#681

**1. We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land, but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand, who sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain, the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.**

(Refrain): **All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above. We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.**

**2. You only are the maker of all things near and far. You paint the wayside flower; you light the evening star. The winds and waves obey you, by you the birds are fed; much more to us, your children, you give our daily bread. (Refrain)**

3. We thank you, our creator, for all things bright and good, the seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food. No gifts have we to offer for all your love imparts, but what you most would treasure—our humble, thankful hearts. (Refrain)

Text: Matthias Claudius, 1740-1815; tr. Jane M. Campbell, 1817-1878, alt. Music: Johann A. P. Schulz, 1747-1800.

## APOSTLE'S CREED

pg. 127

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

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.

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. Amen.

## Prayers of the People

P: For all the blessings of this life, we... good fruit. Hear our prayer Lord.

*A brief silence.*

P: *(petition ends with)*.... Hear our prayer Lord.

**C: And may your love be like a seed, taking root and growing strong.**

P: God of abundant love, grant that our hearts may be fertile soil, where your word flourishes and yields a harvest, bringing salvation to ourselves and all those about us. **C: Amen**

## MEAL

## Offering Collection and Presentation

### Offertory Hymn

'For the Fruit of All Creation'

#679

## Prayer of the Offering

P: Loving God, **C: As we offer our gifts and lives in this moment, may we become imitators of you, Gracious God, who holds nothing back from us, but is generous and gracious with all that is yours. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

pg. 154

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 Matthew 13: 1-9)*

P: As you go from here, go with the God of the harvest, .....  
And May the Holy Spirit gather you into His great harvest to your heavenly home. **C: Amen.**

*Pastor Leaves*  
**Announcements**

**Dismissal**

L: Go in peace... spread His word abundantly.

**C: We Will. Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn 'Sent Forth by God's Blessing' #547  
Bells, Postlude

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John 10:27 "My sheep hear my voice;  
I know them and they follow me."

**Pastor Cheryl's Summer Hours:** Mondays (FELC Pastor Office 9 am to 3 pm), Tuesdays (Zion Lutheran 11 am to 5 pm), Wednesdays (FELC Pastor Office 11 am to 5 pm, & Thursdays (FELC Pastor Office 9 am – 3 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.

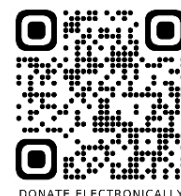
**Welcome to all visitors and guests!** May the joy of Christ fill you as we worship today. Friendship Pads are at the ends of each pew (by middle aisle). Fill them out, pass them on to your neighbor(s), and send them back to the middle aisle.

**KDIO Radio Broadcast** is sponsored in part by your gifts to the Endowment Fund and in part by Garry & Ethel Swenson in memory of Kate Heinecke and in memory of Kelly Athey. [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>June 2026</u>	<u>Year-to-Date 2026</u>
Offerings/Gifts:	\$14,512.22	\$102,891.91
Zion Receivable:	\$3,471.11	\$20,855.94
Total Revenue:	\$17,983.33	\$123,747.85
Expenses:	\$20,521.59	\$123,647.17
Balance:	-\$2,538.26	\$100.68



DONATE ELECTRONICALLY

**July's pink envelope emphasis is for Families in Need.** You can find special pink envelopes for designated giving in the Narthex.

**Happy Birthday wishes** go out to Arlene Gustafson whose birthday is on July 14<sup>th</sup> and to Jyla Dahle whose birthday is on July 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Attending Water's Edge Bible Camp this week** are Reba Evje and Olive Young. Please add these youth to your prayers to have a safe and inspirational time this week.

**SWMN Synod's Lutheran Men in Mission** will be having a golf tournament on Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup> in Redwood Falls. See the flyer by the office and if interested sign up forms are available in the office.

**Big Stone Lake Area Food Shelf** is once again participating in Hunger Solutions "Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless" campaign in July. The goal is to raise \$5,000.00. See the flyer by the office.

**Youth in grade 7th thru 12th are invited to attend the Mini Mission Trip** to Churches United of the Fargo-Moorhead area on Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. Students will serve in a variety of areas on this one-day trip helping with making a meal, serving a meal, clean up following a meal, stocking food pantry shelves, unloading items, boxing items, sorting items for shelves, and a variety of projects. Students are required to sign up prior to July 22<sup>nd</sup>. There is a signup form on our website and in the Youth Facebook group.

**Drivers and Chaperones for this 1-Day Mission Trip are needed.** Please contact Pastor Cheryl if you can help out with this.

**Stonecroft Ministries Women's Connection** will be meeting on Tues., July 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 pm at Big Stone Tabor Methodist Church. The speaker will be Alan & Loretta Sorenson of Yankton, SD, whose talk is titled, "Relentless Love." The special feature will be Alan & Loretta, too. Music will be provided by Lael & Doria Jacobson accompanied by Amy Adelman. The cost is \$6.00, and you can register with Carol Karels at 320-487-2355 or just be a walk-in. Free nursery by reservation. ALL ARE WELCOME!

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR – COMMUNITY SHREDDING EVENT – WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2026 FROM 10:00 AM TO 1:00 PM. FELC Parking Lot.** First English Lutheran Church Endowment Board is going to help you either toss it or file it and help you with your purging of old documents that you may be or have been storing. We will be sponsoring a shredding event in our church parking lot on Wednesday, August 26, 2026. The time will be 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M., a three-hour event. The number of boxes that a person can bring will be limited to seven (7) boxes



or less. Here is your chance to shred all the paperwork or documents you are afraid to throw away for fear of it getting into the wrong hands. You may ask, "What is the cost?" Your cost will be a free-will donation to FELC for the Elevator Project.

At the July meeting, the Endowment Board discussed what would be an outreach project that would benefit our parishioners and community. Several parishioners have been asking about a Shredding Event and so the wheels started turning and after much discussion a shredding event was decided.

Come join us on August 26th by bringing your shredding to the truck. It will all be shredded on site. They will not be taking the boxes or shredding them, so perhaps you can watch your papers disappear and take your containers with you. We will have further information as we proceed. This is a head's up...start your cleaning and filling your boxes. We are helping you with your cleaning!!!

Endowment Board.

### **Part-Time Church Youth Program Leader Wanted!**

Are you passionate about helping young people grow in their faith and discover their unique gifts? Do you love creating fun, engaging environments where youth feel seen, heard, and valued?

The First English and Zion Lutheran Church partnership of Ortonville, MN is seeking a dynamic and dedicated Part-Time Youth Program Leader to lead our vibrant youth ministry. We're looking for someone who can connect with middle and high school students, build strong relationships, and guide them on their spiritual journey.

In this role, you'll have the opportunity to:

- Develop and implement exciting youth programs, events, and service projects.
- Mentor and disciple students, helping them deepen their relationship with Christ.
- Foster a welcoming and inclusive community where all youth belong.
- Collaborate with church leadership, parents, and volunteers.

If you're a self-starter with a heart for youth ministry and a desire to make a lasting impact, we want to hear from you! Lutheran background preferred, but not required for the right candidate.

Hours: 20 hours per week (includes Wednesday evening and Sunday)

Ready to make a difference? Send your resume and 3 references by to Pastor@firstenglish.net. Or drop off at 9 Third Street NW, Ortonville, MN. We can't wait to meet you!

**Larry's Refrigeration & Lennox are partnering to help someone in need**, with a donated furnace or air conditioner. Many people may need a helping hand, whether it is because they have lost their job, are a struggling veteran, disabled, ill, elderly, on a limited income, non-profit organizations, having a hard time for other reasons or someone who is always putting others first. Although, someone in this position may own a home, they cannot always afford to replace an old, inefficient furnace or A/C.

Feel The Love initiative is designed to help alleviate that issue. Through this program, Lennox Industries provides a free, high-efficiency, gas furnace or A/C – installed for free by participating dealers – to qualifying households in need across the country.

Larry's Refrigeration is a proud participant of this program. One household in our area will be chosen for Larry's Refrigeration and Heating, Inc to install a free furnace or A/C. Anyone can nominate a household or non-profit in need by simply completing a form online at feelthelove.com. See posted flyers for more information.

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT** for Jyla Dahle, Gail Olson, Burt Pansch; Monty Athey, Corin Dale, Alvin Dexter, Dustin Hanson, Larry Helgeson, Courtney Jorgensen, Jerry Stotesbery, Barbara Wegner, and George Wegner. AT FAIRWAY VIEW NEIGHBORHOODS: Ricky Anderson, Arvilla Bergseth, Adeline Burgess, Jim Hipple, Vivian Janssen, Arlen LaCombe, Aletta Simonitch, Janice Redfield in Clinton and Mary Lou Olson in Madison. ALL OUR MILITARY who are deployed to areas of conflict; 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 — July 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Organist:** Lisa Berdan

**Tech Desk:** Matt & Bryson Karels

**Lector:** Jim Foster

**Acolytes:** Miley & Amelia K.

**Greeters:** Paula Reisdorph & Arlene Vollmer

**FWV:** Marilyn Chindvall

**Ushers:** Art Vollmer, Brent Zahrbock and **2 Volunteers needed**

## Next Week's Ministry Assistants — July 19<sup>th</sup>

**Organist:** Carol Ydstie

**Lay Assistants:** Lori Larson & Dave Ellingson

**Lector:** Miley Block

**Greeters:** Darin & Kristi Ehrenberg

**Acolytes:** Liv & Brielle R. **Tech Desk:** Kim Anderson & Cameron Anderson

**Ushers:** Dean Longnecker, Gale May, Dick & Marla Strei

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Sun – 7/12** **Before** Service: Coffee & Fellowship in the Narthex  
9:00 am Worship– Broadcast on KDIO & Facebook Live  
10:30 am Fairway View pre-recorded service

**Mon- 7/13** 5:00 pm Bible Study on funerals with Pastor Cheryl at Zion

**Tues – 7/14** 8:30 am Day of Love  
4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Fairway View (Donnie's Diner)

**Wed – 7/15** 9:30 am Channel 3 Broadcast  
4:00 pm Fairway View Hymn Sing  
5:30 pm Channel 3 Broadcast  
5:30 pm Family Worship at Zion  
6:00 pm Family Meal at Zion  
6:30-10:30 pm Youth Fun Night at Zion



**Fri -7/17** 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

**Sun – 7/19** **Before** Service: Coffee & Fellowship in the Narthex  
9:00 am Worship– Communion- Broadcast on KDIO & Facebook Live