



July 19, 2026

First English Lutheran Church

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Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

ELW SETTING THREE



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 'Praise and Thanksgiving' #689
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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.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray... **C: Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Special Music 'Whispering Hope'
performed by Lindy Lu Hamner & Russ Howard

WORD

First Lesson: Isaiah 44:6-8

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

Psalm 86:11-17

ELW Psalm 86

L: ¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

C: ¹² **I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and glorify your name forevermore.**

L: ¹³ For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the pit of death.

C: ¹⁴ **The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people seeks my life; they have not set you before their eyes.**

L: ¹⁵ But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

C: ¹⁶ **Turn to me and have mercy on me; give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your handmaid.** ¹⁷ **Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame; because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.**

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Second Lesson: Romans 8:12-25

NT pg. 120

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Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation 'Alleluia, Lord to Whom?' pg. 142

Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 NT pg. 11-12

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 'Come, Ye Thankful People, Come' #693

1. Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home. All be safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin. God, our maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied. Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

2. All the world is God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield; wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown. First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear. Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

3. For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his harvest home; from his field shall in that day all offenses purge away; give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast, but the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.

4. Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home. Gather then thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin, there, forever purified, in thy garner to abide. Come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home!

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt. Music: George J. Elvey, 1816-1893

NICENE CREED

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C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

P: Trusting in God's steadfast love... the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

P: *(petition ends with)*.... God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus. **C: Amen**

MEAL

Offering Collection and Presentation

Offertory Hymn

'Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring'

#691

Offertory Prayer

P: Loving God, **C: we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.**

SHARING THE MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving

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P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface P: It is indeed right... and join their unending hymn.

'Holy, Holy, Holy'

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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: Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

Distribution Hymn

'Lamb of God'

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Distribution Hymn:

'As the Grains of Wheat'

#465

Distribution Hymn:

'Blessed Assurance'

#638

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

(Refrain): **This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long: this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Refrain)

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. (Refrain)

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915. Music: Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830-1908

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 : Compassionate God, **C through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.**

SENDING

Commission & Benediction: *(based on Romans 8:18-25)*

P: As you go from here into the week ahead.....and the presence of the Holy Spirit be with you and among you. **C: Amen.**

Pastor Leaves

Announcements

Dismissal

L: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C: We Will. Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn 'Sing to the Lord of the Harvest' #694

1. Sing to the Lord of harvest your songs of love and praise; with joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise; by him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move; sing to the Lord of harvest a joyous song of love.

2. God makes the clouds drop fatness, the deserts bloom and spring, the hills leap up in gladness, the valleys laugh and sing. God fills them with his fullness, all things with large increase and crowns the year with goodness, with plenty and with peace.

3. Bring to this sacred altar the gifts His goodness gave, the golden sheaves of harvest, the souls Christ died to save.

Your hearts lay down before him when at his feet you fall, and with your lives adore him who gave his life for all.

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-1875, alt. Music: Johann Steurlein, 1546-1613.

Bells

Postlude

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 joy of family by Glenda Reiffenberger. [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>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



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

Attending Water's Edge Bible Camp this week are Maizie Kaye, Coby Wittnebel, Mya Wittnebel, and as a Community Guide: Justice Wittnebel. Please add them to your prayers to have a safe and inspirational time this week.

Summer Pool Party Invite for FELC & Zion MEMBERS: Come one, come all (ages 0-110 welcome) to the Pool Party at the Ortonville Swimming Pool on Sunday, August 9th from 10:15 am to 12:15 pm. Free admission. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Floaties are welcome! See you there!



SWMN Synod's Lutheran Men in Mission will be having a golf tournament on Friday, July 24th 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.

Larry's Refrigeration & Lennox are partnering to help someone in need, with a donated furnace or air conditioner. 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.

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 29th. 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 22nd. 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 21st 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!

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Bellingham on July 28th from 12:30-5:30 pm. The goal for the day is 28 units of life-saving blood. You can call Audrey to make an appointment at 320-568-2385. See posted flyers for more info.

There will be a community shredding event at FELC on Wednesday, August 26th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. If you have sensitive information and haven't wanted to just throw it away, now is your chance to come and get it shredded. Your cost is a free-will donation to the FELC Elevator Repair Project.



We are collecting Noisy Offering next week which helps to pay 3 South African Students' tuition. Please remember to bring change next week to help support them.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT for 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 19th

Organist: Carol Ydstie **Lay Assistants:** Lori Larson & Jim Schmeichel
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

Next Week's Ministry Assistants — July 26th

Organist: Amy Adelman **Lector:** Barb Wiese
Greeters: Ellie Helgeson & Terry Kalberg **Acolytes:** Meadow & Madilyn
Tech Desk: Marge Dragseth & James Hodenfield
Ushers: Tami Lundberg, Paula Reisdorph, Jackie & Mel Domine

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun – 7/19 **Before** Service: Coffee & Fellowship in the Narthex
9:00 am Worship– Communion- Broadcast on KDIO & Facebook Live
Mon- 7/20 5:00 pm Bible Study on funerals with Pastor Cheryl at Zion
Tues – 7/21 **August Newsletter Deadline**
8:30 am Day of Love
4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Fairway View (Donnie's Diner)
Wed – 7/22 9:30 am Channel 3 Broadcast
11:00 am Staff Meeting
5:30 pm Channel 3 Broadcast
Fri -7/24 9:00 am Bulletins Printed
Sun – 7/26 **Before** Service: Coffee & Fellowship in the Narthex
9:00 am Worship – Favorite Hymns – Noisy Offering
– Broadcast on KDIO & Facebook Live

