



First English Lutheran Church

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Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Favorite Hymn Sunday

CONTEMPORARY



9:00 am

July 26, 2026

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: *(based on Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52)*

P: The kingdom of God is here, and coming.

C: A mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.

P: The kingdom of God is here, and coming.

C: Yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all was leavened.

P: The kingdom of God is here, and coming.

C: Treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then joyfully sells all he has and buys the field.

P: The kingdom of God is here, and coming.

C: A merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one of great value, sells all of his possessions and buys the pearl.

P: The kingdom of God is here, and coming.

Let all who have ears, hear. Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Favorite Hymn

Call to Confession *(adapted from Romans 8:26-27)*

P: When we don't know how or what... Let us confess our sins together;

— Time of silent reflection —

Prayer of Confession (*inspired by Matthew 13:31-32*)

P: Lord Jesus Christ,

C: We recognized how you have blessed us, and confess the times we fail to involve ourselves in planting any seeds of faith in the lives of others; the times when our personal agendas become more important than yours; the times when we have denied others the opportunity to expand their faith through our lack of interest or involvement; the times when our lives become so entangled with the values of the world that we forget what you have said and done and promised.

Lord, we know that when we become disconnected from you, our lives becomes parched and unfruitful and our faith becomes stunted and dry. Help us in our weakness.

Words of Assurance (*based on Romans 8: 31-32*)

P: Hear these words of... forgiven and set free to life everlasting.

C: Thanks be to God!

Hymn of Praise

Favorite Hymn

Special Music

'Danny Boy'

Brent Zahrbock

WORD

First Lesson: 1 Kings 3:5-12

OT pg. 238

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

Psalms 119:129-136

ELW Psalm 119

L: ¹²⁹ Your decrees are wonderful; therefore I obey them with all my heart.

C: ¹³⁰ When your word is opened it gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

L: ¹³¹ I open my mouth and pant because I long for your commandments.

C: ¹³² Turn to me and be gracious to me, as you always do to those who love your name.

L: ¹³³ Order my footsteps in your word; let no iniquity have dominion over me.

C: ¹³⁴ Rescue me from those who oppress me, and I will keep your commandments.

L: ¹³⁵ Let your face shine upon your servant and teach me your statutes.

C: ¹³⁶ My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your teaching.

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

Second Lesson: Romans 8:26-39

NT pg. 121

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

Children's Message and Noisy Offering

Gospel Lead In

Favorite Hymn

Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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

Favorite Hymn

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Love-Kingdom of God*

P: We believe in the love-kingdom of God,
through Christ upon us, within us, beyond us.

**C: We believe the love-kingdom is like a mustard seed;
sown in apparent insignificance,
growing into magnificence for the greening of the world.**

**We believe the love-kingdom is like yeast;
inserted in humble insignificance into the dough of life,
expanding into enough bread for the world.**

**We believe the love-kingdom of God is like a treasure;
lost and rendered insignificant under the ground,
now found with joy and thanksgiving.**

**We believe the love-kingdom of God is like pearls;
all others become in insignificant
when the largest, most beautiful pearl of all is found.**

**We believe the love-kingdom of God is like a net full of fish;
where even insignificant sardines are saved
but worm-ridden barracouta are thrown away.**

**We believe in the love-kingdom of God,
through Christ upon us, within us, beyond us;**

where the meek and the poor, the merciful and the hungry,
rejoice with the angels of God.

Loving God, we believe; scatter our unbelief.

Prayers of Intercession

P: People of God, as we come... God to come near and listen to us...
A brief silence.

Prayer petitions end with

P: May your love be in us like a seed,

C: Taking root and growing strong.

P: Teach us Your ways, Lord, so that our hearts are flooded... rhythm
with You and pounds greatly for Your kingdom. **C: Amen**

Offering Collection and Presentation

Offertory Hymn

Favorite Hymn

Prayer for the Dedication of the Offering

P: Let us pray...

**C: God, whose giving knows no ending, we offer up the treasure that
you have entrusted to us; we offer up the skills and time that you have
graciously given to us; we offer up ourselves in service and praise.**

**Receive these gifts by your grace. Multiply and use them through the
power of the Holy Spirit to accomplish Christ's work of love in the world.
Amen.**

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.**

SENDING

Commission & Benediction: *(based on Romans 8:35-39)*

P: As we leave this place, remember this: be with you and among
you in the days ahead and forever! **C: Amen.**

Pastor Leaves
Announcements

Dismissal

L: Go in peace... Your treasure is in heaven.

C: We Will. Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn

Favorite Hymn

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 by your gifts to the Endowment Fund. [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



DONATE ELECTRONICALLY

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 Fiona Backstrand, Vayda Backstrand, Poppy Conroy, Jacob Fladhammer, Arlie Giese, Baylor Kellen, Hartley Neuman, Kimberly Neuman, Gia Wollschlager, and Landri Wollschlager. **Going on the 1-day Mission Trip on Wednesday are:** Cali Longnecker, Gibson Evje, Dawson Evje, Alexis Tollakson, Martino Cochran, Brandon Kaye, Archer Dorry, chaperones, and possibly more children. Please add these members 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!



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. Nominations close August 31st. See posted flyers for more information.

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.

7 boxes maximum. Your cost is a free-will donation to the FELC Elevator Repair Project.



FELC Benefit Auction: As many of you know, our elevator underwent repairs this past spring to meet state code. The cost of the repairs took a large sum out of our reserve. We are hoping this auction can be a way to add some back to it to help secure our future. Items (or services) can be either donated or if you have something larger you are thinking of selling but need some money from it, they can be added to the auction as a consignment item.

Consignment items will have a 10% commission deducted. Good news is that the commission that's deducted now becomes a donation to the church and would be tax deductible. All monies received during the auction for donated items would be tax deductible as well.

You do not need to be a member of the church either, if you have friends or family that may have items they are wanting to sell let them know what we're doing. We all have something sitting around we no longer need or use, let us sell it for you. You can contact Mark Block, Darin Ehrenberg, or the church office with items or services you are thinking about donating (or selling).

All are Welcome for Summer Worship 5:30 pm Wednesday Evening, Aug. 5th. For those unable to attend Sunday morning services in the summer, evening worship will be held at 5:30 pm on August 5th at Zion Lutheran. Depending on weather, the service will be held on the new patio at the back of the church. Please bring a lawn chair. (In case of rain, we will move inside).

Following the service, a potluck meal will be held at 6 pm with time for fellowship following. A main entre will be provided. Attendees are asked to bring a side or dessert. Donations are also welcomed, as are Thrivent grant cards.

After the meal, we will have our August Youth Fun Night at Zion from 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm. Youth are invited to bring their friends.

Volunteers are needed to help with setup for the worship service, the meal, and clean up. We also need donations of snacks and help for the Youth Fun night activities. Contact Pastor for more information.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT for Marilyn Chindvall, Gail Olson, Burt Pansch; Monty Athey, Corin Dale, Alvin Dexter, Dustin Hanson, Larry Helgeson, Courtney Jorgensen, and Jerry Stotesbery.  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 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

Next Week's Ministry Assistants — August 2nd

Greeters: Wollschlager Family **Acolytes:** Chase & Cameron
Tech Desk: Kim Anderson & Cody Backstrand **Lector:** Liv Wollschlager
Lay Assistants: Becky Parker & Jim Schmeichel **Organist:** Carol Ydstie
Ushers: Gale May, Dean Strand, Vern Nickolauson, & Dave Ellingson
FWV: Warren & Barb Wiese

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun – 7/26 **Before** Service: Coffee & Fellowship in the Narthex
9:00 am Worship – Favorite Hymns – Noisy Offering
– Broadcast on KDIO & Facebook Live



Mon- 7/27 11:00 am Staff Meeting

Tues – 7/28 8:30 am Day of Love
4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Fairway View (Donnie's Diner)

Wed – 7/29 8 am Youth, Chaperones,
 & Pastor depart for 1-Day Mission Trip
9:30 am Channel 3 Broadcast
5:30 pm Channel 3 Broadcast

Fri - 7/31 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

Sun – 8/2 **Before** Service: Coffee & Fellowship in the Narthex
9:00 am Worship – Communion
– Broadcast on KDIO & Facebook Live



10:30 am Fairway View Worship (pre-recorded)
4:00 pm Pie & Ice Cream Social at Zion Lutheran Church