



First English Lutheran Church
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Rev. Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett, Pastor
Lisa Berdan, Senior Choir Director
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



August 16, 2026

ELW SETTING THREE

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

Prayer of Confession (*based on Matthew 15: 21-28*)

P: Merciful God, we confess that, just like Jesus' disciples... wishing that they would just go away and leave us in peace. **C: Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

C: In Your mercy, forgive us. Remind us again of the deep love You showed toward us when we were still in need—a love so deep that it sent You willingly to the cross on our behalf.

Show us how to love others as You have loved us. Teach us Your compassion, so that we may be Your hands and feet to those in need. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (*based on Romans 11: 1-2, 29-32*)

P: Brothers and sisters, nothing we say or do can ever separate us from God's mercy and love, for God's gifts and God's call can never be withdrawn. His ultimate purpose is not to punish, but to forgive. So be at peace. God has heard your confession. Your sins are forgiven.

C: Thanks be to God!

Gathering Hymn

'All Are Welcome'

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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: Let us pray... **C: God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Special Music

'10,000 Reasons'

Archer & Maizie

Lisa Berdan, accompanying

WORD

First Lesson: Genesis 45:1-15

OT pg. 33

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

Psalms 133

ELW Psalm 133

L: ¹ How good and how pleasant it is, when kindred live together in unity!

C: ² It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.

L: ³ It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion. For there the Lord has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

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

Second Lesson: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

NT pg. 122

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Gospel Acclamation

'Alleluia, Lord to whom?'

pg. 142

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

'Healer of Our Every Ill'

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APOSTLE'S CREED

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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 Intercession

P: Merciful God, In love You created us, and in love You sustain us...her
life, we bring the needs of others in prayer:

A brief silence.

P: *(petition ends with)*.... Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Sustain all those who look to You in hope. Strengthen... In the name
of Jesus Christ, the light of the world. **C: Amen**

MEAL

Offering Collection and Presentation

Offertory Hymn

'Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing'

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**1. Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the
glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!**

**2. My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread
through all the earth abroad the honors of your name.**

**3. The name of Jesus charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease, sings
music in the sinner's ears, brings life and health and peace.**

**4. He speaks, and list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive; the
mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.**

5. Look unto him, your Savior own, O fallen human race! Look and be saved through faith alone, be justified by grace!

6. To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt. Music: Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872.

Prayer for the Offering *(based on Genesis 45:1-15)*

P: God, You've given each one of us unique gifts and abilities and... neighborhoods and places of employment.

C: Just as You used Joseph's abilities to fulfil Your purposes in Egypt long ago, we pray that You would use us, too. Take our gifts, our time and our resources. Use them—and us—as You see fit so that, through us, Your Kingdom might come and Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Amen

SHARING THE MEAL The Great Thanksgiving pg. 206

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.

Prayer of Preparation

P: Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in. Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared; we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table. But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation, and share your bread with sinners. So cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son, that he may live in us and we in him; and that we, with the whole company of Christ, may sit and eat at your banquet table. Let us sing...

'Holy, Holy, Holy' pg. 144

Words of Institution pg. 130

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.

Invitation to Communion

P: The gifts of God are irrevocable. Come share in His mercy.

Distribution Hymn 'Lamb of God' pg. 146

Distribution Hymn 'One Bread, One Body' #496

Distribution Hymn 'My Faith Looks Up To Thee' #759

1. My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away, oh, let me from this day be wholly thine!

2. May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

3. While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

4. When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream shall o'er me roll; blest Savior, then, in love fear and distrust remove; oh, bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-1887. Music: Lowell Mason, 1792-1872.

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 11: 1-2, 29-32)*

P: As you go from here, remember this...among you and within you wherever you find yourselves this week. **C: Amen.**

Pastor Leaves
Announcements

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. God's mercy is for all. **C: We Will! Thanks be to God!**

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run; his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2. To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head; his name like sweet perfume shall rise with ev'ry morning sacrifice.

3. People and realms of ev'ry tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song; and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

4. Blessings abound where'er he reigns: the pris'ners leap to lose their chains, the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.

5. Let ev'ry creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our king; angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt. Music: attr. John Hatton, d. 1793.

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.

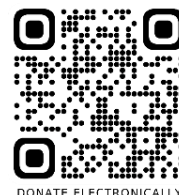
Welcome to all visitors and guests! May the joy of Christ fill you as we worship today. Friendship Pads are at the ends of each pew (by middle aisle). Fill them out, pass them on to your neighbor(s), and send them back to the middle aisle.

KDIO Radio Broadcast is sponsored in loving memory of Ray Bergeson from Lois Bergeson and sons. [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>July 2026</u>	<u>Year-to-Date 2026</u>
Offerings/Gifts:	\$15,409.47	\$118,301.38
Zion Receivable:	\$3,466.42	\$24,322.36
Total Revenue:	\$18,875.89	\$142,623.74
Expenses:	\$19,758.80	\$143,405.97
Balance:	- \$882.91	- \$782.23



DONATE ELECTRONICALLY

August's pink envelope emphasis is for Baptism Chests. You can find special pink envelopes for designated giving in the Narthex.

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Rita Verheul whose birthday is Thursday the 20th and Ardell LaCombe whose birthday is Saturday the 22nd.

Stonecroft Ministries Women's Connection will be meeting on Tues., August 18th at 5:30 pm at Big Stone Tabor Methodist Church. The speaker will be Paula Zukowski of Shoreview, MN whose talk is titled, "A Real Fixer-upper." The special feature is Margaret Artz, Chief development officer from the Abbey of the Hills speaking about the history and activities at the Abbey. Music will be provided by Trudy C. Hartman of Brandon, SD. The cost is \$6.00, and you can register with Carol Karels at 320-487-2355 or just be a walk-in. ALL ARE WELCOME!

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.

The Youth Program Leader position for FELC and Zion Lutheran has been filled. Nancie Haukos has accepted the position and will officially begin her duties on September 1st.

Our Annual Backpack Blessing is August 30th – Let's send our congregation's kids into the new school year assured of God's promises and our loving support! Please join us at our 9:00 am worship service so we can include all our young people in our prayers as they return to school. Children should bring along their school backpacks for this special backpack blessing event. During the service, children will come forward for a special moment of prayer and blessing.

Parents & Students Confirmation Orientation set for 6 pm September 2nd.

Any high school age student who has not attended confirmation and would like to may also enroll in the program through arrangements with Pastor Cheryl. An independent study option is available for older youth who desire to complete the requirements. Instruction for 2026-27 begins on September 9th at 3:30 pm for 7th and 8th and 4:30 pm for 9th graders. Classes on early out days are held at 1:45 pm with 9th graders at 2:45 pm. A registration form is on the first page of the newsletter and will be on the Youth Facebook group page to download and complete prior to orientation night.

Signup sheets will also be available that evening for parents to sit in to class, offer snacks, offer food for the 5:30 pm youth meal.

Fall First Communion Classes Registration Open: Children in 2nd grade on up from First English and Zion Lutheran are invited to participate in First Communion Classes this fall. Students are required to attend two hour-long classes. Classes will be held at First English on Oct. 1st & 8th beginning at 3:30 pm depending on the grade of the child. 2nd & 3rd graders will meet at 3:30. 5th & 6th graders will meet at 4:30. Please see the August newsletter for more information.

New Member Sunday will be October 4th. If you're interested in becoming a member reach out to Pastor Cheryl or someone on the Evangelism Committee. We also have forms in the Narthex that you can fill out and return to the office.

"God's work. Our hands." is the ELCA's annual day of service, taking place Sept. 13, 2026. Service projects include: cleaning the cemetery, ditch walk cleanup, making muffins for police/EMT/hospital workers, a food drive, and making recycled cards After the service projects, Evangelism is planning on holding a potluck meal with BBQs as the main entree.

FELC Benefit Auction (deadline Sept 1st): You do not need to be a member of the church to donate an item or service. If you have friends or family that may have items they are wanting to sell let them know what we're doing (we can sell consignment items with a 10% commission deducted). We all have something sitting around we no longer need or use, let us sell it for you. Please contact Mark Block, Darin Ehrenberg, or the church office with items or services you are thinking about donating (or selling) before September 1st. All monies received during the auction for donated items would be tax deductible as well. Bidding will start September 11th and go until September 21st.

Prairie Five's having a grand opening of a Food Hub 8/24 (703 Hwy 212 W Montevideo). You're welcome to join their lunch from 11 am -1 pm.

Larry's Refrigeration & Lennox are partnering to help someone in need, with a donated furnace or air conditioner. 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. Nominations close August 31st. See posted flyers 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, 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 — August 16th

Organist: Kathy Haukos

Lay Assistants: Kris Redfield & Liz Ketz

Lector: Jim Foster

Greeters: Bruce & Kris Redfield

Acolytes: Kimberly & Hartley

Tech Desk: Matt & Bryson Karels

Ushers: Gale May, Warren Wiese, Russ Thielke, & Connie Newman

Next Week's Ministry Assistants — August 23rd

Organist: Lisa Berdan

Tech Desk: Liz Ketz & Cameron Anderson

Greeters: Sandy & Tom Rice

Lector: Marilyn Hanson

Acolytes: Lola & Liam

Ushers: Gale May, Jim Foster, Art Vollmer
& Gene Stotesbery

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun – 8/16 **Before** Service: Coffee & Fellowship in the Narthex
9:00 am Worship – Communion
– Broadcast on KDIO & Facebook Live

Tues – 8/18 8:30 am Day of Love
4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Fairway View (Donnie's Diner)

Wed – 8/19 9:30 am Channel 3 Broadcast
4:00 pm Hymn Sing at Fairway View
5:30 pm Channel 3 Broadcast



Fri – 8/21 **CORN FEST BEGINS**

9:00 am Bulletins Printed

Sun – 8/23 **Before** Service: Coffee & Fellowship in the Narthex

8:30 am Kitchen in use by Giese-Otto Family

9:00 am Worship Service – Favorite Hymns –

Kylar & Wyatt Otto Baptisms – Broadcast on KDIO & Facebook Live

10-11:00 am Giese-Otto Private Family Brunch in Fellowship Hall