



First English Lutheran Church
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Lisa Berdan, Senior Choir Director



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost & Backpack Blessing
August 30, 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 *(inspired by Galatians 5:13-25)*

P: Loving Father, we struggle to manifest the fruits of the Spirit, but often find ourselves bound by works of the flesh.

C: We know the whole law is summed up in the single commandment to love our neighbor as ourselves. Yet we create fences around ourselves to keep neighbors outside and tell ourselves we have no responsibility. Even in our own back yard we “bite and devour” one another. We wish it were different. When Jesus calls us to follow him, we find every excuse to instead go home or to the workplace to finish something more important first. Yet we yearn to be more centered on You. Forgive us Lord.

Silent confession.....

Assurance of Pardon

P: Despite our resistance, We need only ask and we are forgiven. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gathering Hymn *"Lift High the Cross"* vs 1, 2, 4 #660
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

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

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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.**

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

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: O God, **C: we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

Special Music

'The Ash Grove'

Flute Quartet

Christie Petersen, Deb Rausch, Diane Stewart, Amy Adelman

WORD

First Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

NT p 146

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 26:1-8

¹ Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity; I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

² Test me, O Lord, and try me; examine my heart and my mind.

³ For your steadfast love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

⁴ I have not sat with the worthless, nor do I consort with the deceitful.

⁵ I have hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked.

⁶ I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, that I may go in procession round your altar,

⁷ singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

⁸ Lord, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides.

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Children's Message
BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS!

Students are invited to come forward with their backpacks.

Backpack Blessing – Live by the Spirit!

P: Heavenly Father, we want to begin this new school year as we begin each day, with your blessing and guidance.

C: Watch over our students, the owners of these backpacks, as they take the next steps in their education.

P: You have called these children to be your own by grace through faith in Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Their backpacks will be filled with books, but fill their lives to overflowing with your Spirit and the fruit he brings.

P: We know the Spirit's fruit of love, because we daily experience the love that you, Lord, show to us.

C: We pray that these students will go through each school day confident in Jesus' love and eager to share his love with others.

P: We have the Spirit's fruit of joy in the forgiveness of our sins and in the sure and certain hope of eternal life.

C: As our students experience the excitement of learning and the happiness of new friendships, may they live in the joy that Jesus brings.

P: You are the Prince of Peace, and you have promised to give us your peace.

C: On good days and on sad days, in frustrating times and scary situations, fill these children with the Spirit's fruit of peace, the peace found in your promise to be with them always.

P: You have been patient with us in our doubts and failings. Through your love we experience the Spirit's fruit of patience.

C: We pray that during the difficult days, these children will bring their hopes and sadness to you in prayer and with your help show to others the Spirit's fruit of patience.

P: Even though we do not deserve it, out of your grace you shower us with kindness and blessings.

C: We pray that these children will share the Spirit's fruit of kindness with other students, especially those who may be lonely or sad. May we all, children and adults alike, show kindness to those in need.

P: Your gracious goodness toward all people is displayed in the blessings of sun and rain, days of fruitful work and nights of peaceful rest.

C: We ask that our students might display the Spirit's fruit of goodness toward their friends and even toward those who may act unkindly toward them. Let your goodness be reflected in their thoughts, words and actions.

P: You kept your promise to send your Son, and you are faithful in keeping all of your promises.

C: Help each child here to grow in the Spirit's fruit of faithfulness. Keep their faith strong, even when they are challenged because of the love they have for you.

C: Almighty God, hear our prayer and accept our praise in Jesus' name. Amen.

(children can collect their offering
and then take their backpacks)

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon Song *"Will You Come and Follow Me"* (vs 1,2 & 5)
ELW 798

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.

MEAL

Prayer for Others *(inspired by Galatians 5:22-26)*

P: With bold trust in God's and all of God's creation.

Silence for reflection...

P: *(petition ends with* Hear us Lord Jesus.....

Your response is : and help us to Live by the Spirit!

P: In the name of Jesus we ask you to perfect us, whatever that may take, and give us the grace to endure your renovation process. **Amen.**

Offering Collection and Presentation

Offertory Hymn 'For the Beauty of the Earth' vs 1, 2, 5 #879

1. For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:

(Refrain): Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

2. For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:

(Refrain)

5. For each perfect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n; for thyself, best gift divine, to our world so freely giv'n:
(Refrain)

Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835-1917, alt. Music: Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872.

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.

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 Exodus 3)*

P: As you go out into the world and the presence of the Holy Spirit strengthen and sustain you in all things. **C: Amen.**

Pastor Leaves

Announcements

Dismissal: Go in peace... to love and serve the Lord

C: We Will. Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

#656

1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the unity of heart and mind is like to that above.

2. Before our Father’s throne we pour our ardent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

3. We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear, and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

4. From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free; and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740-1817, alt. Music Johann G Nageli, 1773-1836, adapt.

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>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



September's pink envelope emphasis is for Endowment Fund/KDIO. You can find special pink envelopes for designated giving in the Narthex.

3 South African students are sponsored by the Noisy Offering. Each student's tuition is \$300 a year. Your generosity helps us meet these obligations. Please remember to bring your change next Sunday.

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 August 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.

Big Stone Area Memory Loss Connection invites you to a free community event on 10 Healthy Brain Habits. The event will be held on Thursday, September 10th from 1:00-4:00 PM at the Clinton Memorial Building. Free transportation is available, see the poster for details.

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.

Congratulations to Owen and Karli Longnecker who were married here yesterday and Happy 67th Anniversary to Gene & Marcella Stotesbery whose anniversary was yesterday, also.

THANK YOU EVERYONE WHO HELPED
MAKE OUR SHREDDING PROJECT A
SUCCESS. THERE WERE MANY
WONDERFUL COMMENTS THANKING
US AND SHARING THEIR APPRECIATION!



Watch for more pictures with our youth helping!

Youth and adults are invited
to be a part of this year's
Christmas Cantata at the
Abbey — as singers or
instrumentalists — to be held
Saturday, December 5th
and Sunday, December 6th,
at Abbey of the Hills.



A “meet and greet” will be held Sunday, August 30, at First
English Lutheran at 4:00 pm for information and sign - up
as well as Wednesday, September 2 at 6:30 pm.

Subsequent practices will typically be held on
Wednesdays (6:30) beginning September 2 or Sundays
(4:00) beginning September 20. If you would like to be a
part of the group but have conflicts with these first few
meeting times, contact Lisa Berdan at (320) 305-1123.

Senior Choir is practice is starting up as well. New
members of all ages with a basic enthusiasm for music
and desire to spend time with a fun, supportive group are
always welcome and appreciated! Choir will be held at
7:15 pm on Wednesdays through September. Come join
us!

PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT for Matt Carlson, Marilyn Chindvall, Gail Olson, Burt Pansch; Monty Athey, Corin Dale, Alvin Dexter, Dustin Hanson, Larry Helgeson, Courtney Jorgensen, Mary Ross, Jerry Stotesbery, and Christina Thompson. AT FAIRWAY VIEW NEIGHBORHOODS: Ricky Anderson, Arvilla Bergseth, Adeline Burgess, Jim Hipple, Vivian Janssen, Evelyn Olson, 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.



Next Week's Ministry Assistants — August 30th

Organist: Lisa Berdan **Greeters:** Lori Larson & Paula Reisdorph
Tech Desk: Marge Dragseth & Cody Backstrand **FWV: TBD**
Lector: Sara Mattison **Acolytes:** Dawson & Gibson
Ushers: Tami Lundberg, Josh Wollschlager, Eldon Knutson, & Amanda Stattelman

This Week's Ministry Assistants — September 6th

Organist: Kathy Haukos **Tech Desk:** Matt & Bryson Karels
Greeters: Dick & Marla Strei **Acolytes:** Jordan & Riley
Lector: Chris Petersen **FWV: TBD**
Lay Assistants: Dave Ellingson & Becky Parker
Ushers: Ev Johnson, Ron Athey Jon & Kim Anderson

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sun – 8/30 9:00 am Worship Service – Backpack Blessing –
Noisy Offering – Broadcast on KDIO

& Facebook Live

10:30 am Fairway View Service (pre-recorded)

4:00 pm Christmas Cantata Meet & Greet

Mon- 8/31 11:00 Staff Meeting

Tues – 9/1 8:30 am Day of Love

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

Wed – 9/2 9:00 am Circle 4 (church lounge)

9:30 am Channel 3 Broadcast

5:30 pm Channel 3 Broadcast

6:00 - 7:30 pm Confirmation Orientation for
students & parents

6:30 pm Christmas Cantata Practice

7:15 pm Senior Choir Practice

Fri – 9/4 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

Sun – 9/6 **BEFORE the service:** Coffee & Fellowship in the
Narthex

9:00 am Worship Service – Communion –

Broadcast on KDIO & Facebook Live

10:30 am Fairway View Service (pre-recorded)

3:15-6:00 pm Cantata Practice

Join us for God's Work, Our Hands 9/13

There will be a shorter service beginning at 9:00 AM. We will then be dismissed from the service to go and work on Projects to aid our community. Here is a list of some options. Members from various boards will be heading up each event. Marge Drasgeth will serve as the contact person so if you have other ideas or questions just get a hold of her.

- Christian Ed & Stewardship will lead muffin making and delivering for the hospital, EMTs, and police workers.
- Youth & Family will lead the ditch walk cleanup of our stretch on Hwy 75.
- Lay Ministry will lead headstone cleaning at Mound Cemetery.
- Properties will coordinate a food drive/needs collection.

Consider donating to Someplace Safe and Main Street Industries here at the church. There is a drop off box in the Narthex. We are looking for items like Dental Hygiene products (toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, dental floss, etc.), Bathing products (shampoo, conditioner, body wash/soap, etc.), Menstrual products (tampons, disposable pads, etc.), Deodorant, Lotion, Chapstick/Lip Balm, Nail Clippers/Nail Files, Toilet Paper, Kleenex, Combs/Brushes, Diapers/Wipes, Cleaning products, Art Supplies (markers, colored pencils, crayons, pens), Word search books/Seek and Find, Fidgets & Post it Notes. Also, any food items that you would like to have taken to the Food Shelf. If you want to donate and need someone to pick up your items, call the church and arrangements will be made to pick it up for you.

- Evangelism will coordinate the Potluck meal and there will be recycled cards available to make cards for individuals. The potluck meal will consist of BBQs which will be provided, and each person is asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share.



First English Lutheran Church ONLINE AUCTION

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A wide
variety of
donated
items.

Bid online
beginning
Sept. 11 @
12:05 am
Through
Sept. 21

Load out
days
Sept. 22-23

PROCEEDS
TO REBUILD
THE FUNDS
USED FOR
THE
ELEVATOR
UPGRADE.



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