



First English Lutheran Church
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Lisa Berdan, Senior Choir Director
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
ELW SETTING THREE



August 9, 2026

PREPARATION

Prelude, Bells

Welcome & Announcements

Peace:

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever. **C: Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: 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.**

L: 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

'Oh, Sing to the Lord'

#822

GREETING

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L: 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

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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'

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Prayer of the Day

L: Almighty God, **C: O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Special Music

'In the Garden'

Dorla & Lael Jacobson

WORD

First Lesson: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

OT pg. 26-27

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

Psalms 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

ELW Psalm 105

L: ¹ Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's name; make known the deeds of the Lord among the peoples.

C: ² Sing to the Lord, sing praises, and speak of all God's marvelous works.

L: ³ Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

C: ⁴ Search for the strength of the Lord; continually seek God's face.

L: ⁵ Remember the marvels God has done, the wonders and the judgments of God's mouth,

C: ⁶ O offspring of Abraham, God's servant, O children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.

L: ¹⁶ Then God called for a famine in the land and destroyed the supply of bread.

C: ¹⁷ The Lord sent a man before them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

L: ¹⁸ They bruised his feet in fetters; his neck they put in an iron collar.

C: ¹⁹ Until his prediction came to pass, the word of the Lord tested him.

L: ²⁰ The king sent and released him; the ruler of the peoples set him free,

C: ²¹ setting him as a master over his household, as a ruler over all his possessions,

L: ²² to instruct his princes according to his will and to teach his elders wisdom. ^{45b} Hallelujah!

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Becky Parker

Gospel Acclamation 'Alleluia, Lord to whom?'

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Holy Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

NT pg. 12-13

L:The Holy Gospel according to...**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

Sermon

**'In Every Place I Found God:
Making Room in the Midst of the Storm'**

Edie Barrett

Sermon Song

'My Life Flows on in Endless Song'

#763

1. My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation, I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

(Refrain): **No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?**

2. Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing. It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? (Refrain)

3. What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth. What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth.

(Refrain)

4. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing! All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?

(Refrain)

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899. Music: Robert Lowry, alt.

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

L: God, You have called us to be... our prayers for the world You love.
A brief silence.

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

L: Through the power of Your Holy Spirit, open our eyes... For You are our God, and we are Your people, called by Your name. **C: Amen**

MEAL

Offering Collection and Presentation

Offertory Hymn

'Precious Lord, Take My Hand'

#773

Prayer of the Offering *(based on Matthew 14:22-33)*

L: Gracious God, **C: You call us to let go of the things we cling to and step out in faith, trusting in Your love and provision. Give us courage to step out boldly, and sufficient faith to follow without fear. Take our lives and our gifts. Use them to accomplish more than we could possibly imagine, so that, through us, Your kingdom might come and Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. 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: *(inspired by Romans 10: 5-10)*

L: Brothers and sister, God calls us to step.... the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **C: Amen.**

Dismissal

L: Go in peace... the Lord saves you. **C: We Will. Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn

'When Peace Like a River'

#785

1. When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll, whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.

(Refrain): **It is well (it is well) with my soul, (with my soul,) it is well, it is well with my soul.**

2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control, that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed his own blood for my soul. (Refrain)

3. He lives--oh, the bliss of this glorious thought; my sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (Refrain)

4. Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; even so it is well with my soul. (Refrain)

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888, Music: Villa Du Havre, Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876.

Bells, Postlude

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

Pastor Cheryl is taking time off and will be back Aug. 11th. Pastor Cheryl's Regular 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.

Thank you to Edie Barrett and Becky Parker for helping lead our service today!

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 memory of Joe Rondeau (son of Pastor Cheryl) whose birthday was August 8th. [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 Eldon Knutson whose birthday is Friday, Aug. 14th.

May the God of consolation be with Kayla and Mack Minder and family on the death of Mack's mother, Tammy Minder on July 29th.

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 after church today, 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!



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 also be a Prayer Coffee August 12th, 2:00 pm at 725 Highland Hwy.**

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.



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. Keep an eye out for more information about what service projects will be set up. We will share information in the bulletins and September newsletter as it becomes available.

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).

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 9th

Organist: Amy Adelman

Lector: Jon Ydstie

Greeters: Ev Johnson & Marilyn Hanson

Acolytes: Lexi & Brandon

Tech Desk: Drew Johnson & Liam Johnson

FWV: Becky Parker

Ushers: Darin & Kristi Ehrenberg, Ellie & Harley Helgeson

Next Week's Ministry Assistants — August 16th

Organist: Kathy Haukos

Lay Assistants: Kris Redfield & Terry Kalberg

Lector: Jim Foster

Greeters: Bruce & Kris Redfield

Acolytes: Kimberly & Hartley

Tech Desk: Matt & Bryson Karels

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun – 8/9 Before Service: Coffee & Fellowship in the Narthex

9:00 am Worship Service

(Becky Parker leading worship, Edie Barrett delivering the message)

– Broadcast on KDIO & Facebook Live



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

10:15-12:15 pm Pool Party (For FELC & Zion Members)

Mon- 8/10 4:00 pm Board of Evangelism Meeting

5:00 pm Board of Christian Education
meeting in craft room

Pastor Cheryl is
taking vacation and
will be back to
work on
Tues. 8/11

Tues – 8/11 8:30 am Day of Love

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

Wed – 8/12 9:30 am Channel 3 Broadcast

11:00 am Staff Meeting

2:00 pm Fairway View Worship

(Live with Pastor Cheryl & communion)

5:30 pm Channel 3 Broadcast

5:30 pm ~ 7:00 pm Council Meeting

~7:30 pm Technology Committee Meeting

Fri – 7/14 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

Sun – 8/16 Before Service: Coffee & Fellowship in the Narthex

9:00 am Worship – Communion

– Broadcast on KDIO & Facebook Live