



First English Lutheran Church
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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS



September 13, 2026

ELW SETTING THREE

9:00 am

Note: Offering basket as you enter – no collection or presentation

PREPARATION

Prelude, Bells

Welcome & Announcements

Greeting & Passing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Baptismal Song 'We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus' vs. 1 & 2 #451

HOLY BAPTISM

pg. 227

Libbie Josephine Schoon

P: In baptism our gracious heavenly Father...Sponsors, do you promise to nurture....covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?
Sponsor's Respose: *I do.*

P: People of God, do you promise to support Libbie Josephine Schoon and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

C: We do.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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.

P: Do you believe in God, the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

P: Oh Lord, Pour out your Holy Spirit... whom you have been baptized.

Laying Hands

P: Oh Lord, sustain Libbie Josephine Schoon...now and forever.

C: Amen.

Anointing

Libbie Josephine Schoon, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **C: Amen.**

Baptismal Candle

P: Libbie, Let your light...welcome our new sister in Christ.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Baptismal Song Continues 'We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus' vs 3

Words of Assurance: Psalm 103: 8-12

P: People of God, hear the good news!... peace, your sins are forgiven!

C: Thanks be to God!

Gathering Song 'Everybody's Got Something to Offer' DRM pg. 120

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.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray, **C: O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

Reading: Romans 14:1-12

NT pg. 124

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

C: ⁸ LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;

L: ⁹ you will not always accuse us, nor will you keep your anger forever.

C: ¹⁰ You have not dealt with us according to our sins, nor repaid us according to our iniquities.

L: ¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.

C: ¹² As far as the east is from the west, so far have you removed our transgressions from us.

L: ¹³ As a father has compassion for his children, so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.

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

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

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Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

NT pg. 15

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

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

Message

Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett

Prayers of Intercession

P: Gathered into God's embrace, let us lift our voices on behalf of a weary and wounded world.

Silence for Reflection.

P: *(petition ends with)*.... God, we pray, **C: open our hands in love.**

P: Into your wounded hands of love, O God, we place all our prayers, trusting in your mercy through the crucified and risen one Jesus.

C: 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.

BLESSING OF THE OIL:

P: Holy God, as oil was used as a... May its texture remind us that the soothing work of our hands is also pleasing to You. **C: Amen.**

Announcement of God's Work, Our Hands Options

AFFIRMATION OF SERVICE:

P: Sisters and Brothers in Christ, God is at work...hands in love, compassion and humility?

C: We will and ask God to help us.

Prayer of Commitment

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P: Let us pray, **C: Into your hands, almighty God, we place ourselves: our minds to know you, our hearts to love you, our wills to serve you, for we are yours. Into your hands, incarnate Savior, we place ourselves: receive us and draw us after you, that we may follow your steps; abide in us and enliven us by the power of your indwelling. Amen!**

BLESSING OF THE HANDS

As you leave, you may dip your finger in the anointed oil and make the sign of the cross on the back of your hand...

At this time, Please hold your hands up for the blessing

P: Friends in Christ: Today we give thanks to God and seek God's blessing as we are sent out to do God's Work with Our Hands... and be loving neighbors to all people on this day and always. **C: Amen.**

BLESSING:

P: God who sets forth the law of love... and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

SENDING

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. To love and serve the Lord.

C: We Will. Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn

'God's Work, Our Hands'

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Galatians 5:25 "If we live by the Spirit, we should also walk by the Spirit."

Pastor Cheryl's Hours: Mondays (FELC Pastor Office 10 am to 4 pm), Tuesdays (Zion Lutheran 10 am to 4 pm), Wednesdays (FELC Pastor Office 10 am to 3:30 (and then teaching confirmation classes), & Thursdays (FELC Pastor Office 10 am – 4 pm (unless up at FWV/or visiting members) or by appointment. Contact her anytime via text (605-237-1501) or email at pastor@firstenglish.net.

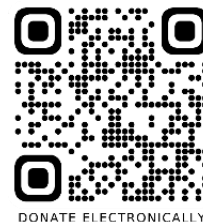
Welcome to all visitors and guests! May the joy of Christ fill you as we worship today. Friendship Pads are at the ends of each pew (by middle aisle). Fill them out, pass them on to your neighbor(s), and send them back to the middle aisle.

KDIO Radio Broadcast is sponsored in memory of Don and Joyce Koch from Kathy Haukos and family. [2026 & **2027** 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>August 2026</u>	<u>Year-to-Date 2026</u>
Offerings/Gifts:	\$22,631.47	\$140,932.85
Zion Receivable:	\$3,397.44	\$27,719.80
Total Revenue:	\$26,028.91	\$168,862.65
Expenses:	\$19,295.54	\$162,701.51
Balance:	\$6,733.37	\$5,951.14



DONATE ELECTRONICALLY

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

The new KDIO cards for 2027 are out in the Narthex if you would like to reserve a date.

Congratulations & God's Blessings to Austin & Shelby Schoon on the baptism of their daughter Libbie Josephine. Her sponsors are Logan & Gina Schoon.

The FELC Benefit Auction opened for bids on September 11th.

For easy viewing and bidding you can download the Zielsdorff app at <https://www.zielsdorffauctions.com/our-app>. There are slips with more information and a QR Code in the Narthex for you to take with you.

Today is God's Work, Our Hands. We will be dismissed from the service early to go and work on Projects to aid our community. Here is a list of Projects and the Boards heading them up:

Christian Ed & Stewardship will lead muffin-making and delivering to the hospital, EMTs and Police workers.

Youth & Family will lead the ditch walk clean-up of our stretch on Hwy 75.

Lay Ministry will lead headstone cleaning at Mound Cemetery.

Board of Properties is coordinating a donation drive for the local Food Shelf, Someplace Safe, and Main Street Industries. 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.

Evangelism will coordinate the Potluck meal, which will follow the completion of Projects. BBQs will be provided, and families are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Card-making will also happen in the church basement: appreciation cards to go with the muffins and cards used by Day of Love.

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.

Recognition of New Members 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.

Stonecroft Ministries Women's Connection will be meeting on Tues., September 15th at 5:30 pm at Big Stone Tabor Methodist Church. The speaker will be Janie Krohn of Yankton, SD, whose talk is titled, "Finding the Magnificent in the Mundane." The special feature is Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW), Betty Reinke & Beth Mueller talking about the Braille Production Center at Trinity Church, Ortonville. Music will be provided by Paula Rausch of Big Stone City, SD, with a singalong accompanied by guitar. The cost is \$6.00, food will be served, 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 September 9th, 2:00 pm at 725 Highland Hwy.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Bellingham Community Center on Tuesday, September 29 from 12:30- 5:30. Appointments for a regular or Power Red donation can be made by calling Audrey at (320) 568-2385. You can also schedule your own appointment by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, which is available for download in the App Store or Google Play Store or by visiting redcrossblood.org and selecting the Bellingham drive location.

There is a box of stuffed animals that someone allowed to be used by VBS one year. If it is yours, you can find it in the pickup room. Please pick it up ASAP. If it is not picked up soon, it will be donated to charity.

Rally Sunday is September 20th. There will be wildlife refuge activities after church.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT for Matt Carlson, Gail Olson, Burt Pansch; Monty Athey, Corin Dale, Alvin Dexter, Dustin Hanson, Larry Helgeson, Courtney Jorgensen, Barb Jorgenson, Mary Ross, and Jerry Stotesbery.  **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.

This Week's Ministry Assistants — GWOH, September 13th

Organist: Carol Ydstie **Acolytes:** Martino & MaKiyah
Greeters: Lois Bergeson & Marge Dragseth **Lector:** Chris Petersen
Tech Desk: Kim Anderson & Cameron Anderson **FWV:** Brent Zahrbock
Ushers: Warren Wiese, Dave Ellingson, Art Vollmer, & Brent Zahrbock

Next Week's Ministry Assistants — Rally Sunday, September 20th

Organist: Amy Adelman **Acolytes:** Liam & Sailor
Greeters: Garry & Ethel Swenson **Lector:** Youth
Tech Desk: Liz Ketz & Drew Johnson **Lay Assistants:** Youth
Ushers: Dean Longnecker, Gale May, Marla & Dick Strei

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun – 9/13 **Before Service** Coffee Visit w/Pastor
9:00 am Short GWOH Worship Service – Libbie Schoon
Baptism – Broadcast on KDIO & FB Live
9:30 am GWOH Service Projects
After Projects – Potluck Meal at FELC
10:30 am Fairway View Service (pre-recorded)

Mon- 9/14 11:00 am Staff Meeting
4 -7:00 pm Confirmand Interviews

Tues – 9/15 8:30 am Day of Love
4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Fairway View (Donnie's Diner)

Wed – 9/16 9:30 am TV Broadcast
3:30 pm Confirmation (7-8)
4:00 pm Hymn Sing at Fairway View
4:30 pm Confirmation (9)
5:30 pm Youth Group (7-12) & TV Broadcast
6:30 pm Cantata Practice
7:15 pm Senior Choir



Fri – 9/18 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

Sun – 9/20  **Rally Sunday** 

Before Service Coffee Visit w/Pastor
9:00 am Youth-Led Worship Service – Communion
– Installation of Nancie Haukos as Youth Director
– Broadcast on KDIO & FB Live
10:00 am Wildlife Refuge Activities
4:00 – 5:15 pm Cantata Practice