



First English Lutheran Church
9 NW 3rd ST; Ortonville, MN 56278
Rev. Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett, Pastor
Nancie Haukos, Youth Director
Lisa Berdan, Senior Choir Director
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Bible Presentation / Teacher Installation



September 27, 2026

CONTEMPORARY

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

Call to Worship: *(based on Psalm 25)*

P: We lift up our souls to you, Holy God.

C: We trust the Lord with our past, present, and future.

P: Teach us, Lord, that we may know your ways.

C: Guide our every move, Holy One, that we may walk in your paths of love and mercy.

P: Let us worship the One who leads us in what is right.

C: Together, let us worship God!

Gathering Hymn

'We Are Called'

Song Sheet pg. 23

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

P: Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Prayer of Confession

P: Gracious God, **C: forgive us when we fail to look honestly at ourselves. It is easy to minimize and justify our sin, believing we can appease our guilt. We are afraid, thinking it is up to us to remove our sins and make things right. But, we are powerless, and you are powerful. Help us to live fearlessly as we face our sin, knowing that we belong to the one who is able to break the power of all sin, Jesus.**

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

P: Hear the good news: Our Lord... your sins are forgiven.

C: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of the Day:

P: God of love, **C: giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Special Music

'God is Doing Something New'

Senior Choir

Jim Foster, Soloist

WORD

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

OT pg. 608

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

Psalm 25:1-9

ELW Psalm 25

L: ¹ To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.**C: ² My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**L: ³ Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.**C: ⁴ Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**L: ⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.**C: ⁶ Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**L: ⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of
your goodness, O LORD.**C: ⁸ You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**L: ⁹ You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13

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L: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.****CHILDREN'S TIME****Bible Presentation for K, 3rd & 7th**

Receive this Bible. Hear God's word with us. Learn and tell its stories.
Discover its mysteries. Honor its commandments. Rejoice in its good
news. May God's life-giving word inspire you and make you wise.

Amen.**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

TEACHER INSTALLATION

Brothers and sisters, you have volunteered your time.... I now ask you, people of First English Lutheran Church: Will you today renew your commitment to our youngest brothers and sisters, our children and youth who look to you for guidance, support, and examples of righteous living? **C: We will, and we ask God to help us.**

P: Will you pray for these leaders and the young people they serve, celebrating our children and youth as the ones Jesus blessed and welcomed? **C: We will, and we ask God to help us.**

BLESSING OF TEACHERS P: God of wisdom, your....face the challenges of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

Noisy Offering

Gospel Lead-In 'Listen Now for the Gospel' Song Sheet pg. 25

Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32 NT pg. 18

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 'Spirit, Open My Heart' Song Sheet pg. 27

APOSTLE'S CREED pg. 127

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: Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

A brief silence.

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

P: Almighty God, hear the prayers of Your people. Strengthen us now to live in selflessness as Christ, as we continue the work of Jesus, enabling us to will and to work for His good pleasure. **C: Amen**

MEAL

Offering Collection and Presentation

Offertory Hymn

'Stir Us, O Lord'

Song Sheet pg. 27

Prayer for the Offering *(inspired by Philippians 2: 1-13)*

P: Humble Savior, **C: you meet us at the start of every day and invite us to take on the mind of Christ. As we bring these gifts, set aside in us the need to win, to hoard, to be first. Shape us instead for love, for shared work, for joy in serving side by side. Use what we offer to build a community where sacrifice is natural, mercy is instinctive, and hope rises in every heart. Keep forming us, not by force but by grace, until our living begins to look like Jesus. We place our offerings—and ourselves—in your hands. 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 Philippians 2:1-13)*

P: As you go out from here, remember this ...

and among you in the days ahead and forever! **C: Amen.**

Pastor Leaves

Announcements

Dismissal

L: Go in peace... be of the same mind as Christ.

C: We Will. Thanks be to God.

Sending Hymn 'May the God of Hope Go With Us' Song Sheet pg. 28

Sung Twice

Bells, Postlude

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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 & Corinne Tiegs in celebration of what would have been their 75th wedding anniversary from their children Richard, Elizabeth, and Ross and families. [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



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

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Lois Bergeson whose birthday is September 29th & Eryls Sis whose birthday is October 1st.

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.

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.

Altar Guild: Let's have a get together on Sunday, 10/11/2026, following worship, at the front of the church. ***If anyone is interested in becoming a member of this group,*** we welcome you to join us. I want to hear what is going well and where we may need to make changes. Please plan to attend if you can. It would be great if we could get a couple more in our group to lighten the load, so if you think of anyone, reach out to them and invite them for this meeting. See you then!

CONCERT EXCURSION OPPORTUNITY: Concordia College - Moorhead, MN - is celebrating a special 100th anniversary Christmas concert performance titled "Child of Promise, Shine Through Us" in December this year. We are seeking the interest of people who would like to attend the Friday, Dec. 4th, evening concert with the comfort and convenience of a charter bus. (More information to come, but an approximate cost of \$65 will cover the bus ride and ticket to the event.) We need people to sign up so that we know that we will have enough to take a motor coach. Please contact Ethel Swenson with your interest or any questions.

If you did not receive giving envelopes last year, but would like some giving envelopes for 2027, or if you *did* receive envelopes, but don't want to any longer, please let someone in the office know.

The Endowment Fund Committee Meeting will be October 4th. Please get any request forms turned into their mailbox in the library by Friday, October 2nd.

Trinity Lutheran in Ortonville is having their Ol' Settlers Supper on October 4th from 5-7 pm with take out available. The menu is Roast Beef, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Sausage, Sauerkraut, Glazed Carrots, Pickles, Breads, Pies, Coffee, and Kool Aid. Call 320-305-0353 or 839-3422 for takeout or more info.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT for Matt Carlson, Pat Collins, Gail Olson, Burt Pansch, Nancy Pierzina; 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 — Teacher Installation September 27th

Organist: Lisa Berdan

Acolytes: Bailey & Weston

Greeters: Garry & Ethel Swenson

Lector: Darin Ehrenberg

Tech Desk: Cody Backstrand & James Hodenfield

Ushers: Tami Lundberg, Paula Reisdorph, Jackie & Mel Domine

Next Week's Ministry Assistants — New Member Sun. October 4th

Organist: Amy Adelman

Acolytes: Katelyn & Isaac

Greeters: Emily Sigler & Riley S.

FWV: Marilyn Chindvall & Julie Hipple

Tech Desk: Liz Ketz & Liam Johnson

Lector: Kristi Ehrenberg

Lay Assistants: Kirsten & Bryson Karels

Ushers: Gale May, Dean Strand, Vern Nickolauson, & Dave Ellingson

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun – 9/27 Before Service Coffee Visit w/Pastor



9:00 am Worship Service – Bible Presentations – Noisy Offering
– Sunday School Teacher Installation – Broadcast on KDIO & FB Live

10:00 am Sunday School

4:00 – 5:15 pm Cantata Practice

Mon- 9/28 11:00 am Staff Meeting

Tues – 9/29 8:30 am Day of Love

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

Wed – 9/30 9:30 am TV Broadcast

3:30 pm Confirmation (7-8)

4:30 pm Confirmation (9)

5:30 pm Youth Group (7-12) & TV Broadcast

6:30 pm Cantata Practice

7:15 pm Senior Choir

Thurs – 10/1 3:40 pm First Communion Classes (2nd & 3rd graders)

4:40 pm First Communion Classes (4th & 5th graders)

Fri – 10/2 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

Endowment Request Forms Due

Sun – 10/4 RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

Before Service Coffee Visit w/Pastor

9:00 am Worship Service – New Member Recognition –
Communion – Baptism of Halen Erickson – Broadcast on
KDIO & FB Live

9:30 – 10:15 am Sunday School

10:00 am Visit with New Members (in Narthex)

& Endowment Fund Meeting

10 – 11:00 am Fellowship Hall Reserved

10:30 am Fairway View Worship (Pre-recorded)

No Cantata Practice