



First English Lutheran Church
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September 6, 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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth. **C: Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God, **C: we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P: Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn 'Awake My Soul & With the Sun' vs. 1-3 #557

GREETING

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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

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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

'This is the Feast'

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Prayer of the Day

P: O Lord God, **C: enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-11

OT pg. 622

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

Psalms 119:33-40

ELW Psalm 119

L: ³³Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

C: ³⁴Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.

L: ³⁵Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

C: ³⁶Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.

L: ³⁷Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.

C: ³⁸Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.

L: ³⁹Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.

C: ⁴⁰Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.

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

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14

NT pg. 124

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

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.****Sermon**

Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett

Sermon Song

'Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God'

WOV #783

NICENE CREED

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C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.****On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.****We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.****We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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)*.... Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

C: Amen

MEAL

Offering Collection and Presentation

Offertory Hymn

'Bind Us Together'

WOV #748

Offertory Prayer

P: God of creation, **C: you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.**

SHARING THE MEAL The Great Thanksgiving

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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.

Preface P: It is indeed right... and join their unending hymn.

'Holy, Holy, Holy'

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Words of Institution

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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.

Invitation to Communion

P: Christ invites you to this table.

All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

Distribution Hymn

'Lamb of God'

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Distribution Hymn:

'In the Singing'

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Distribution Hymn:

'As We Gather at Your Table'

#522

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 : Sustaining God, **C: with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

SENDING

Commission & Benediction: *(inspired by Romans 13:8 -14)*

P: As you go from here, remember... yourself in the coming week.

C: Amen.

Pastor Leaves **Announcements**

Dismissal

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

C: We Will. Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn 'Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee' #836

**1. Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love! Hearts
unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above. Melt the
clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away. Giver of
immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

**2. All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy
rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field
and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea, chanting
bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.**

**3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, wellspring of
the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our
brother, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine!**

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1922. Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827, adapt.

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 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 honor of Jon & Kim Anderson as they celebrate the countless blessings over their 51 years of marriage. [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.

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

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Art Lee whose birthday is Thursday, September 10th.

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.

Youth & adults are invited to be a part of this year's Christmas Cantata at the Abbey — as singers or instrumentalists — to be held Sat, Dec. 5th & Sunday, Dec. 6th, at Abbey of the Hills. 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 the first few meeting times, contact Lisa Berdan at (320) 305-1123.

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.

The FELC Benefit Auction opens 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.

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.**

Join us for God's Work, Our Hands Sunday, Sept 13th.

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 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.

Please contact Marge Dragseth with any questions.

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, 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.



This Week's Ministry Assistants — September 6th

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

Next 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	

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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)
4:00 – 5:15 pm Cantata Practice

Mon- 9/7 OFFICE CLOSED



Tues – 9/8 Church Office Closes at noon

8:30 am Day of Love
4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Fairway View (Donnie's Diner)
5:30 pm Zion & FELC Joint Board of Christian Education
6:30 pm Zion & FELC Joint Partnership Meeting at FELC

Wed – 9/9 9:30 am TV Broadcast
11:00 am Staff Meeting
3:30 pm Confirmation (7-8)
4:30 pm Confirmation (9) & Acolyte Training (7-8)
5:30 pm Youth Group (7-12) & TV Broadcast
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm Council Meeting
6:30 pm Cantata Practice
7:15 pm Senior Choir



Fri – 9/11 FELC Auction Opens
9:00 am Bulletins Printed

September 11th
REMEMBRANCE
DAY



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)
4:00 – 5:15 pm Cantata Practice