



First English Lutheran Church

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Dedication Sunday

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

ELW SETTING TWO



October 11, 2026

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: God of mercy, **C: in our impatience for answers, we sometimes turn to idols of our own making and forget our covenant with you. Passionate for what is right, we wrong those with whom we differ.**

Pleased at the invitation to your banquet, we fail to arrive with humility and thanksgiving. Forgive us when our faith is weak and our zeal too strong. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

P: Do not worry; the Lord is near. God hears our prayers with compassion and with abundant, steadfast love. Rejoice, for in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **C: Amen.**

Gathering Hymn 'Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies' #553

1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true and only light, Sun of righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shades of night; Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.

2. Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee; joyless is the day's return, till thy mercy's beams I see, till they inward light impart, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

3. Visit then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief; fill me, radiancy divine, scatter all my unbelief; more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788. Music: J. G. Werner, Choralbuch, 1815.

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.**

Dedication

P: Dear friends: Today we give thanks...

Pastor will walk to the tech desk for prayer and blessing

P: Creating and Re-Creating God, we give thanks for the gifts ... May everything we do point people to Jesus.

C: You have gifted humanity with technology that helps us connect, that helps us care, that helps us be the church within these walls and outside. We dedicate this video, sound and technology equipment to the service of God.

P: Lord, we are blessed with the many members who care...and let their efforts be a reflection of Your love.

C: You have gifted us with technical workers, Lord. We thank you for the gift of service they so generously offer. Bless their hands and sight, their devotion and focus. Let each know their work is deeply valued and a blessing to others.

P: In Christ's name we dedicate this equipment, the tech desk, and all the volunteers who operate them in our worship life, to your service and the mission and ministry of First English Lutheran Church. **C: Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

'Glory to God in the Highest'

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Prayer of the Day:

P: Lord of the feast... **C: you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Special Music

'The Mind is a Garden'

Senior Choir

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9

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

L: ¹ The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

C: ² The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

L: ³ You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

C: ⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

L: ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

C: ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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

Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Gospel Acclamation

'Alleluia, Lord to Whom...?'

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Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

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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

'My Life Flows on in Endless Song' vs. 1-3

#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)

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 (based on Philippians 4:1-9 and Matthew 22:1-14)

P: God, we come into Your presence with praise and thanksgiving for
Your faithful love, that never fails— ... with confidence, knowing You will
hear and answer.

Time of Silent Reflection

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

P: Pour out Your Spirit on us! Fix our hearts and minds on what is true ...
Your loving invitation to the world around us. In Jesus' name. **C: Amen**

MEAL

Offering Collection and Presentation

Offertory Hymn 'God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending' #678

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

P: God of love, **C: you abide with us; you provide for all our needs in
abundance and guide us in your ways. Out of gratitude for your care,
we bring our gifts before you. May they reflect our trust in the Shepherd's
care and show our willingness to love one another. Use them for your
work of caring, that all may feast at the table of abundance, walk without
fear, and drink deeply from the cup of compassion. 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 4:1-9, Matthew 22: 1-14)

P: Go forth, strengthened to do the work of Christ, ... may Almighty
God bless and keep you always. **C: Amen.**

Pastor Leaves
Announcements

Dismissal

L: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace. **C: We Will. Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn 'My Hope is Built on Nothing Less' vs. 1, 2, 4 #596

1. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; no merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

(Refrain): **On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.**

2. When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace; in ev'ry high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)

4. When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in him be found, clothed in his righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before the throne! (Refrain)

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt. Music: William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868.

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 given by Ev Johnson in memory/honor of her husband Gary Johnson and all service men and women who have served or are serving in our military forces. Remember, "Freedom isn't free." [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>September 2026</u>	<u>Year-to-Date 2026</u>
Offerings/Gifts:	\$17,068.04	\$158,000.89
Zion Receivable:	\$3,316.79	\$31,036.59
Total Revenue:	\$20,384.83	\$189,247.48
Expenses:	\$21,520.82	\$184,222.33
Balance:	-\$1,135.99	\$5,025.15



DONATE ELECTRONICALLY

October's pink envelope emphasis is for Jaycee's Project Christmas. You can find special pink envelopes for designated giving in the Narthex.

Today is pastor appreciation day! We at FELC appreciate and thank Pastor Cheryl for leading and guiding us!

Pastor Cheryl will be taking some time off from October 16th – 18th. Archer Dorry will lead our service next Sunday.

We will be collecting the noisy offering next Sunday due to the last Sunday of the month being Reformation Sunday with confirmation.

Today we are taking time to dedicate the new media technology used for the sound, video, streaming and special booth built to hold it all. We thank those at First English who have previously helped with their technical abilities: Marina Thomson, Charlie Thomson, Mikhail Thomson, Terry Kalberg, Dean Strand, Becky Parker.

We thank and recognize our current tech team for continuing this work by dedicating time through the project and volunteering each week: Liz Ketz, Matt Karels, Cody Backstrand, Kim Anderson, Marge Dragseth, Drew Johnson, Bryson Karels, Cameron Anderson James Hodenfield, and Liam Johnson.

When the project first started, an initial donation was made to get the project up and going but as projects often go, the property committee decided the better solution would be to update all, rather than piece-meal it, by raising the funds through donations. The total raised was \$18,572.89 with another \$3,378.00 from operating reserve for a total spent on the technology project of \$20,107.03. A huge thank you to all who donated in small or large amounts. It was all appreciated.

We especially want to say thank you to Art Vollmer for his excellent craftsmanship in making the tech desk and booth to fit precisely in the space available for the equipment.

May this be a blessing for some time to come.

Our 2026 Mission Emphasis Sunday will be on Sunday, November 8 during our 9am service at FELC. Jennifer Henrich from Someplace Safe in Ortonville will do a temple talk about the mission of Someplace Safe. A special offering will be taken for Someplace Safe as you leave church that morning.

Someplace Safe in Ortonville is having a soup & chili fundraiser on Thursday, October 22 at Ortonville Community Center located at 200 Monroe Avenue in Ortonville. Come enjoy a soup/chili meal 4:00-7:00pm. A free will offering will be taken.

Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church in Benson, MN is having their annual Smorgasbord on Wednesday, October 28th 4:30-7:30 pm. See the posted flyers for the menu & prices.

Altar Guild: Let's have a get together following worship today, 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!

UM Presbyterian Church of Browns Valley will have a Turkey Dinner and Bake Sale on Sunday, November 1st from 11 am to 1 pm. The menu will include turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, squash, dressing, cranberries, pickles, rolls, and pumpkin pie. Take outs and deliveries are available by calling the church on Sunday (320) 695-2516. All this for only: Adults - \$18.00, Kids (6-12 years old) - \$7.00 and kids (5 and under) – Free

CONCERT EXCURSION --- SIGN UP DEADLINE OCTOBER 20th

Have motor coach, will travel to Concordia College, Moorhead, MN on Friday, December 4th for their 100th Anniversary Christmas Concert titled "Child of Promise, Shine Through Us." This is an evening performance. If you are interested, you must sign up by **OCTOBER 20th, 2026**. This seems early, but tickets must be purchased and we must complete our motor coach reservation (52 passenger). The approximate cost for the ticket and ride is \$65.00/per person with a full motor coach. It will be necessary that you sign up to know if we have enough interest to make this excursion possible. Please contact Ethel Swenson – 320-305-0825 with your interest and questions. My list has started....there is room for you!!!!

Stonecroft Ministries Women's Connection will be meeting on Tues., October 20th at 5:30 pm at Big Stone Tabor Methodist Church. The speaker will be Trudy C. Hartman of Brandon, SD, whose talk is titled, "Then Sings My Soul." The special feature is a silent auction. Bring items to bid on like produce, baked goods, decorations, books, etc. Fund raiser is for Stonecroft Ministries. Music will be provided by Trudy C. Hartman as soloist with 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 October 14th, 2:00 pm at 725 Highland Hwy.**

PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT for Matt Carlson, Pat Collins, Courtney Jorgensen, Gail Olson, Nancy Pierzina, Jocelyn Schowalter; Monty Athey, Corin Dale, Alvin Dexter, Dustin Hanson, Larry Helgeson, Barb Jorgenson, Karen Saeger, Mary Ross, Jerry Stotesbery and Gwen Zimmerman. 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 — October 11th

Organist: Carol Ydstie

Acolytes: Mya W. & Liv

Greeters: Michelle Bauer & Katelyn H.

Lector: Becky Parker

Tech Desk: Matt & Bryson Karels

FWV: Paula Reisdorph

Ushers: Darin Ehrenberg, Marilyn Chindvall, Ellie & Harley Helgeson

Next Week's Ministry Assistants — October 18th

Organist: Kathy Haukos

Acolytes: Hayden & Tessa

Greeters: Sarah Haukos & Amelia K.

Lector: Marge Dragseth

Tech Desk: Marge Dragseth & James Hodenfield

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun – 10/11 Pastor Appreciation Day / Tech Desk Dedication

Before Service Coffee Visit w/Pastor

9:00 am Worship Service – Tech Desk Dedication
– Broadcast on KDIO & FB Live

9:30 – 10:15 am Sunday School

10:00 am Altar Guild Meeting (front of church)

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

4:00 – 5:15 pm Cantata Practice

Mon- 10/12 11:00 am Staff Meeting

6:00 pm Council Boards Meeting

~6:30 pm Council Voting Meeting



Tues – 10/13 8:30 am Day of Love

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

Wed – 10/14 NO CONFIRMATION / YOUTH ACTIVITIES

9:30 am TV Broadcast

5:30 pm TV Broadcast

6:30 pm Cantata Practice

7:15 pm Senior Choir

Fri – 10/16 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

Sun – 10/18 Before Service Coffee Fellowship

**NO
SUNDAY
SCHOOL**

9:00 am Worship Service (Archer Dorry leading) –

Noisy Offering – Broadcast on KDIO & FB Live

4:00 – 5:15 pm Cantata Practice

