



First English Lutheran Church
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Nancie Haukos, Youth Director
Lisa Berdan, Senior Choir Director



October 25, 2026

Reformation Sunday
AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

9:00 am

PREPARATION

Prelude, Bells

Procession of the Cross

(cross,) (Paschal candle)
acolytes, confirmands, pastor

Processional Hymn 'A Mighty Fortress is Our God' (vs. 1 & 4) #504

Welcome & Announcements

Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

GATHERING

Call to Worship *(Inspired by Jeremiah 31: 31-34)*

P: Each day is a gift from God,

C: each moment is that opportunity to reach out in service to all creation.

P: Each day is a reminder of the new covenant:

**C: not written on stone tablets easily broken,
but inscribed on our hearts filled with joy and hope.**

P: Each day we draw closer to God:

**C: who has forgotten more than we ever learn;
who has forgiven us more than we ever acknowledge.**

Gathering Hymn 'O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!' vs. 1-2 #308
(requested by Bailey)

Greeting pg. 120

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.**

Hymn of Praise 'Goodness of God' *(requested by Nash)*

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, gracious Lord, **C: we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Special Music

'God Has Work For Us To Do'

Senior Choir

WORD

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34 (*Bailey*)

OT pg. 570

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

Psalm 46 (*Nash & Congregation*)

ELW Psalm 46

L: ¹ God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

C: ²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;

L: ³ though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

C: ⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

L: ⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

C: ⁶The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.

L: ⁷ The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

C: ⁸Come now, regard the works of the Lord, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;

L: ⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

C: ¹⁰ "Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

L: ¹¹ The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Second Lesson: Romans 3:19-28 (*Livia*)

NT pg. 117

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

Children's Message

Gospel Lead In

'Here I am, Lord' verses 1 & 2
(requested by Liv)

#574

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

Affirmation of Baptism

Presentation

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Jon Anderson: *I present the following confirmands, who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism. Lola Kay Backstrand, Martino Zychon Cochran, Bailey Scott Conroy, Liam Robert Johnson, Bennett Matthew Karels, Nash Keith Kindelberger, & Livia Graham Wollschlager.*

P: Let us pray... Merciful God, we thank you.....this in the name of Christ.

C: Amen

Profession of Faith

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P: Confirmands, I ask you to profess your faith... draw you from God?

*Confirmands' Response: **I renounce them.***

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.

Affirmation

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P: ...People of God, do you promise to support *these sisters and brothers* and pray for *them* in their life in Christ?

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P: Let us pray. We give you ...and raise us to eternal life. **C: Amen.**

Blessing and Laying Hands on Each Confirmand

2 confirmands (at a time) and their family, friends, sponsors, mentors, etc. are invited up for the laying of hands.

The blessing over **Lola Kay Backstrand** with the laying of hands.

The blessing over **Martino Zychon Cochran** with the laying of hands.

The blessing over **Bailey Scott Conroy** with the laying of hands.

The blessing over **Liam Robert Johnson** with the laying of hands.

The blessing over **Bennett Matthew Karels** with the laying of hands.

The blessing over **Nash Keith Kindelberger** with the laying of hands.

The blessing over **Livia Graham Wollschlager** with the laying of hands.

P: Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

Gift Presentation

Board of Youth & Family

MEAL

Offering Collection and Presentation

Offertory Hymn

'Let All Things Now Living'

#881

(Requested by Lola)

Offertory Prayer

Lola

L: Let us pray...Blessed are you.... Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

Prayer of the People

Martino, Liam, Bennett

L: God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

Lola: ...and mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. **C: Amen.**

Prayer of Preparation for the Lord's Supper

P: Most merciful Lord...Christ, may sit and eat at your banquet table.

Words of Institution

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Lord's Prayer

pg. 134

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

(Each of the families of the confirmands will come forward as a family first. Once the families are done, the congregation may come forward down the center aisle and pass to each side.)

P: Jesus welcomes you to His table. Come, be set free.

Distribution Hymn

'Lamb of God'

pg. 135

Distribution Hymn

'Ten Thousand Reasons'
(requested by Bennett)

ACS #1097

Distribution Hymn: 'Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound'
(requested by Liam)

#779

- 1. Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.**
- 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!**
- 3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come; 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.**
- 4. The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.**
- 5. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.**

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt., sts. 1-4; anonymous, st. 5. Music: W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835, arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851-1921,

Eucharistic Blessing

L: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray... O God... the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C: Amen**

SENDING

Congregational Blessing

P: Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. The Son has made you free.

C: We will! Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn

'My Lighthouse' (Song by Rend Collective)
(Requested by Martino)

Pastor & Confirmands will process out during sending hymn following acolytes.
(Pastor will then leave)

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.

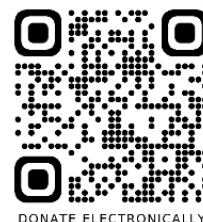
Welcome to all visitors and guests! May the joy of Christ fill you as we worship today. Friendship Pads are at the ends of each pew (by middle aisle). Fill them out, pass them on to your neighbor(s), and send them back to the middle aisle.

KDIO Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Liz Ketz and family in honor of Liam Johnson and his classmates on their confirmation. [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.

Congratulations and God's Blessings to our confirmands Lola Kay Backstrand, Martino Zychon Cochran, Bailey Scott Conroy, Liam Robert Johnson, Bennett Matthew Karels, Nash Keith Kindelberger, and Livia Graham Wollschlager.



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.

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 yo) – Free

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.

Due to changes to our snow removal, we are asking our members for input of companies or individuals willing to contract services. This is for snow removal for all walking areas around the church. The parking lot is already under contract. Please advise office staff if you know of any.

God's Creations Fundraiser Calendars are in! If you'd like one, they can be bought in the office or in the Narthex following church! They're \$8.00. You can bring cash or pay by check (please write checks for calendars out to **FELC Youth**).

There is a sign up sheet for greeters for youth and mentors on the bulletin board next to the office. Each mentor/mentee is asked to greet once per year. Please sign up!

COMET (Chaning Our Mental & Emotional Trajectory) is an interactive training that helps people recognize when someone may be struggling and start supportive conversations. Designed for rural and farming communities, but applicable anywhere, COMET uses a simple 7-question guide to help participants confidently and respectfully support others before a mental health crisis occurs. There will be a COMET training Wed. Nov 4th at the Ortonville Public Library 11:30 am – 12:30 pm. See posted flyers for more information.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT for Matt Carlson, Pat Collins, Owen Dorry, Courtney Jorgensen, Gail Olson, Nancy Pierzina, Jocelyn Schowalter; Monty Athey, Corin Dale, Alvin Dexter, Dustin Hanson, Larry Helgeson, Barb Jorgenson, Mary Ross, Karen Saeger, 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 25th

Organist: Lisa Berdan

Acolytes: Lexi & Brandon

Greeters: Nancie Haukos & Mia

Lay Assistants: Confirmands

Tech Desk: Kim Anderson & Cameron Anderson

Lector: Confirmands

Ushers: Jim Foster, Eugene Stotesbery, Art Vollmer, & TBD

Next Week's Ministry Assistants—November 1st All Saints Sunday

Organist: Marilyn Hanson

Acolytes: James & Sailor

Greeters: Mentor/Mentee TBD

Lector: Brent Zahrbock

Lay Assistants: Sara Mattison & Amanda Stattelmann

Tech Desk: Liam & Drew Johnson

FWV: Dick & Marla Strei

Ushers: Ev Johnson, Ron Athey, Jon & Kim Anderson

Daylight Saving Time Ends November 1st



Please remember to turn your clocks back on Halloween night as Daylight Saving Time will end in the very early hours of Sunday, Nov. 1st.

All Saints Sunday, November 1st

Then, come join us at 9:00 am for our All Saints Sunday Service. All Saints Sunday is a special day on which we rejoice in the many ways so many people have let Christ's light shine through them and give thanks to God for the saints we have been blessed to know. As a part of this service, not only do we name the people dear to us who have died in the last year and light a candle in honor of each one, we also remember the newly baptized as part of the community of saints on earth.



WEEKLY CALENDAR



Sun – 10/25 REFORMATION & AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMS

Before Service Coffee Visit w/Pastor

9:00 am Worship Service – Affirmation of Baptism
– Communion – Broadcast on KDIO & FB Live

9:30 – 10:15 am Sunday School

10:00 am Confirmation Cake in Fellowship Hall

4:00-5:30 pm Christmas Cantata Practice (6 pm closing time)

Mon – 10/26 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

11:00 am Staff Meeting

4:30 Pastor-Parish Relations Meeting

Tues – 10/27 8:30 am Day of Love

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

5:00 pm Joint Meeting about Sunday School (at FELC)

Wed – 10/28 9:30 am Channel 3 Broadcast

3:30 pm Confirmation (7-8th graders)

4:30 pm Confirmation (9th graders)

5:30 pm Youth Group (gr. 7-12) &

Channel 3 Broadcast

7:00 pm Senior Choir

Fri – 10/30 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

Sat – 10/31 Reformation Day / Halloween Last Day w/Daylight Saving Time



Sun – 11/1 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Before Service Coffee Visit w/Pastor

9:00 am Worship – 1st Communion

– Broadcast on KDIO & FB Live

10 am -12:30 pm Fellowship Hall Reserved for Private Breakfast

10:30 am Worship at Fairway View – pre-recorded

4:00-5:30 pm Christmas Cantata Practice (6 pm closing time)

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