



First English Lutheran Church

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Rev. Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett, Pastor

Nancie Haukos, Youth Director

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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

New Member Sunday ~ Halen Jay Erickson Baptism



October 4, 2026

ELW SETTING TWO

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

Baptismal Song

'Baptized in Water' vs. 1 & 2

#456

HOLY BAPTISM

ELW p 227

Halen Jay Erickson

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.*

People of God, do you promise to support Halen and pray for him in his 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

Oh Lord, sustain Halen with...both now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Anointing

P: **Halen Jay Erickson**, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **C: Amen.**

Baptismal Candle

Halen, Let your light... welcome our new brother 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 'Baptized in Water' vs. 3 #456

3. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our king: born of the Spirit, we are God's children; joyfully now God's praise we sing.

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 'O God, Who Gives Us Life' ACS pg. 1086

PRAYER OVER NEW MEMBERS

P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift...The following have come to our congregation to share the mission and ministry of First English Lutheran Church.

(New members are asked to stand as their names are read.)

Together, God calls us to live among ... and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

C: Father, we ask for Your abundant blessings upon these new members. May they feel Your presence surrounding them in this place. Help them to know they are not just joining a church but becoming part of a loving faith family that seeks to glorify You in all we do. We pray You would strength them in faith and understanding of Your Word.

Thank you, Lord Jesus, for the gifts and talents they bring to our family and we ask you to give them a feeling of belonging, to feel empowered to use their skills and passions to serve others both within our congregation and the wider community. Amen.

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.**

Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray... **C: Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Special Music

'The Fruit of the Vine'
Courtney Jorgenson, Soloist

Senior Choir

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

OT pg. 491

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

Psalms 80: 7-15

ELW Psalm 80

L: ⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

C: ⁸ You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.

L: ⁹ You cleared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.

C: ¹⁰ The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

L: ¹¹ You stretched out its tendrils to the sea and its branches to the river.

C: ¹² Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

L: ¹³ The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

C: ¹⁴ Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;

L: ¹⁵ behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted.

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

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

NT pg. 153

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Gospel Acclamation 'Alleluia, Lord to Whom...?' pg. 124

Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

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 'There in God's Garden' vs. 1, 2, & 4

#342

Prayers of Intercession

P: Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

P: *(petition ends with)*.... Hear us, O God, **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: God of every soul, you are the one who calls us home. We give thanks for all the saints ...our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

MEAL

Offering Collection and Presentation

Offertory Hymn 'God, Whose Firm is All Creation'

#734

Offertory Prayer

P: God of creation, you send rain... in love to our neighbors, today and always. **C: Amen.**

SHARING THE MEAL The Great Thanksgiving

pg. 129

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

pg. 154

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

'Gather Us In' vs. 1-3

#532

Distribution Hymn: 'Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak' #676

1. Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in living echoes of your tone; as you have sought, so let us seek your straying children, lost and lone.

2. Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the wand'ring and the wav'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that we may feed your hung'ring ones with manna sweet.

3. Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the precious truths which you impart; and wing our words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.

4. Oh, fill us with your fullness, Lord, until our very hearts o'erflow in kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt. Music: Robert Schumann, 1810-1856.

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: *(based on Philippians 3: 3-14)*

P: Go now in the righteousness of faith and live by God's just demands... strengthening you to press on to obtain the goal. **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

'Thine the Amen' vs. 1, 2, & 5

#826

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.

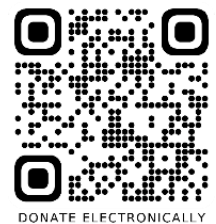
KDIO Radio Broadcast is sponsored by your gifts to the Endowment Fund. [2026 & **2027** Radio broadcast cards are available in the narthex; cost is \$100/week].

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Eugene Stotesbery whose birthday is tomorrow.

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



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 Kelsey Kuechenmeister and Scott Erickson on the baptism of their son, Halen Jay Erickson. His sponsors are Derek Kuechenmeister and Amanda DeJong; Kirsten Erickson; Miranda Bendel; and Aspen Bendel.

Today we are recognizing our new members: Emily Rademacher and her children Brielle, Bronson, Braylon, and Briar; Elaine Thielke; Kelsey Kuechenmeister and her son, Halen Erickson; Isaiah & Stacy Longnecker and their children: Ellis, Cali, Bryant, and Christopher; Taylor & Alicia Rademacher and their children Leo, Lynden, and Joey; and Courtney & Travis Jorgenson and their children Connor and Emmy.

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.

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.

Trinity Lutheran in Ortonville is having their Ol' Settlers Supper today, Oct. 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. Tickets are \$15 (Adults), \$10 (Children 5-12 yo). ≤4 yrs = Free. Call 320-305-0353 or 839-3422 for takeout or more info.

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 --- 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.**

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.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT for Matt Carlson, Pat Collins, Gail Olson, Nancy Pierzina; Monty Athey, Corin Dale, Alvin Dexter, Dustin Hanson, Larry Helgeson, Courtney Jorgensen, 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 — 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: Darin Ehrenberg
Lay Assistants: Kirsten & Bryson Karels	
Ushers: Gale May, Dean Strand, Vern Nickolauson, & Dave Ellingson	

Next 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	

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

Mon- 10/5 10:00 am Staff Meeting

Tues – 10/6 8:30 am Day of Love

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

Wed – 10/7 9:00 am Circle 4 Bible Study (Church Lounge)

9:30 am TV Broadcast

3:30 pm Confirmation (7-8)

4:30 pm Confirmation (9)

5:00 pm Finance Work Group Meeting

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

6:30 pm Cantata Practice

7:15 pm Senior Choir

Thurs – 10/8 3:30 pm Evangelism Committee Meeting

3:40 pm First Communion Classes (2nd & 3rd graders)

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

Fri – 10/9 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

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