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Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2026 ELW SETTING TWO – EARLY COMMUNION 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 Reconciliation
P: When we remember all the…. brokenness of our hearts. **C: Amen.**
Prayer of Confession
P: Again we must confess, our struggles to be faithful disciples.
Silence is kept for reflection.
P: Merciful God, **C: entrusted with all your gifts, we become fearful once again of misusing them, missing the chance to be a blessing to others. Invited to dance in the light of your love, we stand against the wall once again, keeping company with our old friend, sin. Called to be emptied for those who struggle in life, we fill ourselves once again, with scorn for the poor choices they make. Have mercy on us. Once again, open our eyes to your kingdom in our midst, so we might discover that your day of hope and grace has already come in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

Assurance of Pardon
P: This is the good news: God intends...For God forgives you all your sins.
C: Thanks be to God, Amen.

Gathering Hymn 'Lord of Light' vs. 1-3 #688

1. Lord of light, your name outshining all the stars and suns of space, use our talents in your kingdom as the servants of your grace; use us to fulfill your purpose in the gift of Christ your Son:

(Refrain): **Father, as in highest heaven, so on earth your will be done.**

2. By the toil of faithful workers in some far outlying field, by the courage where the radiance of the cross is still revealed, by the victories of meekness, through reproach and suff'ring won: (Refrain)

3. Grant that knowledge, still increasing, at your feet may lowly kneel; with your grace our triumphs hallow, with your charity our zeal; lift the nations from the shadows to the gladness of the sun: (Refrain)

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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: Righteous God… **C: our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Prayer at the Table

P: And so we gather at the table… Come, children of God, and remember with us.

Silence for Reflection

Remembrance: P: We remember the stories that Jesus' friends tell… in serving that we are served, and we remember…

Words of Institution **pg. 130**

Blessing: P: And so we pray, Come,….we pray as Jesus has taught us….

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

P: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

Distribution Hymn 'Lamb of God' pg. 135

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

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Distribution Hymn: 'What Feast of Love' #487

1. What feast of love is offered here, what banquet come from heaven? What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given? This, this is Christ the king,the bread come down from heaven. Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!

2. What light of truth is offered here, what covenant from heaven? What hope of everlasting life, what wondrous word is given? This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heaven. Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is given!

3. What wine of love is offered here, what crimson drink from heaven? What stream of everlasting life, what precious blood is given? This, this is Christ the king, the sweetest wine of heaven. Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is given!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939. Music: English ballad, 16th cent. Text © 1993 Delores Dufner, admin. OCP Publications.

Distribution Hymn 'Here is Bread' ELW #483

1. Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us. Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.

(Refrain): **In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.**

2. Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us. Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Jesus here. (Refrain)

3. Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us. We'll proclaim till he comes Jesus crucified. (Refrain)

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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: Holy God,… **C: we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever. Amen.**

Special Music 'I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light' Senior Choir

WORD

First Reading: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 OT pg. 679

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

Psalm 90:1-8 & 12 ELW Psalm 90

L: 1 Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.
C: 2 **Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.**
L: 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, "Turn back, O children of earth."
C: 4 **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night;**
L: 5 you sweep them away like a dream, they fade away suddenly like the grass:
C: 6 **in the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.**
L: 7 For we are consumed by your anger; we are afraid because of your wrath.
C: 8 **Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.** 12 **So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**

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

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 NT pg. 159

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Gospel Acclamation 'Alleluia' pg. 124

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia..

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Holy Gospel: Matthew 25: 14-30 NT pg. 22

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 'Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us' vs. 1-3 #707

1. Lord of glory, you have bought us with your lifeblood as the price, never grudging for the lost ones that tremendous sacrifice; and with that have freely given blessings countless as the sand to the unthankful and the evil with your own unsparing hand.

2. Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you gladly, freely, of your own. With the sunshine of your goodness melt our thankless hearts of stone till our cold and selfish natures, warmed by you, at length believe that more happy and more blessed 'tis to give than to receive.

3. Wondrous honor you have given to our humblest charity in your own mysterious sentence, "You have done it all to me." Naked, sick, in prison, hungry— in the least, your face we view, saying by your poor and needy, "Give as I have giv'n to you."

Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818-1889, alt. Music: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887.

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.

MEAL

Offering Collection and Presentation

Offertory Hymn 'Light Dawns on a Weary World' #726

1. Light dawns on a weary world when eyes begin to see all people's dignity. Light dawns on a weary world: the promised day of justice comes.

(Refrain): **The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs; the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing! We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace, as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.**

2. Love grows in a weary world when hungry hearts find bread and children's dreams are fed. Love grows in a weary world: the promised feast of plenty comes. *(Refrain)*

3. Hope blooms in a weary world when creatures, once forlorn, find wilderness reborn. Hope blooms in a weary world: the promised green of Eden comes. *(Refrain)*

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Offertory Prayer

P: God, whose giving knows no ending, **C: we offer up the treasure that you have entrusted to us; we offer up the skills and time that you have graciously given to us; we offer up ourselves in service and praise. Receive these gifts by your grace. Multiply and use them through the power of the Holy Spirit to accomplish Christ's work of love in the world. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

P: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

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

P: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved. **C: Amen**.

SENDING

Commission & Benediction: *(based on Matthew 25: 14-30)*

P: Go in peace; love and care for one another in Christ's name, … dwell richly within you both now and forevermore. **C: Amen.**

Pastor Leaves

Announcements – Stewardship Temple Talk

Dismissal

L: Go in peace… be good and faithful servants.

C: We Will! Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn 'O God, Our Help in Ages Past' vs. 1, 3, 4 #632

1. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

3. Before the hills in order stood or earth received its frame, from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.

4. A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone, short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt. Music: William Croft, 1678-1727.

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 Kathy Stolpman in memory of Donny Stolpman who passed away 2 yrs. ago on Nov 11th, and whose birthday would have been on Nov. 19th, and in whose memory 'Donnie's Diner' at FWV is named. [2026 & **2027** Radio broadcast cards are available in the narthex; cost is $100/week].

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Adeline Burgess, whose birthday is tomorrow, November 16th; and Cheryl Carl, whose birthday is Tuesday the 17th.

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.



	October 2026	Year-to-Date 2026
Offerings/Gifts:	$20,102.00	$178,102.89
Zion Receivable:	$4,175.08	$ 35,211.67
Total Revenue:	$24,277.08	$213,314.56
Expenses:	$23,404.24	$207,626.57
Balance:	$ 872.84	$ 5,687.99

DONATE ELECTRONICALLY

November's pink envelope emphasis is for God's Work, Our Hands Service Projects. You can find special pink envelopes for designated giving in the Narthex.

Attending the Jr. High Youth Gathering in Wilmar this week are Katelyn & Isaac Hodenfield, Bryant Longnecker, Dawson Evje, Sailor Conroy, Coby & Mya Wittnebel, Jordan Stattelman, Paige Tessman, Maci Haukos, Sara Haukos and Nancie Haukos. Please add these youth and chaperones to your prayers to have a safe and inspirational time this week.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the Thanksgiving Service that will be held on Monday, November 23rd. We need acolytes, Lector, greeters and ushers. Please let the office know if you can help.

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!

CentraCare – Hospice will be offering an 8-week grief support group in the Orpheum Room at Fairway View on November 16, 23, 30, December 7, 14, 21, 28, & January 4th at 4 - 5:15 p.m.

Stonecroft Ministries Women's Connection will be meeting on Tues., November 17th at 5:30 pm at Big Stone Tabor Methodist Church. The speaker will be Steve Tadevich of Forest Lake, MN, whose talk is titled,

"Diamonds are not Forever." The special feature is Orphan Grain Train of Milbank, SD (Linnea Schwandt & Joyce Kasuske). Music will be provided by Linda Brandt, soloist. 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!

Community Christmas Cantata Filled with Awe and Wonder

Enter the spirit of Christmas with a concert of inspirational music at the Abbey of the Hills! The concert features 80+ local singers and instrumentalists: Saturday, Dec. 5, at 2:00 and 5:00 and Sunday, Dec. 6, at 3:00 -- free will donation. Festive refreshments will follow each reserved, but you must register your concert preference online at abbeyofthehills.org or call 605-398-9200. Concert attendance is limited to 200 at each performance, so please register early!

Dawson-Boyd Arts Council presents- "The Looney Lutherans- Hold the Lutefisk: It's Beginning to Smell a lot Like Christmas" on Sunday, December 6th at 4:00 PM. See the poster in the kiosk for more information.



PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT for Matt Carlson, Pat Collins, Owen Dorry, Keith Giese, Courtney Jorgensen, Gail Olson, Sawyer Olson, Jocelyn Schowalter; Monty Athey, Corin Dale, Alvin Dexter, Dustin Hanson, Larry Helgeson, Barb Jorgenson, Mary Ross, Karen Saeger, Anthony Schowalter, Jerry Stotesbery, Barbara Wegner, 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.

<u>This Week's Ministry Assistants — November 15th</u>

Organist: Amy Adelman **Tech Desk:** Matt & Bryson Karels
Greeters: Eldon Knutson & Dawson **Acolytes:** Gibson & Dawson
Lay Assistants: Lori Strei & Amanda Stattelman **Lector:** Jim Schmeichel
Ushers: Dean Longnecker, Gale May, Marla & Dick Strei

Next Week's Ministry Assistants — November 22nd

Organist: Lisa Berdan **Acolytes:** Mia K. & Nash
Greeters: Carol & Connie Newman & Gibson **Lector:** Liv Wollschlager
Tech Desk: Kim Anderson & Marge Dragseth
Ushers: Tami Lundberg, Paula Reisdorph, Jackie & Mel Domine

Next Week's Ministry Assistants — Mon. 6:30 pm November 23rd
Thanksgiving Service

Organist: Amy Adelman **Acolytes: TBD**
Greeters: TBD **Lector: TBD**
Tech Desk: Liz Ketz & Drew Johnson
Ushers: Ron Athey, & **Volunteers Needed**

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun – 11/15 Before Service Coffee Visit w/Pastor
9:00 am Worship Service – Stewardship Temple Talk – Broadcast on KDIO & FB Live
9:30 – 10:30 am Sunday School Christmas Program Practice
4:00-5:30 pm Christmas Cantata Practice *(6 pm closing time)*

Mon – 11/16 3:00 pm Fairway View Worship Live w/Pr. Cheryl and communion

Tues – 11/17 8:30 am Day of Love
4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Fairway View (Donnie's Diner)

Wed – 11/18 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
7:00 pm Senior Choir

Thurs – 11/19 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Fri – 11/20 9:00 am Bulletins Printed
Jr. High Youth Gathering in Wilmar, MN (11/20-11/21)

Sun – 11/22 Before Service Coffee Visit w/Pastor
9:00 am Worship Service – Vivian Gere Baptism – Stewardship Temple Talk – Broadcast on KDIO & FB Live
10 - 11:00 am Sunday School Christmas Program Practice
10:00 Evangelism Putting up Giving Tree
4:00-5:30 pm Christmas Cantata Practice
(6 pm closing time)

