First English Lutheran Church

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Christ the King Sunday

November 22, 2026 **CONTEMPORARY** **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.

Baptismal Song 'We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus' vs. 1-2 #451

1. We are baptized in Christ Jesus, we are baptized in his death; that as Christ is raised victorious, we might live a brand new life. And if we have been united in a dreadful death like his, we will all be reunited, for he lives.

2. In the water and the witness, in the breaking of the bread, in the waiting arms of Jesus who is risen from the dead, God has made a new beginning from the ashes of our past; in the losing and the winning we hold fast.

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HOLY BAPTISM ELW p 227

Vivian Louise Gere

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 Vivian with…both now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Anointing

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

Baptismal Candle

Vivian, Let your light… welcome our new sister 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 'We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus' vs. 3 #451

3. Glory be to God the Father, glory be to Christ the Son, glory to the Holy Spirit, ever three and ever one; as it was in the beginning, glory now resounds again in a song that has no ending. Amen.

GATHERING

Call to Worship: *(referencing Psalm 95:6, Psalm 24:1 and Isaiah 9:2)*

P: O come let us worship and lift our hearts . . .
Not because the world is good and last week was awesome,
C: but because the earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the God of the whole Earth.
P: O come let us worship and raise our hands . . .
Not because our lives are all sweetness and light,
C: But because even those who walk in darkness can see a great light, the Bright and Morning Star.
P: O come let us worship and bow down . . .
Not because God gives us what we want,
C: But because God gives us what we need –
the holy child Jesus, God's Unspeakable Gift.

Gathering Hymn 'Come' Song Sheet pg. 3

(Chorus): **Come worship the Christ, lift up your hearts with a new living praise. Come join in the marvelous song sung by those who live in God's embrace.**

1. By the word of the maker the heavens came alive, the waters were placed in the dance of the sea. So let us stand in awe of creation and the one who called it to be. (Chorus)

2. No one can be saved by their own might or make their lives more secure by the strength of an army. Wait for the Lover who offers guidance and life abundantly. (Chorus)

3. The eyes of the one, our designer watch over us like a mother who nurtures her children. Blessed are you, a chosen people. Rejoice, live the Amen! (Chorus)

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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: Let us pray… **C: O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Praise Song 'The Journey of Praise' Song Sheet pg. 5

1. We are all on a journey from the cradle to the grave. We are given life through the price our Savior had to pay.

(Chorus): **Oh let our hearts praise the Lord. Oh let our hands praise the Lord. Oh let our voices praise the Lord. Oh let our lives praise the Lord.**

2. We can feel suffering. There is someone near in need. We are given choice, heart, hands, voice, they are within our reach (Chorus)

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Prayer of Confession *(inspired by Matthew 25:31-46)*

P: God of the people, you have called us to walk humbly before you and to share in the struggle with the least of these, yet we have failed to live up to this call.

C: Today, we come before you asking your Spirit to empower us to be agents of transformation for the world. Make us a chalice from which all the oppressed can find the living waters of God, who calls us to live a life of service, of humility, and of reconciliation with you, with creation, and with the world. Amen.

Assurance of God's Love

P: The Word of God assures us that we are… those who are broken.
C: Thanks to the Word of God!

Special Music 'Loving God' Senior Choir

WORD

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 OT pg. 623

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

Psalm 95:1-7a ELW Psalm 95

L: 1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
C: 2 **Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**
L: 3 For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.
C: 4 **In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.**
L: 5 The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.
C: 6 **Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**
L: 7a For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

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

Ephesians 1:15-23 NT pg. 148

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Gospel Lead In 'Stir Us, Lord' Song Sheet pg. 17

(Chorus): **Stir up in our hearts oh Lord what you want us to do. You showed your love up upon the cross, we want to give of our lives to you.**

1. Show us the faces of all of those in need. Move us to action, giving with a joyful heart, loving is the place to start. Let your Spirit plant the seed. (Chorus)

2. With gifts we've been given, help us see where we fit in. We're part of one fam'ly, knowing that we have a place, serving by your gift of grace. Keep your Spirit stirred within. (Chorus)

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Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46 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 'Build Up' Song Sheet pg. 15

(Chorus): **Build up, prepare the way. Remove the obstructions from my people's way. Build up, prepare the way. God is near, God is here today.**

1. Break the chains of injustice. Let the oppressed go free. Share our homes with the homeless and our bread with the hungry. (Chorus)

2. God sees all our destruction. How we get in love's way. Still God comes and meets us with a steady, healing embrace. (Chorus)

Bridge: **Then your light will break forth like the dawn and your healing will break into song.** (Chorus)

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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**

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.

MEAL

Offering Collection and Presentation

Offertory Hymn 'Savior's Song' Song Sheet pg. 6

(Chorus): **Sing to the one who has known us forever. Dance to the rhythm of freedom and love. Rest and be sure in the arms of forgiveness. Join in the Savior's song.**

1. I'm hoping for a brand new day where we stop all the fuss and the fighting, long enough to look in each other's eyes and see the precious gift of every life. (Chorus)

2. There's nothing that can take away all the love of the one who has saved us, we may walk, we may run or fall but God is right here with us through it all. (Chorus)

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Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray…. **C: Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

Benediction:

P: As you have been fed, go to feed the hungry…... and the Holy Spirit be always with you. **C: Amen.**

Pastor Leaves

Announcements – Stewardship Temple Talk

Dismissal

L: Go in peace… Love by God.

C: We Will. Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn 'Go to the World' Song Sheet pg. 21

1. Go to the world! Go into all the earth. Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth, baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia. Alleluia.

2. Go to the world! Go into ev'ry place. Go live the word of God's redeeming grace. Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Alleluia. Alleluia.

3. Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray; the nights of tears give way to joyous day. As servant church, you follow Christ's own way. Alleluia. Alleluia.

4. "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, for I am with you till the age shall end, when all the hosts of glory cry, Amen!" Alleluia. Alleluia.

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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 Kevin and Becky Backstrand in honor of Adeline Burgess whose 104th birthday was Nov. 16th and in Thanksgiving for Family and Friends. [2026 & **2027** Radio broadcast cards are available in the narthex; cost is $100/week].

Congratulations & God's Blessings to Jacob & Jenny Gere on the baptism of their daughter Vivian Louise. Her sponsors are Ben Gere and Grace Richards.

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.

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.

Are you interested in being a part of our special prelude music for Christmas Eve services at 2:30 pm on Thurs. December 24, 2026? Prelude music starts ½ hour before the church service. We welcome vocal and instrumental musicians. If you are, then please contact the church office at (320) 839-2527 or Marilyn Hanson.

If you would like to give a poinsettia or Christmas Flower to FELC during this advent/Christmas season, please bring or have it delivered to the church office *the week leading up to Christmas*. Don't forget to let us know who it is from and the memorial/in-honor-of information so that we can list it in our Christmas Eve bulletin. If you want your poinsettia back, please put your name on it.

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 performance. There are no seats 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.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Bellingham Community Center on Tuesday, December 8 from 12:30- 5:30 p.m. There will be regular and Power Red appointments available by calling Audrey at (320)568-2385. Goal is 26

Our Redeemer's Church in Benson will be having an Advent Luncheon on Wed., Dec. 2nd from 11:30 am-1:30 pm. Free will offering and all proceeds go to the Swift County Food Shelf. See poster by the office for details.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT for Angie Aschwege, Matt Carlson, Pat Collins, Owen Dorry, Keith Giese, Courtney Jorgensen, Gail Olson, Sawyer Olson; Monty Athey, Alvin Dexter, Dustin Hanson, Larry Helgeson, Barb Jorgenson, Mary Ross, Karen Saeger, 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, Elaine Thielke; 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 — November 22nd

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

This Week's Ministry Assistants — Mon. 6:30 pm November 23rd

Organist: Amy Adelman **Acolytes:** TBD
Greeters: TBD **Lector:** Sara Mattison
Tech Desk: Liz Ketz & Drew Johnson **Ushers:** Ron Athey, Kirby Athey, Connie Newman & Jon Anderson

Next Week's Ministry Assistants — November 29th

Organist: Carol Ydstie **Greeters:** Amy Adelman & Brielle
Tech Desk: Cody Backstrand & Camerson Anderson
Acolytes: Bryson & Bennett **Lector:** Kelsey Kaye
FWV: Jane Debner & Marge Dragseth
Ushers: Ev Johnson, Brent Zahrbock, Marilyn Chindvall, & Ron Athey

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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)



Mon – 11/23 11:00 am Staff Meeting
6:30 pm FELC-Zion Joint Thanksgiving Evening Service (at FELC)

Tues – 11/24 NO Day of Love
4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Fairway View (Donnie's Diner)

Wed – 11/25 No Confirmation / Youth Group / or Choir
9:00 am Bulletins Printed Early
9:30 am TV Broadcast
5:30 pm Broadcast

Thurs – 11/26 Thanksgiving (Church Office Closed)



Fri – 11/27 Church Office Closed

Sun – 11/28 Before Service Coffee Visit w/Pastor





9:00 am Worship Service – Hanging of The Greens – Noisy Offering
– Broadcast on KDIO & FB Live
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:30 am Fairway View Worship (pre-recorded)
4:00-5:30 pm Christmas Cantata Practice *(6 pm closing time)*