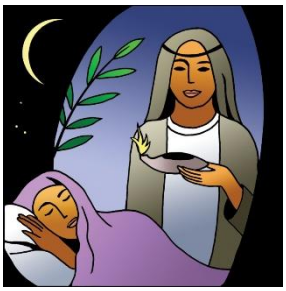
First English Lutheran Church

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Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy God, **C: we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.**
P: Hear the good news: You are inheritors the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven, all your sins. Blessed are you. **C: Amen.**

Gathering Hymn 'Come, We That Love the Lord' vs. 1, 3, 4 #625

1. Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known; join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord and thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.
(Refrain): **We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion: we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.**
3. The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets before we reach the heav'nly fields, before we reach the heav'nly fields, or walk the golden streets, or walk the golden streets. *(Refrain)*

4. Then let our songs abound, and ev'ry tear be dry; we're marching through Immanuel's ground, we're marching through Immanuel's ground, to fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high. *(Refrain)*

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, stanzas; Robert Lowry, 1826-1899, refrain. Music: Robert Lowry.

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.**

Kyrie pg. 120

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. C: **Lord, have mercy.**
P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**
P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord**.**
C: Lord, have mercy.
P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**
P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen.**

Hymn of Praise 'Glory to God in the Highest' pg. 121

(Refrain): **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.**

1. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. *(Refrain)*

2. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. *(Refrain)*

3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. *(Refrain)*

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Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray together… **C: O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Special Music 'Give Me Oil in My Lamp' Senior Choir

WORD

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24 OT pg. 662

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

Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20

L: [17] The beginning of wisdom is the most sincere desire for instruction, and concern for instruction is love of wisdom,

C: [18] and love of wisdom is the keeping of wise laws, and giving heed to wise laws is assurance of immortality,

L: [19] and immortality brings one near to God; [20] so the desire for wisdom leads to a kingdom.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 NT pg. 159

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Gospel Acclamation 'Alleluia, ' pg. 124

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia.

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Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13 NT pg. 21-22

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 'Rejoice, Rejoice Believers' vs. 1-3 #244

1. Rejoice, rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear; the evening is advancing, and darker night is near. The bridegroom is arising and soon is drawing nigh. Up, pray and watch and wrestle; at midnight comes the cry.

2. The watchers on the mountain proclaim the bridegroom near; go forth as he approaches with alleluias clear. The marriage feast is waiting; the gates wide open stand. Arise, O heirs of glory; the bridegroom is at hand.

3. The saints, who here in patience their cross and suff'rings bore, shall live and reign forever when sorrow is no more. Around the throne of glory the Lamb they shall behold; in triumph cast before him their diadems of gold.

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660-1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823-1907. Music: Swedish folk tune.

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.

Prayers of Intercession *(Inspired by Amos 5: 4-7)*
P: Renewed by God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

P: *(petition ends with)*…. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**
P: God help us to change….at all times, in Jesus name we pray.
C: Amen

MEAL

Offering Collection and Presentation
Offertory Hymn 'Praise and Thanksgiving' #689
1. Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer for all things living, you have made good: harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard, hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.
2. God, bless the labor we bring to serve you, that with our neighbor we may be fed. Sowing or tilling, we would work with you, harvesting, milling for daily bread.
3. Father, providing food for your children, by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share one with another, so that, rejoicing with us, all others may know your care.
4. Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people, freely confessing your gracious hand. Where you are reigning, no one will hunger; your love sustaining showers the land.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901-1984, alt. Music: Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version.
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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.**

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.

SENDING

Commission & Benediction: *(inspired by Amos 5)*
P: Brothers and sisters, go forth now….. reign of God, today and always.
C: Amen.

Pastor Leaves
Mission Emphasis – Someplace Safe
Announcements

Dismissal
L: Go in peace… with love for our neighbors.
C: We Will! Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn 'Blessed Assurance' #638

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

(Refrain): **This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long: this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Refrain)

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. (Refrain)

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915. Music: Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830-1908

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 in memory of "Billy Thymian" from David & Debbie Ellingson and family. [2026 & **2027** Radio broadcast cards are available in the narthex; cost is $100/week].

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Jerome Goddard whose birthday is Tuesday, Nov 10th.

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.

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.

Owen Dorry is staying at Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital, 5401 South St, Lincoln, NE 68506. The donations that came in to FELC for the family was sent to them via family.

We are so blessed to have the support of our FELC family since Owen's accident. Thank you for the prayers, generous donations, and continued love and support. A special thank you to the Day of Love for the beautiful quilts. Every act of kindness means more than you know.

We are so grateful to be surrounded by such an incredible community.

With love & gratitude, The Dorrys

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! **There will also be a Prayer Coffee November 11th**, 2:00 pm at 725 Highland Hwy.

Ortonville FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes), a group of youth that meet during lunch at school every Wednesday, is looking for donations to continue providing Pizza and Pop to participating youth. If you have questions on how to donate contact Bryson Karels at 320-305-3333, or Venmo donations to him at brysonpkarels.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT for Matt Carlson, Pat Collins, Owen Dorry, Keith Giese, Courtney Jorgensen, Gail 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.



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.

<u>This Week's Ministry Assistants — November 8th</u>

Organist: Carol Ydstie **Acolytes:** Justice & Coby
Greeters: Matt Karels & Isaac **FWV:** Ranet Schmeichel
Tech Desk: Cody Backstrand & James Hodenfield **Lector:** Lois Bergeson
Ushers: Gale May, Dave Ellingson, Art Vollmer, & Brent Zahrbock

<u>Next 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, Josh Wollschlager, Marla & Dick Strei

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun – 11/8 Mission Emphasis
Before Service Coffee Visit w/Pastor
9:00 am Worship Service–Mission Emphasis (Someplace Safe)
– Broadcast on KDIO & FB Live
9:30 – 10:30 am Sunday School Christmas Program Practice
10:30 am Fairway View Worship (Pre-recorded) &
Christian Education Board Meeting (in FELC library)
4:00-5:30 pm Christmas Cantata Practice *(6 pm closing time)*

Mon – 11/9 6:00 pm Council Board Meetings
~6:30 pm Council Voting Meeting



Tues – 11/10 8:30 am Day of Love
4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Fairway View (Donnie's Diner)

Wed – 11/11 VETERAN'S DAY
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



Fri – 11/13 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

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)*

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!

