

Wednesday, Feb 26

1 pm Staff Meeting

6 pm Confirmation Supper and Classes

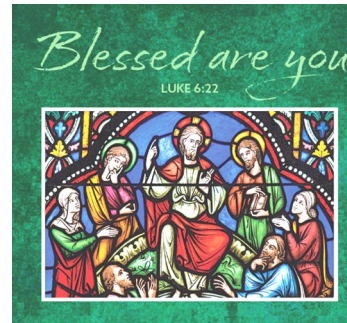
Thursday, Feb 27

New to
our church?

Welcome!

We're excited you are joining our worship and would like to get to know you. Please take a moment to fill out the **Welcome** card by the entrance and drop it off in the narthex or church office. If you are interested in joining our church, please contact Pastor Luke.

Enjoy the service!



Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

First English Lutheran Church
Sunday, February 16, 2025

PRELUDE

"Compassion Hymn" by James Koerts

Welcome

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please stand.)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

People: Amen.

Leader: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin. Merciful God,

People: judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

Leader: God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In + Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

People: Amen.

GATHERING

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

GATHERING HYMN *"Let Justice Flow like Streams"* ELW 717

KYRIE ELW 152

CHILI COOK OFF

March 2nd

Bring your best pot
of chili!

We will eat together
after worship. The
chili with the most
donations wins!

ALL FUNDS GO TOWARDS YOUTH TRIPS



PRAYER OF THE DAY

All: Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

Word

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Maddie Patterson

READING 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Lizzie Tipton

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴ and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷ If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 1

Lizzie Tipton

¹ Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

² **Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

³ They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.

⁴ **It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵ Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶ **For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

(Please stand.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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March is Food Share Month at First English Lutheran Church



Checks can be made out to First English with "March Food Drive" noted on the memo line.

We will share monetary gifts this year— one-half to the Cannon Falls Food Shelf and one-half for ELCA World Hunger.

Accepting Donations Now!

About the Cannon Falls Food Shelf

The Food Shelf has been housed in the lower level of First English since 1983.

The Food Shelf serves an average of 30-40 families each week, and approximately 350 people from our surrounding community each month.

Current hours of operation are 3 to 6 pm on Thursdays.

Each Thursday, 6 volunteers are needed to help at the Food Shelf. Contact Paul Norby, Food Shelf director, at 612-817-9289 to volunteer.

Monetary gifts can be used at 10-20 times their value when used to purchase items at the local food bank.

GOOD EARTH VILLAGE
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
DAY CAMP COMING TO FIRST ENGLISH!
Good Earth Village is leading VBS Day Camp at First English this summer! There will be a kickoff event on Sunday, June 22 and the program will be held from **8:30AM – 3PM Monday, June 23, through Thursday, June 26.** Camp will be for students currently in **grades K-5.** If we get the volunteers necessary, preschoolers can attend as well. Cost is **\$78/camper.** Scholarships are available. Please register by submitting your camper's names to Maddie along with a check.

Upcoming Schedule

Sunday, Feb 16

10:15—10:45 am Faith and Life
Conversations

Monday, Feb 17 President's Day

Church Office Closed
1 pm Funeral for Cheryl Novotny
(visitation at 12 Noon)

Wednesday, Feb 19

1 pm Staff Meeting
6 pm Confirmation Supper and Classes

Thursday, Feb 20


3-6 pm Cannon Falls Food Shelf

Sunday, Feb 23

9 am Worship
10:15—10:45 am Sunday School Classes
and Faith and Life Conversations

Monday, Feb 24

11 am Funeral for Marland Husaby,
(visitation at 9:30 am)



faith and
life
conversations

Footsteps of Paul

Pastor Luke presents Corinthians during our
Conversations.

Today after Worship

Join Pastor Luke for these upcoming
conversations after worship.

February 23 Ephesians
March 2 So, Do We Like Paul?

Music

Compassion Hymn

Arranged by James Koerts
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Let Justice Flow like Streams

Author: Jane Parker Huber, b. 1926
Composer: Aaron Williams, 1731-1776

We Come to the Hungry Feast

Author: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

Joy for a New Day

Arranged by Chris Lobdell
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Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

Liturgy of Joy

Composer: James M. Capers, b. 1948

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

Author: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818-1889
Composer: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

Jesus, the Very Thought of You

Author: Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153
Composer: Ken Medema

O Christ, Our Hope

Latin Hymn
Composer: Nikolaus Herman, 1480-1561

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Arranged by Matt Hyzer
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GOSPEL Luke 6:17-26

Pastor Luke Hollander

The gospel according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷ [Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² “Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ “Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

The gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

SERMON

Pastor Luke Hollander

(Please stand.)

HYMN OF THE DAY “We Come to the Hungry Feast” ELW 479

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor Luke Hollander

At the conclusion of each prayer, “God of Grace,”

People: Hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

(Please be seated.)

Meal

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

"Joy for a New Day" arr. by Chris Lobdell

(Please stand.)

OFFERTORY RESPONSE *"Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise"* ELW 205

OFFERTORY PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

(Please be seated.)

COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD

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COMMUNION HYMN *"Lord of Glory, You Have Brought Us"* ELW 707

"Jesus, the Very Thought of You" ELW 754

(Please stand.)

COMMUNION PRAYER

Sending

BLESSING

Leader: The Spirit of the triune God ✚ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

People: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"O Christ, Our Hope"

ELW 604

DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. Live in hope.

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Arr. by Matt Hyzer

Worship Participants

Pastor Luke Hollander

Director of Children, Youth and Families: Maddie Patterson

Accompanist: Jane Peterson

Lay Reader: Lizzie Tipton; Offering Officer: Bill Peterson

Technical Team: Gary Anderson, Karen Anderson, Steve Gesme, Lynette Pagel

CROWD NOTICE

Please note that our regular worship services are livestreamed.

The resulting material may be used by our church without restriction or compensation.



Envelope Fundraiser

Donate to youth trips today!

You can support our kids as they travel to Colorado this summer.

Pick an envelope on the whiteboard and return it to the box with the same amount of cash listed on the outside.

Thanks for supporting our youth!

