



## Thursday, Oct. 1, 2020 Outdoor Worship 10 a.m.

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### WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

*"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"*  
Bell Choir

Old Hundredth  
arr. John A. Behnke

#### GATHERING HYMN

*"The Church's One Foundation"*

stanzas ELW 654

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord; she is his new creation by water and the Word: from heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
2. Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth, her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth; one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.
5. Yet she on earth has union with the God the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won. Oh, blessed heavenly chorus!  
Lord, save us by your grace, that we, like saints before us, may see you face to face.

#### CONFESSION OF SIN

**All: God, we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed:  
we have not loved you with all our heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.  
But you have kept faith with us. Have mercy on us; strip us of all that is un-Christian;  
and help us to live up to our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

#### DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Listen—here is good news: 'Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners'

- to forgive you in your failure
- to accept you as you are
- to set you free from evil's power and make you what you were meant to be. (1 Tim. 1.15)

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Gracious God, you call your people to service and give us varied tasks in the world and in your church. Bless Pastor Engstrom with wisdom, strength, and grace so that she may continue to serve faithfully among us. Bind us together as your servants. Use our hearts and hands and voices, our worship and our lives to witness to you love for all the world.**

#### PSALM 133

<sup>1</sup>How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

<sup>2</sup>**It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard,  
on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.**

<sup>3</sup>It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

**For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.**

**READING: Romans 12:4-9**

<sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup>We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup>ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. <sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good;

Announcement of the Gospel

Congregation response: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: Luke 4:16-19**

<sup>16</sup>When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: <sup>18</sup>“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, <sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

Congregation response after the reading of the Gospel: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Dialogue with Pastor Christine Engstrom & Pastor Phil Ruud

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

“*Canticle of the Turning*” stanzas 1,2,4 ELW 723

1. My soul cries out a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,  
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant’s plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,  
so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?

***Refrain: My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fire of your justice burn.***

***Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.***

2. Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,  
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,  
you will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn.

***Refrain***

4. Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:  
God’s mercy must deliver us from the conqueror’s crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound,  
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around.

***Refrain*****SHARING OF THE PEACE****OFFERING****OFFERTORY PRAYER**

We dedicate ourselves in service to God and our neighbor with these words from the Hymn ELW 692, “*We Are an Offering*”

*We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.*

*Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering.*

*All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.*

*We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.*

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH** Congregation Response: **Hear our prayer.**

Today we are praying for Aaron Kreisler, Mike Miller, Shirley Schuler, Marland Husaby

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**  
**LORD'S PRAYER**

**DISTRIBUTION**

**BENEDICTION**

L: May the Spirit of God empower you as you journey with Jesus into the ordinary and extraordinary places of life. May you be blessed with the energy of God to run and not be weary, to walk and not faint...even when the world seems overwhelming.

C: **The Spirit goes with us to give us life and breath—and the passion and fire of God in all we do.**

**SENDING SONG**

*"Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"* Stanzas 1,3,5 ELW 826

1. Thine the amen thine the praise alleluia angels raise thine the everlasting head  
thine the breaking of the bread thine the glory thine the story thine the harvest  
then the cup thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.
3. Thine the truly thine the yes thine the table we the guest thine the mercy all from thee  
thine the glory yet to be then the ringing and the singing then the end of all the war  
thine the living thine the loving evermore evermore.
5. Thine the glory in the night no more dying only light thine the river thine the tree  
then the Lamb eternally then the holy holy celebration jubilee thine the splendor  
thine the brightness only thee only thee.

Text Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926

Music: Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

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**Worship Participants**

*Pastor Phil Ruud*

*Pastor Christine Engstrom*

*Debbie Stark, piano*

*Marge Barnett, violin*

*Bell Choir: Brian McDonald, Jane Peterson,*

*LaNor McDonald, Karen Coakley,*

*Ernie Dale, Betty Belke, Gary Engstrom,*

**Calendar**

- Sun., Oct. 4** 10 a.m. Outdoor Worship with installation of Pastor Chris Engstrom as Pastor Emeritus  
4 p.m. Sunday School Worship-Blessing of the Animals
- Tues., Oct. 6** Coping & Caring Conversations via ZOOM
- Wed., Oct. 7** 10:30 a.m. Pastors' Text Study  
2 p.m. Stewardship  
7 p.m. Mentor Night
- Thurs., Oct. 8** 8:30 a.m.—Noon WIC Clinic  
10 a.m.—Noon Food Shelf  
6:15 p.m. Exec. C.  
7 p.m. Church Council
- Sun., Oct. 11** 10 a.m. Outdoor Worship  
4 p.m. Sunday School Outdoor Worship

A **Special Offering** will be taken for **Lutheran Disaster Response through next Sunday, October 4th. Make you checks out to FELC with LDR on the memo line or on the envelope. We will forward one check to the SEMN Synod of the ELCA.**

Lutheran Disaster Response brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need. .

- U.S. Wildfires
- Hurricane Response
- U.S. Severe Storms
- Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
- U.S. Tornadoes
- U.S. Flooding
- South Sudan Relief
- Middle East and Europe Refugee Crisis
- AMMPARO: Protecting Migrant Minors



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### ***WOMEN OF FIRST ENGLISH: AN INVITATION***

- When:** **Wednesday, October 7**  
**from 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.**
- Where:** **Outside on the Church Grounds/**  
**or Fellowship hall if weather doesn't**  
**cooperate**
- What:** **A Devotion followed by reflection**  
**and fellowship**
- How:** **Please wear your mask, physical**  
**distancing of 6 ft, bring your own**  
**chair and personal beverage as needed.**



**Reminder to Circle Members.... Please send your circle offerings directly to the church.**

## **zoom MEETINGS**

Topic: **Coping & Caring Conversations**

WITH PASTOR PHIL

Times: **Tuesdays at 10 a.m.**

Meeting ID: 736 540 1262

Password: required

*Bring your favorite pet or stuffed animal!*

**Blessing of the Animals**  
**Sunday School Worship**  
**October 4, 4:00 P.M.**



### **SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTSIDE WORSHIP THEMES FOR OCTOBER**

Please bring your own chairs, sit six feet from other families, and wear a mask.

**SUN., OCT. 4, 4:00 P.M.** (*rain date October 11*)

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS** – October 4 is the Feast of St. Francis, who was known for his love of animals. Legend has it that St. Francis preached to the animals about God's love and concern for them. Bring your pet or favorite stuffed animal for a blessing!  
**Holy Communion will be served.**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 4:00 P.M.**

**It's a Party** - The lesson this week is the parable of the **Wedding Banquet**. We will have fun learning how God invites us to be followers of Christ. How does it feel to spend time with people you love? How are we open to God's love?

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 4:00 P.M.**

**You are a Gift** – God gives each of us gifts to share with others. What are your gifts? How do you use gifts to meet the needs of others? It's also super fun to look for gifts in others! It's even MORE fun to use your gifts together with other people's gifts. Today's Sunday School Worship offers an opportunity to serve others.  
**Holy Communion will be served.**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 4:00 P.M.**

**PUMPKIN DECORATING EVENT –**  
**PREREGISTER BY MONDAY OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup>**



Come to carve or decorate pumpkins and share a devotion on how God's light shines through us. We are called to shine our light for all to see!

We will gather outside in the parking lot, with each family/self-selected group at a separate table. Preregistration is necessary for this event so we have enough pumpkins and tables for all the friends who gather. Register on the First English web-site,

<http://www.firstenglishchurch.com/children-youth--family.html>