



2nd Sunday after Pentecost

June 19, 2022 ~ 9:00 a.m.

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Missionaries in Tanzania: Doctors Stephen & Jodi Swanson

Words of Welcome

Brothers and sisters in Christ, welcome to worship! We especially thank God for all fathers and father-figures today. Let us praise God for these special people and for all God's gifts to us! May this hour of worship fill your minds and hearts with grace and peace. If you are a visitor, please take a moment to sign the guest register at the Visitors' Station in the narthex.

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Preparation for Worship

Thank you, Creator God, for this lovely summer day and for your glory that shimmers in nature. Hallelujah!

Attention First English Members and Visitors...

The Church Council has voted on our mask mandate and, as of March 13, masks are **ENCOURAGED**, but not required. Covid-19 cases in Marathon County have risen so even though masks are encouraged, please try to practice social distancing. Numbers in our county will continue to be monitored, and adjustments may need to be made in the future. Let us continue to practice patience and understanding with all members of our church family and visitors.

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- Large print copies of the entire bulletin are available on the narthex table.
- Activity bulletins for children are available from an usher or on the table in the narthex.
- A 'Parents Room' is located off the narthex w/changing table and restroom.
- Restrooms are located in the narthex lounge and at the bottom of the east/west stairwells. There is also a Handicapped Accessible restroom facility as well. Use the double doors on the east side (lectern side) in the front of the sanctuary.
- Assistive listening devices are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.
- *Busy Bags!! - Child Activity Kits* -- Parents: Does your child get restless during the worship service? Feel free to take one of the activity bags off the tree in the narthex to help your child stay content in the pew during worship! Each bag contains a coloring book, crayons, story book, and quiet games. Please return the bags to the tree after worship.

Pastor Erik Olson
Organist: Daniel Larson
Worship Assistant: Connie Vaningan
Ushers: Amy Abitz Akey / Deb Kluetz
Lector: Russ Michalski Acolyte: Kendall Sherfinski
Greeters: Cody & Mandy Herning
Communion Servers: Scott & Deb Kufahl
Communion Set-up: Joan Buckmaster
Communionware Washer: Deb Kufahl
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Introduction: This week's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus until he comes again. It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you."

Liturgy – ELW Setting 4 – p. 147

Prelude Music: “Fantasia in G Major” ...JS Bach (1685-1750)
I. Fantasia II. Adagio III. Allegro

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness
(on back inside cover of hymnal – you may sit or kneel as you are able)

Gathering Hymn: FELC Anniversary Hymn – on insert (by Dan and Sherry Larson)

Greeting: p. 147

Kyrie: pp. 147-148

Hymn of Praise: pp. 149-150, “This is the Feast...”

Prayer of the Day

L: We pray: O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:1-15a

Elijah has defeated the prophets of Baal through the power of God. Now, fleeing from Queen Jezebel, Elijah comes to Mount Horeb (another name for Sinai). God appears to him there not in power but in “the sound of sheer silence” and reassures him that he is not alone.

¹Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ²Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.” ³Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

⁴But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: “It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.” ⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, “Get up and eat.” ⁶He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and lay down again. ⁷The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, “Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.” ⁸He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. ⁹At that place he came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁰He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

¹¹He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and

after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” ^{15a}Then the Lord said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22:19-28

¹⁹But you, O Lord, be not far away; O my help, hasten to my aid.

²⁰**Deliver me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog.**

²¹Save me from the lion’s mouth! From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

²²**I will declare your name to my people; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.**

²³You who fear the Lord, give praise! All you of Jacob’s line, give glory. Stand in awe of the Lord, all you offspring of Israel.

²⁴**For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the Lord’s face hid den from them; but when they cry out, the Lord hears them.**

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord.

²⁶**The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸**For dominion belongs to the Lord, who rules over the nations.**

Second Reading: Galatians 3:23-29

For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favor of true unity in Christ.

²³Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: p. 151

The Gospel of Luke – the 8th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

Jesus' mission includes foreigners, and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony to God's mercy and power.

²⁶Then Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷As Jesus stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—²⁹for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. ³¹They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³²Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So, he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴When the swineherds saw what happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵People came out to see what happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave; for they were seized with great fear. So, he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹“Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So, he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: #843, “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

Apostles’ Creed: back inside cover of hymnal

Prayers of Intercession

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

Brief silence.

Holy God, you hear the cries of those who seek you. Equip your church with evangelists who reveal the continuous call of your outstretched hands and your promises of a home in you. Bless our bishops, Elizabeth and Anne; Pastor Jack and Maanoane Parish; missionaries Doctors Stephen & Jodi Swanson in Tanzania; and ShyAnn & Peter Egwalata in Uganda. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You hear the cries of the earth. Restore places where land, air, and waterways have been damaged. Guide us to develop and use sources of energy and food production that do not destroy the earth. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You hear the cries of those who are marginalized or cast out. This week, as we observe Juneteenth, guide us toward the end of oppression in all its forms, especially racism. Bring true freedom and human flourishing to all your beloved children. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You hear the cries of those who suffer. Come to the aid of all who are homeless, naked, hungry, and sick *especially Al; Dolores; Amy; Ben; Carol; Josh; Delbert; Kathi; Ron; Jim; Matt; Fred; Brenda; Lisa; Bev; Gary; Joy; Pete; Jacoby; Gail; Jamie; Mark; Tracey; Karen; Jep; Sherry; and all with Covid-19. For medical researchers, hospital personnel, first responders, doctors, and nurses, especially Deb; Holli; Joy; Kara; Lilly; Todd; and Bonnie.* Bring peace to any experiencing mental illness; may they clearly recognize your loving presence. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You hear the cries of those who celebrate and those who grieve on this Father's Day. Nurture mutual love and tender care in all relationships. Comfort those for whom this day brings sadness or longing. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of grace, now hear the prayers of your people. (*Brief silence.*)

We give thanks for the faithful departed whose lives proclaimed all you had done for them. At the last, unite us with them as we make our home in you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping. **Amen.**

Offering Prayer

We pray. God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. **Amen**

MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving, 152-153

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer, 154

Invitation to Communion

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.
The Body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

"Lamb of God": p. 154

Communion Song: #620, "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"

Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

We pray. Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

SENDING

Benediction

The God of peace,

Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you, comfort you,
and show you the path of life
this day and always. **Amen.**

Sending Song: #886, "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Sending Blessing

L: Go now, proclaiming to all how much Jesus has done for you.

Be as one with each other in Christ.

Wait for the Lord, and be ready to hear God's voice.

Go in peace. Love your Neighbor and Share the Light of Christ!

C: Thanks be to God!

The Postlude: *“Der Tag, Der Ist so Freudenreich”* (Choral Prelude) ... JS Bach

(1685-1750)

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Holy Communion this morning will be served in the continuous format.

However, if you prefer the “All-In-One” Communion, please use those.

Happy Father's Day to all dads and father figures. Enjoy your day!

Worship Attendance

Sunday, June 12: 84 Thursday, June 16: 13

Card of the Week

Carol Henke in celebration of her 93rd birthday tomorrow, June 20!

We wish Carol a very Happy Birthday and God's richest blessings!

Let us send her our birthday wishes!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, First English!

June 16th marked the 104th Anniversary of our congregation!

We officially organized on June 16, 1918.

Please use the blue Anniversary envelope in your packet to offer a gift of gratitude for God's steadfast love and grace for these past 104 years. Thank you!

The Church Council will designate where the offering will be placed.

Our Food Pantry is open...

However, the procedure for distributing will be different. We have pre-filled bags (*thank you to our youth for their work!*) which will be taken out to the recipients at the Cedar St. entrance. They will not come into the building. Our thanks to Bobbie Levine for doing the shopping to stock our shelves! If you would like to donate some items to the pantry, feel free to do so. Some suggestions: *canned tuna/chicken, pasta/pasta sauce, baked beans, soups, canned vegetables/fruits, mac & cheese, etc.* You may bring your donations to the church and place them in the carts in the narthex coat room and library area. Thank you!

It's Scholarship Time!...

First English is accepting applications for scholarships from members who plan on attending college in the fall. If you are interested, please submit a letter telling us a little bit about yourself and with your intentions to the church office by July 15th. We will review the applications and have decisions made by July 31st. Thank you!

We are going to try and utilize...

a message system for texting subgroups and new members at church through our cell phones. Call or email Deb with your cell phone number or sign the sheet on the narthex table. Thanks!

Updated Constitution...

Any members who would like an updated copy of our First English Constitution, there are several copies on the narthex table.

Fair Stand News...

The 2022 Wisconsin Valley Fair is August 2-7. Our Fair Stand will be open for business. Sign-ups will begin in early July so watch for the charts!

There will be a Fair Stand Committee meeting on Sunday, June 26, 10:00 a.m., right after worship. Anyone who is interested may attend this meeting. Come and hear about the changes and how set-up will be.

Summer Church Office Hours...

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Closed for lunch: Noon – 1:00 p.m.)

Deadlines: Bulletin: Wednesday afternoon Lantern: 20th of the month

Update on Deb's New Email...

There seems to be a glitch or two with my new email address and we will be clearing it up soon. Some of you are unable to open emails, for others the emails go into your spam folder. If it goes into your spam folder, you should be able to transfer the email into your IN BOX. Give that a try and if you still have trouble, please let me know.

Here is my new email address for church related correspondence:

Debra@firstenglishwausau.onmicrosoft.com. Thanks for your patience! - Deb

Congregational Survey...

Paper copies are available in the narthex. Please take a few moments to fill out the survey. This will help us in planning our fellowship and outreach activities, worship, etc. and your input is very important. Your participation will be greatly appreciated! You may mail or bring in your completed survey to the church office. Deadline is August 1, 2022.

Treasure Sale Update... Dates: August 25, 26, and 27

Our Treasure Sale is only about 2½ months away. Many wonderful items have come in already, but more are needed.

-- **Clothing of all sorts are always good selling items... men's, women's, children's, and infant... from underwear to outerwear.**

-- **Purses, shoes and boots also sell well.**

-- **Books of all sorts, magazines, craft items, holiday things, houseware and decorative items, jewelry (even broken) and linens. Almost anything... and in clean and good condition!**

-- **And you may now bring any larger items you may have.**

Please bring your items to the "treasure room" near the library or large items such as furniture directly to the basement. Treasure Sale shoppers always say ours is the best church sale ever. Let's make this on a real sale-a-pa-looza! Any questions call Karen Zumann at 715-675-7402 or LeRoy Stark at 715-848-0266.

Thanks to all and keep your treasures coming!

NOTE: The deadline for bringing your Treasure Sale items is Monday, August 1st!!

Only larger items like furniture will be accepted after Aug. 1.

If you bring bed sheets, please indicate what size they are.

A PEEK at the Week (June 19-26, 2022)

Sunday (6/19): 2nd Sunday after Pentecost
Father's Day

9:00 a.m. – Worship

Tuesday: 11:00 a.m. – Fireside Book Club
1:00 p.m. – Pastors' Text Study

Thursday: 6:00 p.m. – Worship (in Fellowship Hall)

Friday: 6:30 p.m. – NA Meeting

Sunday (6/26): 2nd Sunday after Pentecost
Father's Day

9:00 a.m. – Worship

Let us remember in our prayers...

- Sherry Larson (recuperating at home following shoulder surgery)
- LeRoy Stark (recovering well from surgery)
- Bev Myrick (recovering at home)
- Gary Pagel (recuperating at home)
- Carol Henke (residing at Riverside Terrace Assisted Living-Wausau)
- Delphine Saeger (confined to her home)
- Peter Baumgardt (recovering at home)
- Al (health concerns)
- Dolores Hintz (residing at Sylvan Crossings – FE member)
- Kathi (health issues)
- Ron Wolfe (at Gardenside Crossings – FE member)
- Jeb Lombardo (health issues – father of Jacque Bailey)
- Ben (health concerns – nephew of Lori & Matt Heyne)
- Josh (mental health concerns – friend of Lori Heyne)
- Karen (health concerns – cousin of Maralee Moellendorf)
- Tracey (cancer diagnosis – friend of Sheri Fochs)
- Delbert Barttelt (FE member)
- Gail (for strength and peace of mind)

- Jamie (*illness*)
- Jacoby (*aggressive brain cancer – 12-year old friend of Lowanne Brokaw*)
- Jim (*brother of Reese Aarthun*)
- Lisa (*cancer diagnosis -- family member of Erin, Spencer and Ella Radke*)
- Matt (*friend of Pastor Erik and Jessica*)
- Brenda (*friend of Sue Crone*)
- Fred Jewell (*cancer*)
- ShyAnn and Peter in Uganda (*prayers for strength*)
- Joy (*illness*)
- Kay (*going through some trying times*)
- Our members who are in nursing home/assisted living facilities or homebound
- All those with Covid-19 and their families All hospital personnel, medical researchers, doctors and nurses especially Todd Detert, Holli Radtke, and Bonnie Grau, members of First English
- Bishops Anne (East Central Synod) and Elizabeth (ELCA Presiding Bishop)
- Pastor Jack and the Maanoane Parish
- Our missionaries serving in Tanzania, Doctors Stephen and Jodi Swanson

If you want to place someone on the prayer list, contact Deb or Pastor Erik.