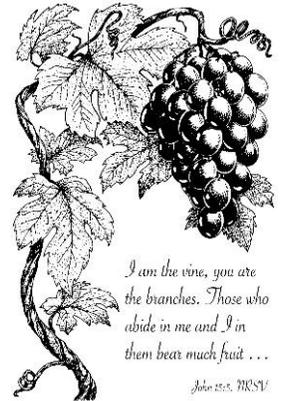


**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 2, 2021**

**Presiding Minister: Pastor Tryphine Schruba**  
**Worship Assistant: Pat Seivert**  
**Pianist: Dan Larson**  
**Singers: Chris Berenz and Pastor Erik**

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**Prelude: *Shout to the Lord* ... Arr Mark Hayes**  
**Song 1: *Brethren, We Have Met To Worship* ... Arr Mark Hayes**  
**Song 2: *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* ... Arr Mark Hayes**  
**Communion: *One Bread, One Body* ... Arr Mark Hayes**  
**Postlude: *Shout to the Lord* ... Arr Lynette Maynard**



**A gift have been given by...**

- Building Fund: Gary Treu in memory of Jim Marth; Karen Briggs in memory of Kip Voigt; Oren & Cindy Hermel in memory of Kip Voigt
- Memorial Fund: Lowanne Brokaw in memory of Kip Voigt

**Highway Clean-up...**

6 ½ hardworking volunteers put in a long morning picking up 24 large bags of trash from our mile of highway. It piled up during the last 18 months. Consider volunteering to help in the fall. There will be much less trash, and you may be able to help bring the group's average age below 60!

**Help Link...**

Helplink digests are sent each business day as close to 11 a.m. as possible. To have your postings included, please submit postings to [helplink@unitedwaymc.org](mailto:helplink@unitedwaymc.org) following the formats outlined in the Helplink Subscriber's Guide prior to the posting deadline. Postings received after 11 a.m. will be posted the following business day. You are invited to log in to find out important information of events and news in our community.

### **Thank you to all...**

who are faithful in sending in your gifts and offerings. Even though we are not together in person, our ministry at First English still continues. Keep up the good work! We are grateful for your financial support!

### **Let us remember in our prayers...**

- Reese Aarthun (*recuperating from a broken leg*)
- Bob Seivert (*recuperating at home*)
- Thomas Williams (*hospitalized for treatment – 2 yr. old grandson of Pam Engelmeier*)
- Carol Viegut (*at Benedictine Living Community*)
- Gary Pagel (*recuperating at home*)
- Al (*health concerns*)
- Dolores Hintz (*residing at Sylvan Crossings – FE member*)
- Kathi (*health issues*)
- Ron Wolfe (*at Gardenside Crossings – FE member*)
- Delbert Barttelt (*FE member*)
- Kathy Lampe (*health concerns – FE member*)
- Marion (*cancer treatment – mother of Lori Heyne*)
- Kathy Martinez (*health concerns – sister of Dawn M. Kramer*)
- Joan Kroll (*health concerns – aunt of Alan Sexter*)
- Tom (*COVID and other health issues – grandfather of Holli Radtke*)
- Sandra (*treatment for cancer – sister of Susan Oberbeck*)
- All those with Covid-19 and their families
- All hospital personnel, medical researchers, doctors and nurses especially Todd Detert, Holli Radtke, Reese Aarthun, Bonnie Grau, and Pat Seivert who are members of First English
- Kay (*going through some trying times*)
- Our members who are in nursing home/assisted living facilities or homebound
- Bishops Anne (East Central Synod) and Elizabeth (ELCA Presiding Bishop)
- Pastor Jack and the Maanoane Parish and our missionary, Pastor Alex

If you have someone you would like included in the prayers, call or email Deb.

### **Remember members of First English serving our country...**

- Erik Larson who is serving in the Navy Reserves
- Patrick Witz who is serving in the Marines
- All the men and women who serve in our Armed Forces

### **First English Fair Stand News...**

We are currently waiting to hear from the Marathon County Fair Board with news and information on whether or not there will be a Wisconsin Valley Fair this year and if so, what things will look like. That being said, our FELC Fair Stand Committee would like to get an idea of how many members would be interested in volunteering to work at our Stand.



**There will be a meeting for the Fair Stand Committee members on Sunday, May 2, 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room.**

The meeting will be about the changes we are thinking about making to the Fair Stand and having an idea of how many workers we'll have will determine what the Stand will look like.

If there is a Fair this year and if you'd be interested in volunteering your time by working at our Fair Stand, please let us know. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Library area outside the church office or you can call Neil Juedes (715-573-2681) or Scott Kufahl (715-370-3036). Thank you!

### **Community Suppers...**

**First English is scheduled to serve four times in 2021: April 18, June 20, October 17 and December 19.**

It would be wonderful if someone would volunteer to host the suppers in June, October and December since members of Shalom Circle have done several recently. It's take-out only, easy to serve. Money is available. There will be no problem getting advice or helpers. Call Lynne at 715-551-9321 for information.

### **Daily Devotion Books...**

for April, May, and June are available in the church office and in the blue bin outside the north entrance door under the carport. We encourage you to pick a copy of the devotion books for your personal devotion time.

The new Spark magazine for children is also available.

### **Learning in the Time of Covid...**

Here are some interesting online resources recommended by your friendly Church in Society Committee:

- ✓ Go to [pbswisconsin.org](http://pbswisconsin.org) and search Hmong History Month. You will find a series of short videos and 2 longer pieces covering history, personal stories, food and needlework.
- ✓ Also on [pbswisconsin.org](http://pbswisconsin.org), search *Why Race Matters* with Angela Fitzgerald. She has an ongoing series on issues facing African Americans in Wisconsin. A new 15-minute program is added every Wednesday.
- ✓ Concerned about refugee children at our southern border? Lutheran Immigration ([lirs.org](http://lirs.org)) has information about the needs and how you can help.

### **Personal Care Kits...**

*"Hello all! I am once again assembling Personal Care Kits this year for Lutheran World Relief. It has been an outreach mission that I feel strongly about. In years past, each month was designated for an item to be put into the kit. I have quite a supply of items, except for towels. Towels needed are to be darker colored bath size. There is a basket in the library area. I would appreciate any donations. If you do not want to shop, monetary donations would be accepted as well, and I will purchase. You may leave these at the church or send to me directly. Thank you for helping me in this mission!"* - Lori Heyne 226333 King Bird Ave. Wausau 54401

### **ACH Offering Givers...**

The new packets of "special" envelopes for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2021 (April, May and June) are available in the church office or in the plastic bin by the north entrance of the church. These packets are for those who give their offerings electronically or if you don't receive the regular packets of envelopes. The new packet contains: **Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter, Food Pantry** (April, May and June), **Building Improvements Fund** (April, May and June), **Missions, and Anniversary** (FE 103<sup>rd</sup> anniversary!).

## **Pieces from Reese...**

*Hello friends and neighbors of First English!*

*We have an immediate need for find someone to serve as Vice President / President-elect of our church council this year, serve as president next year, and past president the following year... and be on the Endowment Committee,*

*We need someone to serve that role so First English can continue to bring the light of Christ and serve our community; to meet our spiritual needs. It takes time to serve but it is the same 3-year term as council member. It worries me that we don't have someone to do this.*

*It really worried me when I broke my leg (walking to church of all things!), developed a severe case of blood clots in both lungs, and found to have a strange lymph node (which was negative for cancer but with my history was a concern for several weeks). I could have been out of commission for a long time. Not having a Vice President, someone who is willing to continue the duties in council if the president is not available, became a real need.*

*Would someone have taken it on? Sure! But that isn't the way it is supposed to work. It is a very important part of our church structure for us to have a VP. It is needed for the ongoing work of the church.*

*If you can be that person, please contact Pastor Erik at the church 715-842-5727 or me at 1-715-721-0535. This is an immediate need.*

*I am on two feet finally, walking slowly, hoping to drive soon but still have lingering effects of the last several months. Looking forward to when we can all be together again.*

**Reese Aarthun – Church Council President of First English**

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### **Treasure Sale Update...**

We are looking forward to the summer or fall of 2021 – if the COVID-19 pandemic cooperates! **You may bring your donations for the sale, anytime during office hours. DEADLINE: We will take your donations until the end of May. We are simply running low on space to store everything. We will accept donations from our First English members only. Thanks to everyone!** Any questions? Call Karen at 715-675-7402, LeRoy at 715-848-0266, or Virg at 715-848-1272.

### **Singers Needed for the Online Sunday Worship Video...**

The singers provide support on singing the hymns and saying the responses during the video taping of the Sunday worship service. It adds a new dimension to the worship service, and helps us to sing along at home. **Anyone who is interested in singing is encouraged to volunteer.** There will be two singers at each service. We are seated 2/3 of the way back in the sanctuary, one on each side, and we have a microphone in front of us. We wear masks when not singing or speaking responses. If you are interested in volunteering, or if you would like more information, contact Tryphine at [tschruba001@luthersem.edu](mailto:tschruba001@luthersem.edu), or call or text me at 605-880-6013.

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### **Heavenly thoughts...**

**What is heaven going to be like? Just as there is a mystery to hell, so there is a mystery to heaven. Yet I believe the Bible teaches that heaven is a literal place. Is it one of the stars? I don't know. I can't even speculate. The Bible doesn't inform us.**

**I believe that out there in space where there are one thousand million galaxies, each a hundred thousand light years or more in diameter, God can find some place to put us in heaven. I'm not worried about where it is. I know it is going to be where Jesus is.**

**—Billy Graham**