

First English Lutheran Church

1311 East 18th Street

Spencer, Iowa 51301

8:00 & 10:45 am Communion Services

Paul E. Kaldahl, Pastor

Pentecost 12

August 16, 2026

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Prelude, Ringing of the Bell

Opening Hymn - LSB # 571 "God Loved the World So"

Welcome

Order of Worship – LSB DS 1, pg. 151

Invocation; Confession of Sins

Introit –

The LORD is the strength of his people;
he is the saving refuge of his anointed.
To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me,
lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the
pit.
Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help,
when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.
Blessed be the LORD!
for he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.
The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I
am helped;
my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

Kyrie; This Is the Feast – pg. 155

Collect and Responses – pg. 156

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also, with you.

P: Let us pray.

P: Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many
blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and
temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness
and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives
and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever.

C: Amen.

Old Testament – Isaiah 56:1, 6–8

¹Thus says the LORD: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, for
soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.
⁶"And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister
to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants,
everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and
holds fast my covenant— ⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings
and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house
shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." ⁸The Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, "I will gather yet
others to him besides those already gathered."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle – Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I
myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of
the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he
foreknew. Do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how
he appeals to God against Israel? ¹³Now I am speaking to you
Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I
magnify my ministry ¹⁴in order somehow to make my fellow Jews
jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection means
the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but
life from the dead? ²⁸As regards the gospel, they are enemies for
your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake
of their forefathers. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are
irrevocable. ³⁰For just as you were at one time disobedient to God
but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so
they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy
shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³²For God has
consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(please rise)

Alleluia – pg. 156

Holy Gospel - Matthew 15: 21-28 (Responses on pg. 157)

²¹ Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon Hymn - LSB # 649 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Sermon

Nicene Creed – pg. 158 (Or inside back cover of hymnal)

Offering and Offertory - "What Shall I Render..." pg. 159

Prayers—responses (P: Lord, in your mercy...**C: Hear our prayer.**)

Preface to Holy Communion - page 160

Proper Preface

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus – pg. 161

Prayer of Thanksgiving – pg. 161

Words of Institution – pg. 162 left column

Proclamation of Christ – pg. 162 left column

Lord's Prayer – pg. 162 left column (Or inside back cover)

Pax Domini – pg. 163

Agnus Dei – pg. 163

(please be seated)

Distribution of Holy Communion

Hymns - LSB # 632 "O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee"

LSB # 618 "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

LSB # 643 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

LSB # 644 "The Church's One Foundation"

Thank the Lord – pg. 164

Post-Communion Collect – pg. 166

(10:45 service)

IGLLS Teacher Installation – Ellie Lehr

Benediction – pg. 166

Closing Hymn - LSB # 779 "Come, My Soul, with Every Care"

Announcements and Postlude

✠ ✠ ✠ **HOLY COMMUNION** ✠ ✠ ✠

We ask our visitors to note that our Lutheran understanding of Holy ***Dear Visitors and Friends:*** Our practice of close communion is the historic practice of the church. Through it we practice love and fidelity to God's Word, prompting us to care for all of God's people in this unique way. Please understand that our communion practice does not deny that the members of other denominations are Christians! Rather, it bows the knee to the Bible's deep concern for doctrinal truth (Romans 16:17). When we commune together, God unites all who commune, not only in saving faith, but also in truth, regarding what the scripture teaches about the Lord's Supper. In 1 Corinthians 11 Paul tells us that this expression of unity must be honest and truthful.

For this reason, the congregations of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod have agreed to follow the Biblical and historical practice of "Close Communion." ***If you desire to receive the Lord's Supper and are not a communicant member of First English Lutheran Church or a sister congregation in the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, we respectfully ask that you not commune this morning.*** Rather, we invite you to ask the pastor about how you might become a communicant member of our congregation.

It is our sincere prayer that our careful administration of the Lord's Supper will not be a hindrance to our fellowship with you this morning, but instead that it would lead you to appreciate the high regard we have for Christ and His Word concerning this precious gift. **Thank you for understanding, and God bless you!**

If you are a member of the LCMS, please follow the four steps of preparation for Holy Communion. You can find those preparation instructions on the white cards on the back of the pew in front of you. When you attend Holy Communion, please register by filling out one of the white cards and pass them to the inner aisle during the offering so that the ushers can collect it.

For those who prefer, the cup in the center of the communion tray is grape juice with a drop of wine. If you do not feel secure taking the individual cup from the tray, please hold out your hand to indicate your concern and the cup will be handed to you. We invite small children to accompany their parents, if they desire to receive a blessing from the Pastor.

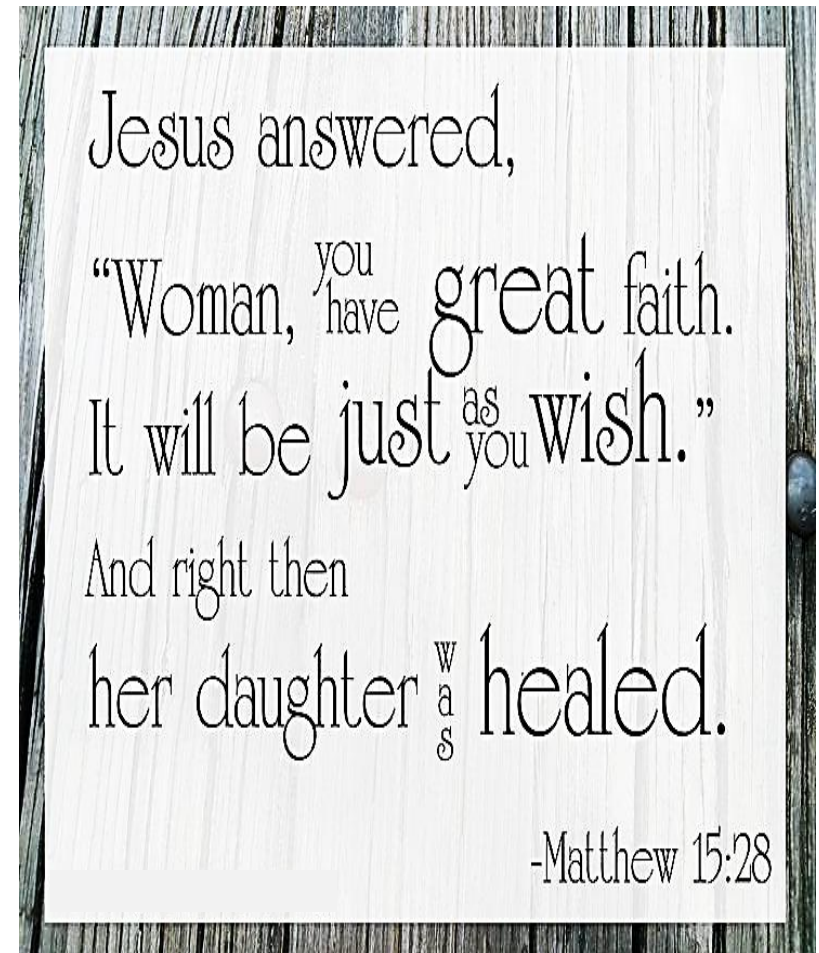
✠ ✠ **VISITORS AND MEMBERS** ✠ ✠

Sometime during the service, we ask that everyone fill out one of the cards found in the pew racks so that we might have a record of your worship with us today. For our visitors we ask that you please sign our Guest Register on the table next to the front door as you leave. We are pleased to have you join us this morning as we praise our great God, and encourage you to visit us again when possible.

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