

Prayers of Concern Iris Lambert, Lorraine Guenthner,
 Evelyn Kautz, Jayson Michaelssen
 Our NECO Circuit Congregations
 The family of Bill Zweygardt
October Birthdays: Vicki Baseggio 10/2, Connor Brecht 10/3,
 Misty Freimark 10/9 Michael Sporing 10/10, Alexis Egan 10/13,
 Matthew Harty 10/29

Serving First English 10/19/28
 Elder: Lou Dodge
 Organist: Tina Gilkey
 Counters: Dale Smith & Gordon Felzien
Serving First English 10/26/28
 Elder: Greg Brecht
 Organist: Darren Luft
 Counters: Phylis Luft & Troy Nicolaus

Altar Guild: October: Jenifer Felzien & Alvera Campbell

Upcoming Gatherings in His Name!

Oct 19	Bible Class 9:00 am. Worship 10:30 am
Oct 19	Voters' Meeting after Church
Oct 22	4:00 pm "Liturgical Worship: What on Earth Is It and Why Do We Keep Doing It?"
Nov 16	NECO Meeting at Trinity 2 pm Budget Meeting would like a pledge from each congregation,
December 4	Logan County Chamber Light Parade. (volunteers needed)
December 5-6	FELC Craft Bazaar we are asking that members please bring baked goods and casseroles to sell. Please bring in containers you do not want back.
December 14	Baked Potato Bar Lunch after church for all members.

Time to Smile: Give me a sense of humor,
 Lord, Give me the grace to see a joke, to
 get some humor out of life and pass it on
 to other folk.
Hymns for each Profession
The Gossip's Hymn:.....Pass It On



Stewardship Genesis 32:26 – “Then he said, ‘Let me go, for the day has broken.’ But Jacob said, ‘I will not let you go unless you bless me.’” The great Lutheran musician J.S. Bach composed a beautiful motet using this verse. It is the cry of true faith, much the same as Peter’s words: “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life” (John 6:68). True faith clings to the Lord no matter the struggle, no matter the “hard sayings” that the Lord speaks. True faith knows that God means to bless us always.

Givelify: Have you tried the Givelify app? It is a simple way to give your tithe to FELC. You can set it up for a one-time gift or a recurring gift. They take debit and credit cards. It is a great way to send your tithes to FELC. Using this app allows for when we forget our offerings at home or don’t carry our checkbooks with us.



Pause • Ponder • Put It into Practice

Pause:
 Jacob wrestled with God through the night and would not let go until he was blessed. In our own struggles, we often wrestle too— with fear, fatigue, or doubt. Yet God meets us there with grace, not rejection.
Ponder:
 Paul urges Timothy to hold fast to Scripture, because it’s through God’s Word that we’re taught, corrected, and equipped for every good work. When the world’s noise grows loud, His Word keeps us steady.
Put It into Practice:
 Like the persistent widow, keep praying—again and again, even when answers seem delayed. God is not ignoring you; He’s strengthening your faith. Don’t give up. Stay rooted in His promises and let His Word shape your next step.

 **Christmas Market – Baked Goods Needed!**
 Our FELC Christmas Market is coming up on December 5 & 6, and we need your help to fill the baked goods table! Cookies, breads, pies, candies—your homemade treats are always a favorite. If you’d like to bake ahead, we have plenty of freezer space to keep your goodies fresh until the market. Thank you for sharing your gifts (and recipes!) to bless our community this Christmas.



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First English Lutheran Church – Rooted since 1927
“Always Pray. Never Give Up.”
 In *Genesis 32*, Jacob wrestles through the night and refuses to let go until God blesses him—a picture of faith that clings to God’s promises even in struggle. In *2 Timothy 3–4*, Paul urges us to hold fast to the Scriptures and to stay faithful in teaching and hearing the truth. In *Luke 18*, Jesus tells a parable of a persistent widow to remind us to “always pray and never give up.” Together, these readings point us to a living faith that holds on, listens well, and keeps praying.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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OPENING HYMN screen Here I am to Worship

Rooted and reflective: This hymn reminds us that Jesus, the Light of the world, humbled Himself for our salvation. In response to His great love, we gather to worship Him—our Savior, Redeemer, and King.

TE DEUM 941 We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God

Written in 1999, this hymn takes the ancient Te Deum—a song Christians have sung for centuries—and puts it into words we can sing today. It’s all about praising Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for who He is and what He has done. We join our voices with believers of every time and place in thanking God for His glory and grace.

SERMON HYMN screen Before You I Kneel

is a prayer of humility and service, reminding us that every task—whether small or great—is done to the glory of God. With grateful hearts we ask Him to guide our work, our words, and our ways, that all we do may honor Christ, our Redeemer and King. “Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.” *(Colossians 3:17)*

COMMUNION HYMN 770 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a Friend We Have in Jesus reminds us of the comfort we find in prayer and the faithful companionship of Christ. He bears our burdens, forgives our sins, and walks with us through every trial. As we sing, we are reminded that we never carry our troubles alone—Christ is with us, and through Him we find strength, peace, and hope. “*Cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.*” *(1 Peter 5:7)*

CLOSING HYMN 877 God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven

You now have a beautiful, cohesive set of “Rooted and reflective” hymn blurbs that carry the same voice and rhythm all the way through. It’ll make the bulletin read like one continuous story of faith, not just a list of songs.

Genesis 32:22-30 csb

²² During the night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two slave women, and his eleven sons, and crossed the ford of Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, along with all his possessions. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he could not defeat him, he struck Jacob’s hip socket as they wrestled and dislocated his hip. ²⁶ Then he said to Jacob, “Let me go, for it is daybreak.” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.” ²⁷ “What is your name?” the man asked. “Jacob,” he replied. ²⁸ “Your name will no longer be Jacob,” he said. “It will be Israel because you have struggled with God and with men and have prevailed.” ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he answered, “Why do you ask my name?” And he blessed him there. ³⁰ Jacob then named the place Peniel, “For I have seen God face to face,” he said, “yet my life has been spared.”

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 csb

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed. You know those who taught you, ¹⁵ and you know that from infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures, which are able to give you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. **4** I solemnly charge you before God and Christ Jesus, who is going to judge the living and the dead, and because of his appearing and his kingdom: ² Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; correct, rebuke, and encourage with great patience and teaching. ³ For the time will come when people will not tolerate sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, will multiply teachers for themselves because they have an itch to hear what they want to hear. ⁴ They will turn away from hearing the truth and will turn aside to myths. ⁵ But as for you, exercise self-control in everything, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

Luke 18:1-8 csb

Now he told them a parable on the need for them to pray always and not give up. ² “There was a judge in a certain town who didn’t fear God or respect people. ³ And a widow in that town kept coming to him, saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary.’ ⁴ “For a while he was unwilling, but later he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or respect people, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps pestering me, I will give her justice, so that she doesn’t wear me out by her persistent coming.’” ⁶ Then the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ Will not God grant justice to his elect who cry out to him day and night? Will he delay helping them? ⁸ I tell you that he will swiftly grant them justice. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

✠ Kids’ Corner -

Pause: Jacob didn’t give up when he wrestled with God.

Have you ever had a hard time but kept trying?

Ponder: The Bible teaches us what’s true and shows us how to live like Jesus. God’s Word helps us grow strong on the inside.

Put It into Practice: Keep praying—even when it feels like nothing is happening. God hears you every time. He loves when you keep talking to Him and trusting that He’s got you covered!

Prayer Before Worship

Faithful Lord, You meet us in our wrestling, strengthen us in Your Word, and hear us when we pray. As we gather in Your presence, quiet our hearts and steady our minds. Teach us to trust You in every struggle, to hold fast to Your promises, and to never give up in prayer. Keep us rooted in Christ, who is our help, our keeper, and our peace. Amen.

Worship is a glimpse of heaven while our feet are still on earth. What brings heaven into our worship isn’t the grandeur of the service or the depth of our devotion— it’s the presence of Christ, who meets us here. In His presence, we taste the feast to come.

Every hymn, every prayer, every Word reminds us that one day this “heaven” will be ours in full.

Until then, we gather, rejoice, and walk forward in hope.

Thank You!

A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who stayed for our October Lunch and joined in the fun of the 1-lb Auction! Your generosity and good humor made it a wonderful afternoon of fellowship. Together we raised \$710 for the General Fund—what a blessing! Thank you for supporting the ministry and mission of FELC with your time, your laughter, and your love.