

*Our Tree of Life*



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## First English Lutheran Church

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**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**



9:00 am

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### PREPARATION

Prelude

Bells

Welcome and Announcements

Greeting & Sharing the Peace

Invocation

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P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **C: Amen.**

### GATHERING

Gathering Hymn                      *'Children of the Heavenly Father'*                      #781

**1 Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather; nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.**

**2 God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish. From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.**

**3 Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever; unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.**

**4 Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh; his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.**

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870-1958. Music: Swedish Folk Tune.  
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### HOLY BAPTISM

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P: People of God, do you promise to support Harlow Krimson and Marcus Remigo-Wayne and pray for them in their new life in Christ? **C: We do.**

**PROFESSION OF FAITH** *(The minister addresses parents, sponsor, and congregation.)*

P: Do you believe in the God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he**

**ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

### **THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT**

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **BAPTISM**

P: I baptize you...and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen. You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.**

### **WELCOME**

P: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

Greeting

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*'Glory to God'*

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**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth, and peace to God's people on earth.**

Contributors: Thomas Pavlechko. Tune: © 2006, Augsburg Fortress Text: English Language Liturgical Consultation.

Prayer of the Day: Let us pray.

P: O God, our shepherd, **C: you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk**

in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn of Praise      *'I Know That My Redeemer Lives!'* vs. 1, 2, 6, 8      #619

**1 I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, he lives, who once was dead; he lives, my ever-living head!**  
**2 He lives triumphant from the grave; he lives eternally to save; he lives  
exalted, throned above; he lives to rule his church in love.**  
**6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; he lives and loves me to the end;  
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing; he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!**  
**8 He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Savior, still the same; what joy this  
blest assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!**

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, alt. Music: attr. John Hatton, d. 1793.

## **WORD**

First Lesson: Acts 2:42-47

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Psalm 23

ELW Psalm 23

L: <sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. **C: <sup>2</sup> The LORD makes me lie  
down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

L: <sup>3</sup> You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your  
name's sake. **C: <sup>4</sup> Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I  
shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort  
me.**

L: <sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint  
my head with oil, and my cup is running over. **C: <sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy  
shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD  
forever.**

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:19-25

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Children's Message

Pastor Denise Fossen

Noisy Offering

Special Music:

*'Let It Shine!'*

Sr. Choir

Words & Music by Lloyd Larson.

Gospel Acclamation      *'Alleluia. Lord to whom.....'*

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**Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? Alleluia. You have the words of eternal  
life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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Holy Gospel: John 10:1-10

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P: The Holy Gospel according to... **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: The Gospel of the Lord... **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Denise Fossen

Hymn of the Day

*'Have No Fear, Little Flock'*

#764

**1 Have no fear, little flock; have no fear, little flock, for the Father has chosen to give you the kingdom; have no fear, little flock!**

**2 Have good cheer, little flock; have good cheer, little flock, for the Father will keep you in his love forever; have good cheer, little flock!**

**3 Praise the Lord high above; praise the Lord high above, for he stoops down to heal you, uplift and restore you; praise the Lord high above!**

**4 Thankful hearts raise to God; thankful hearts raise to God, for he stays close beside you, in all things works with you; thankful hearts raise to God!**

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jilson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4. Music: Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930. Text & Music © 1973 Concordia Publishing House.

Prayers for the People of God

P: Hear us, O God

C: Your mercy is great.

## MEAL

### Offering – collection and presentation

Offertory Hymn

*'Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us'*

#789

**1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care. In your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your fold prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours.**

**2 We are yours; in love befriend us, be the guardian of our way; keep your flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray.**

**3 You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be; you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.**

**4 Early let us seek your favor, early let us do your will; blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.**

Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779-1847. Music: William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868.

Offertory Prayer

Thanksgiving for the Word Prayer

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Lord's Prayer

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## SENDING

Benediction

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. **C: We will! Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn 'Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing' vs. 1, 2, 5, 6 #886

**1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!**

**2 My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread  
through all the earth abroad the honors of your name.**

**5 Look unto him, your Savior own, O fallen human race! Look and be  
saved through faith alone, be justified by grace!**

**6 To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n by saints below  
and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.**

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt. Music: Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872.

Bells

Postlude

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*Revelations 22- Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup>through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup>Nothing accursed will be found there anymore. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; <sup>4</sup>they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.*

If you have pastoral needs, please call Pastor Denise anytime at 763-516-2026.

### **This Week's Ministry Assistants—April 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Greeter:** Sandy & Tom Rice

**FVW:** Marge Dragseth

**Acolytes:** Miley & Bryson

**Organist:** Carol Ydstie

**Lector:** Brent Zahrbock

**Tech Desk:** Dean Strand & Marina Thomson

**Coffee Servers:** Dorry & Henningson

**Ushers:** Rodney Torgerson, Liz Ketz, Rob Randall, & Josh Wollschlager

### **Next Week's Ministry Assistants—May 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Greeter:** Jim & Neva Foster

**Acolytes:** Justice & Mikaela

**Organist:** Kathy Haukos

**FVW:** Mary Lou Olson & Pat Collins

**Lay Assistants:** Marge Dragseth & Lori Larson

**Lector:** Darin Ehrenberg


**Tech Desk:** Liz Ketz & Marina Thomson

**Coffee Servers:** Webers & Schmeichel

**Ushers:** Ev Johnson, Kevin Fossen, Jon & Kim Anderson

**Welcome to all visitors and guests!** May the joy of Christ fill you as we worship today. Friendship Pads are at the ends of each pew (by middle aisle). Fill them out, pass them on to your neighbor(s), and send them back to the middle aisle. Please join us downstairs following worship for coffee and fellowship.

**KDIO Radio Broadcast** is sponsored by your gifts to the endowment fund. [Radio broadcast cards are available on the information kiosk in the narthex; cost is \$100/week].

**OFFERING UPDATE:** Here are the expenses for March: \$21,132.14. Here is what we received: \$16,905.26. We deficit spent \$4,226.88. You're also encouraged to visit our webpage for Online Giving at [www.firstenglish.net](http://www.firstenglish.net). 

**Sunday School** will be going to Fairway View after church service today.

**Senior Recognition** is next week. Join us during our service as we honor Julia Wiik who will be graduating this month. Then join us for cake at our coffee fellowship following the service.

### **CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD'S BLESSINGS**

. . . be with Brittni & Jon Hintz as we welcome their daughter, Harlow Krimson, into the Lord's family through Holy Baptism today. Her sponsors are Wayne & Misti Hintz.


. . . be with Ashley & Dustin Hanson as we welcome their son, Marcus Remigo-Wayne, into the Lord's family through Holy Baptism on April 30th. His sponsors are Katie & Blayn Ronglein.

**MAY THE GOD OF ALL CONSOLATION** be with Luanne and Scott & Lou Huizenga on the death of Paula Koch. Her funeral was on Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Mentor Meetings** are next week at 10:10 am during fellowship.

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation students** will be meeting this Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1:30-3:00, because there is early out and they wanted to meet this day.

**The Pastor/Parish Relations Committee** will meet Wednesday, May 3, at 4:00 p.m. Members are Pr. Denise, Josh Wollschlager, Jackie Domine, and Marilyn Chindvall. If you have any comments or concerns, please speak to one of them before Wednesday.

**We are looking for volunteers** to prepare and serve coffee on Sundays going forward. Please contact the office or Kristi Ehrenberg if you are willing to help. 

**Day of Love** would take any military fatigues that you might be getting rid of. We will use them for quilts to be given to veterans.

**The Respite Friends program** is a unique opportunity for people to learn the skills they need to comfortably and safely provide much needed short-term break (respite) for caregivers. It is a 2-hour training, no cost to you. Respite Friends has two available training days to choose from: Tues, May 9<sup>th</sup> 1-3:00 pm at the Fairway View Community Orpheum Theater or Wed, May 10<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am to noon at Grace Home. For further information and to register call Ann Holme at 320-500-2775, or at home: 320-273-2176, or go to [www.startseniorsolutions.org](http://www.startseniorsolutions.org). Funded by MN Dept. of Human Services. Enrollment at each session is limited so pre-registration is required. – Parish Nurses

**The Synod Assembly** is at Gustavus Adolphus College June 9-10. Please contact the church office to let someone know if you'd like to attend as a FELC delegate. Last year's assembly had to be cancelled due to a lack of participation, hopefully this is not the case for this coming year.

**We are seeking to fill** the FELC Youth Leader position. It will start at approx. 20-hours per week during school year, less in the summer. Limited evenings and weekend hours for youth ministry activities and chaperoning youth events and trips. There is potential for future growth in hours with program growth. If you, or someone you know is interested, please drop off resume and references at the church office or e-mail them to the pastor at [pastor@firstenglish.net](mailto:pastor@firstenglish.net).

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT** for Ricky Anderson Jr., Carol Barrett; Ken Henneberg; Arlen LaCombe; Gail Olson; Harris Selvig; Brandi Tweeter; Paul Erdman; Beckett Foster; Baby Rosie Frank; Larry Helgeson; Natalie Henneberg; Baby McCoy Jipson; Zane Kilde; Brian Pribyl; Janice Redfield; David Scholberg; Jerry Stotesbery; and Terry Ward. AT FAIRWAY VIEW NEIGHBORHOODS: Swede & Janet Anderson; Ruth Hansen; Jim Hipple; Vivian Janssen; & Eleanor Nickolauson. ALL OUR MILITARY who are deployed to areas of conflict. *If you would like a name added/removed, please contact the church office.*



**REMINDER:** Calendar and other important information is on our website at [www.firstenglish.net](http://www.firstenglish.net) and on the bulletin board (kiosk) in the narthex. The church office number is (320)839-2527.

## Weekly Calendar

**Sun – 4/30**



9:00 am Service of the Word Worship – Noisy Offering –  
Baptism of Marcus Hanson & Harlow Hintz – KDIO & FB Live  
10:00 am Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School (**singing at FWV**)  
10:20 am WAM Meeting  
10:30 am Fairway View Worship Pre-Recorded

**Mon – 5/1**

**MAY DAY**



**Tues – 5/2**

8:30 am Day of Love  
12:00 pm Executive Meeting  
4:00 pm Pastor Denise at Donnie's Diner at Fairway View

**Wed – 5/3**

9:00 am Circle 4 in Church Lounge  
9:30 am Channel 3 broadcast  
1:00-3:30 pm **Confirmation (9)**  
4:00 pm Pastor-Parish Relations Mtg.  
5:30 pm TV Broadcast  
7:00 pm Senior Choir

**EARLY OUT**  
No Youth Group or  
7-8 confirmation  
Kid's Club is done for the yr.  
**9th Grade Confirmation**  
**WILL meet!**

**Thurs – 5/4**

**National Day of Prayer**



**Fri – 5/5**

**CINCO De MAYO**

9:00 am Bulletins Printed

**Sun – 5/7**



9:00 am Worship with Senior Recognition – KDIO & FB Live  
10:00 am Coffee Fellowship, Graduation Cake, Sunday School  
10:10 am Mentor Meeting  
10:30 am Fairway View Worship Live





April 30, 2023, Fourth Sunday of Easter

John 10:1-10

*Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.*



**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

**Holy Shepherd, give us ears to distinguish your call from the clamoring of the world, which never ceases to distract us from what truly matters—your love and faithfulness to all people and the whole of God's creation. Amen.**



**Read:** Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

*"I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." (John 10:9-10)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

**In today's lesson, Jesus speaks to his followers and likens himself to the gate of a sheep pen. This metaphor lets them know what God promises them in Jesus—namely, safety and abundant life.**



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- As Christians live into an increasingly diverse cultural and religious landscape, how can we engage in respectful conversations with people of different world views? How would you describe the Good Shepherd to people who believe differently?
- How are you like a sheep? How are you different?
- For the littles: If you raised sheep, what would you do with the wool?



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

**May God guide you as only the Good Shepherd can. Amen.**



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

**Go to a zoo, farm, or park. Observe the animals. How are they like us? How are they unlike us? What can we learn from God's beloved creatures?**



**Go Deeper:** Read and reflect on the readings for each day of the week.

Monday, Psalm 100; Ezekiel 34:17-23; 1 Peter 5:1-5

Tuesday, Psalm 100; Ezekiel 34:23-31; Hebrews 13:20-21

Wednesday, Psalm 100; Jeremiah 23:1-8; Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday, Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; Genesis 12:1-3; Acts 6:8-15

Friday, Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; Exodus 3:1-12; Acts 7:1-16

Saturday, Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; Jeremiah 26:20-24; John 8:48-59