



First English Lutheran Church

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Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day

April 20, 2025

ELW SETTING TWO

9:00 am

(We gather in silence... we gather in darkness – as we left on Good Friday.)

(Opening Video – He's Alive!)

Special music

“The Gardener at the Tomb”

Senior Choir

P: The tomb is empty! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen, indeed.

Alleluia!

GATHERING HYMN

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

ELW 365

1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heav'nly king,

Alleluia! who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured;

Alleluia! now above the sky he's king, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing.

Alleluia!

4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as his love; Alleluia! praise

him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, Lyra Davidica, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4. Music: J. Walsh, Lyra Davidica, 1708.

(Items are returned to the Altar during singing)

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE (inspired by the gospel of St John)

May the light of Christ who rises this day in glory scatter the darkness of our hearts and minds.

Let us pray. Almighty God, pour out your abundant blessing on this lighted candle, so that all who share in your holy mysteries may be filled with your grace and spiritual blessings. Once we were in darkness, but since we have become the Lord's people, we are in the light. Help us to live as people who belong to the light, through Jesus Christ our Lord. (The Christ Candle is lit.)

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

In the name of ✠ the One who was, who is, and who is to come. **Amen**
Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

(Water may be poured into the font as thanks is given.)

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One, **c: make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One, **c: make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One, **c: make us one as you are one.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. **c: Amen**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **c: And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

"This is the Feast

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PRAYER OF THE DAY Let us pray... **God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

The Word Proclaimed

First Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

NT pg. 99

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

2 Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."

14 The LORD is my strength and my song and has become my salvation.

15 Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

16The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”

17I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

18The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

19Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

20”This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter.”

21I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.

22The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

23By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.

24This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Special Music ‘Indescribable’ Liv Wollschlager

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 NT pg. 135

Children’s Time

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ‘Alleluia, Lord to Whom’ p. 124

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

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THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:1-12 NT pg. 68

EASTER PROCLAMATION

Hymn of the Day ‘Now the Green Blade Rises’ ELW 379

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C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***SHARING OF THE PEACE:**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

(Please Share the Joy of Easter with those around you saying... **He is Risen** and responding with... **He is risen indeed!** We greet you all with peace and Easter Joy.).

OFFERTORY SONG 'Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds' ELW 367

OFFERTORY PRAYER God of love, **c: you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. Amen**

Prayers of the Church L: ... God of Grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

'Holy, Holy, Holy'

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

'Lamb of God'

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'Let us Break Bread Together'

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1 Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees.

(Refrain): **When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.**

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees. *(Refrain)*

3 Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees. *(Refrain)*

Text & Music: Text: African American spiritual

'Around You, O Lord, Jesus'

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COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR COMMUNION

Let us pray... **Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. Amen.**

EASTER BENEDICTION AND BLESSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!!**

CLOSING HYMN:

"Thine is the Glory"

ELW 376

1 Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won! Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

(Refrain): **Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!**

2 Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb! Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom; let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting! *(Refrain)*

3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life; life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. *(Refrain)*

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854-1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939. Music: George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759.

Postlude

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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.

KDIO Radio Broadcast is sponsored in memory of loved ones by Marilyn Hanson . [2025 Radio broadcast cards are available in the narthex; cost is \$100/week].

Pastor Cheryl's Hours: Mondays (FELC Pastor Office 10 am to 4 pm), Tuesdays (Zion Lutheran 10 am to 4 pm), Wednesdays (FELC Pastor Office 10 am to 3:30 (and then teaching confirmation classes), & Thursdays (FELC Pastor Office 10 am – 4 pm (unless up at FWV/or visiting members) or by appointment. Contact her anytime via text (605-237-1501) or email at CMQRondeau@outlook.com.

This Week's Ministry Assistants—April 20th Easter 7 am

Organist: Marilyn Hanson

Lector: Archer Dorry

Tech Desk: **VOLUNTEER** & Marina Thomson

Acolytes: Mikaela & Liam

Ushers: Ron Athey, Connie Newman, Russ Thielke & **VOLUNTEER**

Lay Assistants: Lori Strei & Liz Ketz

This Week's Ministry Assistants—April 20th Easter 9 am

Organist: Marilyn Hanson

Lector: Liv Wollschlager

Tech Desk: Dave Ellingson & Marina Thomson

colytes: Hartley & Kimberly

Ushers: Glenn and Deb Henningson & Volunteers

Lay Assistants: Sara Wollschlager & Jim Schmeichel

Next Week's Ministry Assistants—April 27th

Organist: Lisa Berdan

Lector: Liv Wollschlager

Tech Desk: Terry Kalberg & Marina Thomson

Acolytes: Jordan and Raimi

Greeters: Garry & Ethel Swenson

Ushers: Eugene Stotesbery, Jim Foster, Gale May and Keven Berdan

Thanks to the following musicians for their talents during our worship services today: **TRUMPETS:** Bryson Karels, Dawson Evje, Jace Athey, Brooke Brown, Oliver Zinski, and Nash Kindelberger. **TROMBONES:** Miley Block, Bennett Karels, and Keven Berdan.

Easter Garden

In loving memory of: Richard Janke by Pat Janke

Pat Ketz and Donald & Corinne Tiegs by Liz Ketz and family

Dylan Wade by Tom and Sandy Rice

Mick Boone and Wes & JoAnn Strei by Richard and Marla Strei and family

Loved Ones by Dean and Anita Longnecker

Herman & Alice Ellingson and Adeline Brown by Dave and Deb Ellingson and family

Jerry Dragseth and Katie Dragseth by Marge Dragseth and the Karels family

Bonnie Hill and Leo & Darlene Barnhardt by Rick and Dawn Barnhardt

Sharon Pansch by Burton Pansch

Ernie & Goody Kanten by Judy Beckman

In honor of: Lois Bergeson by the FELC Choir

OFFERING UPDATE: You're encouraged to visit our webpage for Online Giving at www.firstenglish.net or scan the QR Code from the offering cards or bulletins.



	<u>March 2025</u>	<u>Year-to-Date 2025</u>
Offerings/Gifts:	19,189.82	52,160.53
Zion Receivable:	3,192.06	9,440.50
Total Revenue:	22,381.88	61,601.03
Expenses:	19,588.55	59,833.84
Balance:	2,793.33	1,767.19



DONATE ELECTRONICALLY

April's pink envelope emphasis is for the SW MN Funding Initiative. You can find special pink envelopes for designated giving in the Narthex.

End of the Year Milestone Checks with Board Members will conclude next Sunday . Students will recite their memorized work to a committee member and if successful, receive a certificate and a DQ treat! Thank you to the Karels Family for donating the treats! (Students are able to try each Sunday throughout the month if they are having trouble memorizing but can only receive one certificate/treat upon completion.)

There will be a mentor/mentee meeting for youth 7th-9th grade next Sunday, April 27th during the Sunday School hour. If you cannot attend please let Kaitlyn know.

We are seeking a couple additional volunteers to help at the Tech Desk on Sundays. We'd like a few more volunteers for additional rotational support for these duties. If you have an interest in helping or want to ask more questions about the duties, please contact the Church office. We will provide formal training for all Tech Desk volunteers

FELC and Zion are teaming up for a trip to Target Field on Thursday, June 26th, to see the Twins take on the Mariners at 12:10. The cost is \$50, which includes the ticket and food in the Legends Landing section. After the May 4th deadline, we will determine the best transportation option, but the cost is expected to be an additional \$20-30. Youth must be accompanied by an adult. Each person must fill out a separate registration form, which is available near the office. Payment is due when you turn in your form. Contact Deb at 320-815-8522 with any questions.

The Ambulance Relief Association will have their pancake breakfast on Sunday, April 27th from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. Stop in to see the new facilities and have some breakfast. Dine in or take out available.

The Heartbreak of Addiction - Ryan's Story Presentation

The Ryan's story presentation rescheduled from February will be held at 6 pm on Wednesday evening, April 23rd at First English Lutheran Church in Ortonville, MN. The presentation by Beth Koch St Martin of Milbank, SD tells the story of a family dealing with a child's addiction and the pain and grief in the loss of a loved one.

The purpose of Ryan's Story is to erase some of the stigma around drug addiction and help people understand it can happen to anyone. St Martin tells the story from the non-addict view and then talks about the pain of loss, how to cope with a child's death, and what she does to manage her grief.

With the increase of drugs across the country and younger children being exposed, this presentation provides an opportunity to hear this story in the hope that it may save another family the pain and grieve of losing a child through the heartache of addiction.

For more information go online to: The Addict's Hope, Ryan's Story at <https://www.addictshope.com/ryans-story> or "Where there is life, there is hope," For more information contact Pastor Cheryl at First English or Zion Lutheran Church.

The presentation is open to everyone, especially youth in 7th through 12th grade. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend this important presentation at 6:00, April 23rd at First English Lutheran, Nine 3rd St NW, Ortonville, MN.

Children's Dental Services (CDS) will be at Big Stone County Family Services on Friday, May 2nd. Since 1919, CDS has been dedicated to improving the oral health of patients of all ages (up to 21 without insurance) regardless of family income. All types of insurance accepted including: Private Insurance, Medical Assistance (MA), & Sliding discount for families that are ineligible for MA Call them directly at 1-866-543-6009 to schedule an appointment.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Montevideo will have their Spring Gathering Tuesday, April 22nd. Registration is at 9:30 am. The program is at 10:00 am. *Men & women are invited to join them to hear from Rev. Gary Mills on the topic "Gathered in to be Sent Forth" Hebrews 10:19-25 Preregistration is not needed but is appreciated for planning. Call or mail \$10 registration fee by Tuesday, April 15th to: Bernice Oellien (320-752-4757) 2570 280th Street Madison MN 56256 Sponsored by the LQP Women of the ELCA.*

PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT for JoAnn Hasslen, Arlen LaCombe, Gail Olson, Harris Selvig, Beth Swanson, Brandi Tweeter, Jean Zielike; Monty Athey, Paul Erdman, Rosie Frank, Larry Helgeson, Natalie Henneberg, McCoy Jipson, Janice Redfield, David Scholberg, Jeremy Sellin, and Jerry Stotesbery.



AT FAIRWAY VIEW NEIGHBORHOODS: Ricky Anderson, Arvilla Bergseth, Adeline Burgess, Jim Hipple, Vivian Janssen, Roger Nornes; Aletta Simonitch; and Mary Lou Olson in Madison. ALL OUR MILITARY who are deployed to areas of conflict, and South African students Sanelisiwe Dlamini and Andiswa Mbatha. If you would like a name added/removed, please contact the church office.

REMINDER: Calendar and other important information is on our website, www.firstenglish.net & our bulletin boards. The church office number is (320) 839-2527.

Weekly Calendar



Sun – 4/20 EASTER – RESURRECTION SUNDAY

7:00 am Sunrise Worship – Communion

8:00 am Easter Breakfast

9:00 am Worship- Communion



Mon – 4/21 OFFICE CLOSED

Tues – 4/22 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

8:30 am Day of Love

4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Donnie's Diner (Fairway View)

Wed – 4/23 9:30 am Channel 3 Broadcast

3:30 pm 7th-8th Grade Confirmation

4:30 pm 9th Grade Confirmation

5:30 pm Youth Group Supper and Channel 3 Broadcast

6:00 pm The Heartbreak of Addiction - Ryan's Story Presentation

7:00 pm Senior Choir

Fri – 4/25 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

Sun- 4/27 9:00 am Worship Service -Noisy offering- Broadcast on KDIO & Facebook Live

10:00 am Coffee Fellowship and Sunday School (last session)
and Mentor/Mentee meeting in youth room

10:15 am WAM Meeting