



First English Lutheran Church

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April 27, 2025

Second Sunday of Easter

CONTEMPORARY

9:00 am

PREPARATION

Prelude Gathering Music:

SONG SHEET

'Cornerstone,' (pg. 3) 'The Goodness of God,' (pg. 7) 'Faith is Believing,' (pg. 8) 'Encourage One Another,' (pg. 8) 'The Blessing,' (pg. 12) & 'Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)' (pg. 12)

Bells

Welcome & KDIO Announcements

Peace:

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

GATHERING

Call to Worship:

We gather as people on a journey.

We believe & we have doubts, we do good & we sin.

We are imperfect humans, and still beloved by God.

Love and grace. Hope and faith.

These are the essence of the one we call God.

We seek forgiveness & grace from the One and from those we've harmed.

Assured of that grace, we are ready to grow again.

We yearn for a new way, a new perspective, and a clear path.

Though we are full of trust and full of doubt, we are here.

Speak to us, God! Continue creating us!

Inspire our hearts. Enlighten our minds. Guide our actions. Amen.

Gathering Hymn

'The Goodness of God'

SONG SHEET PG. 7

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

Call to Reconciliation How often have we heard the good news of forgiveness and restoration? Yet, we are still reluctant to believe. God offers us new life, yet we are afraid to let go of the old. Let us confess our doubts and fears to the One who waits to make us whole.

Unison Prayer of Confession

We use a lot of words, Gracious God, but do little to turn them into deeds. Instead of being of one heart and soul, we choose sides and form groups of folks just like us. Blessed with great grace, we have trouble sharing it with those who need it the most.

Forgive us, God of love. Forgive us, as we step out of our shadows into your light. Restore us, as we reveal our brokenness. Hear us, as we proclaim Jesus Christ as our Lord and our God.

Silent Prayers may be offered

Assurance of Pardon

This is the good news we have declare: God leads us out of the shadows to walk in the light of Christ.

This is the word we have heard: our faithful God forgives our sins and raises us to new life. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Prayer of the Day:

P: O God of life, C: you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

First Lesson: Acts 5:27-32

NT pg. 94

Psalms 118: 14-29

ELW Psalm 118

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

C: ¹⁵ Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly! L: ¹⁶ The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

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

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

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

L: ²⁰ "This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."

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

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

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

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

C: ²⁵ Hosanna! O LORD, save us! We pray to you, LORD, prosper our days!

L: ²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD; we bless you from the house of the LORD.

C: ²⁷ The LORD is God and has given us light. Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar.

L: ²⁸ You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

C: ²⁹ Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

Second Lesson: Revelation 1:4-8

NT pg. 193

Song of Invitation *'Let the Children Come to Me'* SONG SHEET PG. 7

Children's Message Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett
Noisy Offering

Special Music *'I Know That My Redeemer Lives'* Senior Choir

Gospel Lead In *'Help Us O Lord'* DRM pg. 117

Holy Gospel: John 20:19-31 NT pg. 88

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 Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett

Sermon Song *'People of Hope'* DRM pg. 176

Affirmation of Faith:

We believe in God, creator and lover of the earth, origin and destiny of us all. We believe in Jesus the Christ— God coming to us in the fragile promise of a baby yet unborn— who emerges as the herald of hope, God's laughter in the face of despair. Plunged into death and hell, he broke free the captives, and is leading the way to the land of promise where justice and peace will flourish. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who implants the seed of truth, brings us to birth as the body of Christ, and empowers us to confront and transform all that is corrupt, degrading and deceitful.

We believe and know that Jesus is the Holy One of God.

We believe that he is the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world.

We believe that he is in the Father and the Father is in him.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing we have life in his name. Amen.

MEAL

Prayer of the People

P: God of resurrection and new life...all who are in need.

Silence for Meditation

P: Set our minds on heavenly things. **C: Fill us with your joy.**

Offering Collection and Presentation

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Hymn

'Cornerstone'

SONG SHEET PG. 3

Offertory Prayer

P: Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to give to you all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise you not with our words only, but with our whole lives. **C: Amen**

Lord's Prayer

pg. 154

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

SENDING

Commission & Benediction

Go now, sent by the one who was sent by God....and light of God.

C: Amen.

Announcements

- MN Twins Game Deadline Change

Dismissal

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

L: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia!

C: We will. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Sending Hymn

'Encourage One Another'

SONG SHEET PG. 8

Bells

Postlude

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1 Corinthians 13:13 (MSG) But for right now, until that completeness, we have three things to do to lead us toward that consummation: Trust steadily in God, hope unswervingly, love extravagantly. And the best of the three is love.

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.

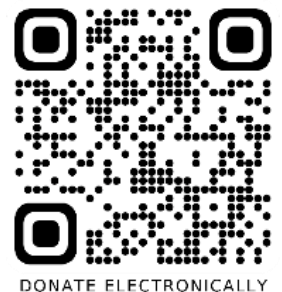
Welcome to all visitors and guests! May the joy of Christ fill you as we worship today. Friendship Pads are at the ends of each pew (by middle aisle). Fill them out, pass them on to your neighbor(s), and send them back to the middle aisle.

KDIO Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Garry & Ethel Swenson in memory of Garry's sister, Jeanette Bergstad who passed away on March 5, 2025. [2025 Radio broadcast cards are available in the narthex; cost is \$100/week].

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



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

All friends and family are invited to an OPEN HOUSE WEDDING SHOWER for Adam Helgeson and Brystin LaMont on Saturday, May 10th, from 2 to 4 pm at Zion Lutheran Church, 806 Highland Highway, Ortonville. Please stop in to visit with Adam and Brystin and have some lunch. Guys, you are welcome - it's not just for women! Hosted by Ellie Helgeson, Diane Lindquist, & Sandra Helgeson.

There will be a mentor/mentee meeting today for youth 7th-9th grade during the Sunday School hour.

We are still seeking a few more delegates to go to the Annual Synod Assembly at Gustavus Adolphus College June 6-7th. Please contact the church office if you are willing and able to attend for us whether in person or online. We have some information packets we can give you in the office.

Thank You! A Huge Thank-you to the confirmation students for serving the congregations during the Lenten services and Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. You all did a GREAT job and your brothers and sisters in Christ, young and older, all appreciate it so much. Thank you also to those who helped with the Easter services. The organist, the choir and the brass musicians sounded fantastic. What a wonderful gift you all are to First English.

~Pastor Cheryl

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.

CentraCare Hospice currently has a high need for volunteers in our area and they're inviting you to consider learning more about this opportunity. Their spring volunteer training will be held at their Hospice Office in Willmar on Tuesday, May 13th and Thursday, May 15th. The 2-day training will give you a comprehensive look at the hospice program including communication and caring skills, pain management and symptom control, an overview of their complementary therapies, and more. They are looking for men and women of all backgrounds and do have a high need for veteran volunteers. For questions or information, call Deb Van Buren at CentraCare Hospice - 320-231-4433.

The Ambulance Relief Association will have their pancake breakfast today, 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. 465 1st St. SE Ortonville.

Donate blood Tues, April 29th from 1-6 p.m.at the Bellingham Community Center, & you'll receive a classic Red Cross t-shirt while supplies last. See posted flyers for more info.

The Church Council voted to suspend coffee fellowship for the summer months. The last day for coffee fellowship will be May 18th (Senior Recognition). In autumn they decided to have it on the first Sunday in each month, rather than every Sunday.

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.

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 12th 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.

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.



This 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
Coffee Servers: Mark Block

Next Week's Ministry Assistants—May 4th

Organist: Kathy Haukos **Tech Desk:** David Ellingson & Marina Thomson
Acolytes: Martino & Meadow **Greeters:** Marge Dragseth & Lexi Kaye
Coffee Servers: Deb & Glenn Henningson **Lector:** Sara Mattison
Ushers: Ev Johnson, Ron Athey, Jon & Kim Anderson.
FWV: Marge Dragseth & Jane Debner

Weekly Calendar

Sun- 4/27

9:00 am Contemporary 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



Tues – 4/29

8:30 am Day of Love

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

Wed – 4/30

9:30 am Channel 3 broadcast

11:00 am Staff Meeting

3:30 pm Confirmation (7-9th grade)
with Youth Ditch Walk to follow

5:30 pm FELZ-Zion Joint Meeting &
Channel 3 broadcast

7:00 pm Senior Choir



Thurs – 5/1 MAY DAY

Fri – 5/2

9:00 am Bulletins Printed

Sun – 5/4

9:00 am Worship – Communion –

Broadcast on KDIO & FB Live

10:00 am Coffee Fellowship

10:30 am Fairway View Worship (pre-recorded)

2:00 pm Private Piano Recital



Student Registration

Zion Lutheran Parish and First English Lutheran Church are excited to host 2025 VBS Wonder Junction!

2025 VBS Wonder Junction will be held in the evenings from 6:30-8:45 pm, June 8th-12th at Zion Lutheran Church, with a closing program on June 12th

All children ages 4 years old-completed 6th grade are welcome to attend, this is a free community event! Registration will close once classes are full and/or on Monday, May 12th.

During Wonder Junction, kids will explore key moments in Jesus' life, emphasizing the wonder of His birth, childhood, ministry, death, resurrection, and return. Each day will feature Bible lessons, music/songs, memory verses, crafts, snacks, and games that deepen kids' understanding of Jesus.

We are so excited for you to join us as we travel through the Old West while we learn about Jesus and how to live for his glory - the greatest joy there is!

Scan QR code below or visit the on-line registration link:



<https://zionparishmyanswers.myanswers.com/wonder-junction/>

Please select the grade your child will complete at the end of the current school year.



Volunteer Registration

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Register by: Completing form and returning to Sara Tollakson at Zion Lutheran Parish or Ashley Hanson at First English Lutheran Church, scanning QR code below, or visiting the on-line registration link:

Before VBS, I would like to help by:

- ☐ Helping with administrative tasks ☐ Preparing craft materials ☐ Decorating

During VBS, I would like to help in one or more of the following areas:

- ☐ Snacks ☐ Drama ☐ Teacher ☐ Clean-up crew
☐ Games ☐ Music ☐ Teaching assistance

Age Level Preference:

- ☐ 4-6 years ☐ 9-12 years ☐ 6-9 years ☐ Wherever needed most

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Days Available: ☐ Every day ☐ Certain days (please specify)



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