



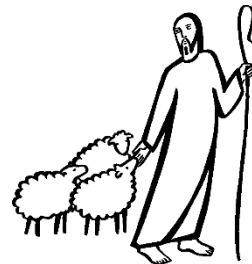
First English Lutheran Church

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Rev. Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett, Interim Pastor

Lisa Berdan, Senior Choir Director

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9:00 am

Fourth Sunday of Easter – Mother's Day

May 11, 2025

ELW SETTING FOUR

PREPARATION

Prelude, Bells

Welcome & Announcements

Peace

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

GATHERING

Prayer of Confession (*inspired by Psalm 23, John 10:22-30, Revelation 7:9-17*)

P: Master, Savior, Shepherd, Messiah—we know you by many names, Lord. Your presence fills our lives—all that we are and all that we have comes from you; all that you do declares your love for us.

C: Yet when trouble comes, when adversity plagues us, we wonder where you are; we even wonder who you are. How quickly we forget that you are always with us. Dispel our gloom and despair. Change our garments of darkness into robes of dazzling light. Spread your table before us, and feed us from your hand. Lead us in the paths of righteousness, for it is in your name that we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance (*inspired by Psalm 23, John 10:22-30, Revelation 7:9-17*)

P: Even in the darkest valley, though death's shadow may threaten us, we need not fear, for the Lord is with us. God will comfort and shelter us. No harm will come to us. No one can snatch us out of the Lord's hand. God will wipe away every tear from our eyes. **C: Amen.**

Gathering Hymn 'Holy God, We Praise Your Name' vs. 1-3 #414

1. Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you. All on earth your scepter claim, all in heav'n above adore you. Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign.

2. Hark! The glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising; cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising, fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

3. Lo, the apostolic train join your sacred name to hallow; prophets swell the glad refrain, and the white-robed martyrs follow; and from morn to set of sun through the church the song goes on.

Greeting pg. 147

P: 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.**

Kyrie pg. 147

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen

Hymn of Praise 'Glory to God in the Highest' pg. 148

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray, **C: O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through 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 9:36-43

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Psalms 23

ELW Psalm 23

L: ¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

C: ² The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

L: ³ You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

C: ⁴ 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: ⁵ 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: ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Children's Message

Jack Holmquest

Special Music

'Shepherd Me, O God'

Senior Choir

Gospel Acclamation

'Alleluia. Lord to whom.....'

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Holy Gospel: John 10:22-30

NT pg. 79

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

Jack Holmquest

Hymn of the Day 'Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us' vs. 1-2, 4 #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.

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.

Blessing of Mothers

L: God of all creation, pour out your blessing...We ask this in Jesus' name.

C: Amen

Prayers of Intercession

P: Hear us, O God, **C: Your mercy is great.**

MEAL

Offering Collection and Presentation

Offertory Hymn 'The King of Love, My Shepherd Is' vs. 1-2, & 6 #502

1. The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

2. Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth and, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

6. And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never. Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877. Music: Irish Tune.

Offertory Prayer

P: God of love, you abide with us...deeply from the cup of compassion.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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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: *(based on Psalm 23, John 10, 1 John 3:16-24)*

P: Go now with your trust in the good shepherd, and let us love, not just in words, but in truth and action. Believe in the name of Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as he has commanded us.

And may God be at your side, even in valleys of death. May Christ Jesus be the cornerstone of your life. And may the Holy Spirit abide in you....and tend you with love and mercy all the days of your life.

C: Amen.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace... to love and follow the Shepherd.

C: We will! Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn *'For All Your Saints, O Lord' vs. 1-2, & 5* #427

1. For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live, who followed you, obeyed, adored, our grateful hymn receive.

2. For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die, who counted you their great reward, accept our thankful cry.

5. To God, the Father, Son, and Spirit, ever blest, the One in Three, the Three in One, be endless praise addressed.

Text: Richard Mant, 1776–1848, alt. Music: William H. Walter, 1825–1893.

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.

Thank you to Jack Holmquest for returning & leading our service today!

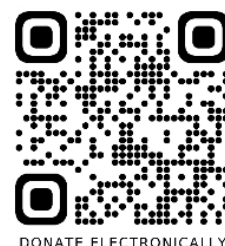
Welcome to all visitors and guests! May the joy of Christ fill you as we worship today. Friendship Pads are at the ends of each pew (by middle aisle). Fill them out, pass them on to your neighbor(s), and send them back to the middle aisle.

KDIO Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Penny & Curtis Hormann in honor of grandchildren Avery, Oakley & Ryley Sigler and DJ Bartels. [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>April 2025</u>	<u>Year-to-Date 2025</u>
Offerings/Gifts:	18,643.49	75,253.40
Zion Receivable:	3,192.06	12,632.56
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Total Revenue:	21,835.55	87,885.96
Expenses:	21,330.11	81,163.95
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Balance:	505.44	6,722.01



DONATE ELECTRONICALLY

May's pink envelope emphasis is for the Global Missions – Companion Synod South Africa. You can find special pink envelopes for designated giving in the Narthex.

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Ann Mattison whose birthday is today and Connie Newman whose birthday is Saturday, May 17th.

For all the Women on Mother's Day whether you are a mother, mother at heart, trying to be a mother or having a difficult day-please accept a flower on behalf of the Evangelism Board as you leave the service today!!!

Our annual FELC grounds spring cleaning will be tomorrow, May 12th at 6:00 pm. Please come to help clean up our grounds.

TWINS GAME HERE WE COME!! We have a full bus - so now we need to reserve the bus by collecting the transportation fee of \$25 per person. We need this before reserving the bus, so please drop your payment off at FELC as soon as possible before June 8th. The drop box is outside the Church Office. Please add a note explaining which passengers the payment covers. More information to follow concerning the time of departure, etc. Barbara is also e-mailing this info, so please check your e-mail. GO TWINS!!

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.

Items in the kitchen are not to be borrowed or taken out of the church. If you *have* borrowed any items from the church kitchen, please return them to the kitchen. They are used for church events and are all we have for those events.

Milan, MN presents the 19th annual A Taste of Syttende Mai 2025, May 17th from 10 am – 4 pm. There will be a Kviteseid Smorgass Tea at Kviteseid Church from 10 am to 1 pm, Musicians from 12-2 pm, Uff-da Parade at 2 pm, and Traditional Norwegian Arts, Crafts, & food (Downtown Milan).

Stonecroft Ministries Women's Connection will be meeting on Tues., May 20th at **5:00 pm** at Big Stone Tabor Methodist Church. The speaker will be Joyce Yexley on the topic, "A Broken Dream – From Fiery Trial to New Purpose." Special music will be Jody Kuper, soloist accompanied by Bob Frink. The cost is \$6.00, and you can register with Paula Reisdorph at 320-760-9583 or just be a walk-in. Free nursery by reservation.

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.

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.

Weekly Calendar

Sun – 5/11 MOTHER'S DAY – Jack Holmquest Leading Service



9:00 am Worship – Broadcast on KDIO & Facebook Live

10:00 am Council Mtgs & Coffee Fellowship

Time TBD Council Voting Meeting

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

Mother's Day

Mon – 5/12 VBS Deadline

11:00 am Staff Meeting

6:00 pm Church Grounds Spring Cleaning

Tues – 5/13 8:30 am Day of Love

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

Wed – 5/14 9:30 am Channel 3 Broadcast

1:00 pm Fairway View Worship (Live with communion)

3:30 pm Confirmation (7-9th Grade)

5:30 pm Channel 3 Broadcast

Fri – 5/16 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

Sun – 5/18 SENIOR RECOGNITION

9:00 am Worship – Communion –

Broadcast on KDIO & Facebook Live

10:00 am Coffee Fellowship with graduation cake

