



First English Lutheran Church
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May 4, 2025

Third Sunday of Easter
ELW SETTING FOUR

9:00 am

PREPARATION

Prelude, Bells

Welcome & KDIO Announcement

Peace

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

GATHERING

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God, **C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

'Have You Thanked the Lord?'

#829

Greeting

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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.**

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

'This is the Feast'

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Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray, **C: Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow 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 9:1-20

NT pg. 97

Psalm 30

ELW Psalm 30

L: ¹ I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

C: ² O LORD my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.

L: ³ You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

C: ⁴ Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful; give thanks in holy remembrance.

L: ⁵ God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime. Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

C: ⁶ While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed.

L: ⁷ You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains." Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

C: ⁸ I cried to you, O LORD; I pleaded with my Lord, saying,

L: ⁹ "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

C: ¹⁰ Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; O LORD, be my helper."

L: ¹¹ You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

C: ¹² Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.

Second Lesson: Revelation 5:11-14

NT pg. 195

Children's Message

Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett

Gospel Acclamation

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

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Holy Gospel: John 21:1-19

NT pg. 88-89

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

Special Music

'You Raise Me Up'

Senior Choir

Nicene Creed

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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.

Prayers of Intercession

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

MEAL

Offering Collection and Presentation

Offertory Hymn *'God, Whose Farm is All Creation'*

#734

Offertory Prayer

P: Forgiving God, people give for so many...all may know your love.

C: Amen.

SHARING THE MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving (spoken)

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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.

Preface P: It is indeed right... join their unending hymn:

'Holy, Holy, Holy'

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Words of Institution

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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.

Invitation to Communion

P: Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

Distribution Hymn:

'Lamb of God'

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Distribution Hymn:

'I Love to Tell the Story'

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1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story, because I know it's true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

(Refrain): I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

2. I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet! I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy word.

(Refrain)

3. I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long.
(Refrain)

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911. Music: William E. Fischer, 1849-1936.

Distribution Hymn: 'A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing' vs. 1-3

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Eucharistic Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

P: Living One, **C: 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.**

SENDING

Commission & Benediction: (*Inspired by John 21: 1-19*)

P: As you go out into the world, seek the presence of the Risen Christ in each other and in all of Creation. May God give you joyful courage to follow the command of Jesus: "Feed my lambs." "Tend my sheep." "Feed my sheep." And may God change your anguish into a joyful dance; May Christ Jesus lead you from betrayal to mission; And may the Holy Spirit fill you...with light and love and purpose.

C: Amen.

Announcements

Dismissal

L: Go in peace... to feed His sheep.

C: We will! Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn

'You Servants of God' vs. 1, 2, & 4

#825

1. You servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad his wonderful name; the name, all-victorious, of Jesus extol; his kingdom is glorious and rules over all!

2. Ascended on high, almighty to save, yet still he is nigh, his presence we have. The great congregation his triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus, our king!

4. Then let us adore and give him his right, all glory and pow'r and wisdom and might, all honor and blessing, with angels above, and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt. Music: attr. Johann Michael Haydn, 1737-1806.

Bells

Postlude

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.

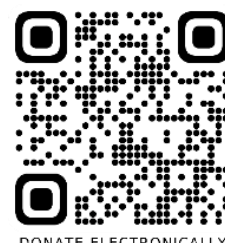
Welcome to all visitors and guests! May the joy of Christ fill you as we worship today. Friendship Pads are at the ends of each pew (by middle aisle). Fill them out, pass them on to your neighbor(s), and send them back to the middle aisle.

KDIO Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Arlene Gustafson in memory of Larry Dahle & Ruth Hansen & by your gifts to the Endowment Fund. [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
Total Revenue:	21,835.55	87,885.96
Expenses:	21,330.11	81,163.95
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 John Salls whose birthday is this Friday.

Our annual FELC grounds spring cleaning will be May 12th at 6:00 pm (with a backup date of May 19th). Please come to help clean up our grounds, the flowerbeds & bushes.

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.

Thank you to all of our Sunday School teachers and to the Zupfers and Amy A for sharing their musical talents with the kids throughout the year. **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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

This 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

Next Week's Ministry Assistants—May 11th (Mother's Day)

Organist: Carol Ydstie **Coffee Servers:** Judy Beckman & Burt Pansch
Tech Desk: Liz Ketz & Marina Thomson **Lector:** Christie Petersen
Greeters: Paula Reisdorph & Ev Johnson **FWV:** Marge Dragseth & TBD
Ushers: Art Vollmer, Brent Zahrbock, Glenn & Deb Henningson.
Acolytes: Hannah & Brooke **Lay Assistants:** Kirsten & Bryson Karels

Weekly Calendar

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

Mon – 5/5 CINCO DE MAYO
11:00 am Staff Meeting

Tues – 5/6 8:30 am Day of Love
3:30 pm Evangelism Meeting
4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Donnie's Diner (Fairway View)

Wed – 5/7 9:00 am Circle 4 (in church lounge)
9:30 am Channel 3 Broadcast
1:45 pm Confirmation (7-8th Grade)
2:45 pm Confirmation (9th Grade)
5:30 pm Channel 3 Broadcast
7:00 pm Senior Choir

EARLY OUT



Fri – 5/9 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

Sat – 5/10 2-4:00 pm Adam Helgeson & Brystin LaMont Open House
Wedding Shower at Zion Lutheran Church

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