



January 11, 2026

First English Lutheran Church

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Baptism of Our Lord
ELW SETTING TWO



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, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

C: Amen.

P: Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Mighty God, lover of justice, **C: you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

P: The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in ☩ Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace. **C: Amen.**

Gathering Hymn 'Shall We Gather at the River?' vs. 1-3 #423

1. Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod, with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

(Refrain): **Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river; gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.**

2. On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray, we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. (Refrain)

3. Ere we reach the shining river, lay we ev'ry burden down; grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. (Refrain)

Text & Music: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899.

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.**

Hymn of Praise

'Glory to God in the Highest'

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Prayer of the Day

P: O God our Father, **C: at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Special Music

'Peace'

Senior Choir

WORD

First Lesson: Isaiah 42:1-9

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L: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29

ELW Psalm 29

L: ¹ Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

C: ² Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

L: ³ The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

C: ⁴ The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

L: ⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

C: ⁶ the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

L: ⁷ The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

C: ⁸ The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

L: ⁹ The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

C: ¹⁰ The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.

L: ¹¹ O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

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Second Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

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Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation

'Alleluia'

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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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Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

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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 Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett

Sermon Song

'Spirit of Gentleness' vs. 1-3

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Apostle's Creed

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

Prayers of Intercession

P:Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

P: Confident that the Holy Spirit...Christ Jesus our Savior. **C: Amen.**

MEAL

Offering Collection and Presentation

Offertory Prayer

P: Living God, let the baptism...especially with people in need.

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:

P: Go in peace; love and care for one another in the name of Christ; and may the Spirit of God which filled John and Jesus, fill your hearts, souls and minds; may the power of God which upheld them, strengthen you for each day; and may the love of God which directed their every action be your guiding light and your shining star, both now and forevermore. **C: Amen.**

Pastor Leaves **Announcements**

Dismissal

L: Go in peace... Do justice. Love mercy.

C: We will! Thanks be to God.

1. See that host all dressed in white, God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.
The leader looks like the Israelite. God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.

(Refrain)
2. See that band all dressed in red, God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.
Looks like the band that Moses led. God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.
(Refrain)

3. Look over yonder, what do I see? God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.
The Holy Ghost a-coming on me. God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.
(Refrain)

4. If you don't believe I've been redeemed, God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. Just follow me down to Jordan's stream. God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. (Refrain)

Text & Music: African American spiritual

Bells, Postlude

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John 10:27 "My sheep hear my voice; I know them and they follow me."

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 Rita Verheul in memory of Dick Verheul on the 1st anniversary of his passing. [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.



December 2025 Year-to-Date 2025

Offerings/Gifts:	\$24,828.63	\$223,960.90
Zion Receivable:	\$3,316.67	\$36,144.15
Total Revenue:	\$28,145.30	\$260,105.05
Expenses:	\$21,779.01	\$236,961.53
Balance:	\$6,366.29	\$23,143.52



January's pink envelope emphasis is for the FELC Technology Fund. You can find special pink envelopes for designated giving in the Narthex.

Birthday wishes go out to Judy Beckman, whose birthday is today.

May the God of all consolation be with Jon Ydstie and family on the death of his eldest sister, Bonnie Ydstie Hunt, from Medina, MN. She passed away on January 3, 2026 peacefully following complications of a stroke. A Memorial Service is planned at a later date.

The annual meeting of the congregation is January 25th (February 1st is the backup). Keep an eye on our Facebook page to be notified when the annual reports are ready.

2025 Giving Statements \$250 or higher have been sent out (via email or USPS mail). If you don't receive a statement and would like one printed for you, please contact someone in the office.

Let's go roller-skating, Zion and FELC! FELC Board of Education has planned a roller-skating outing for BOTH congregations today, Sunday, January 11th, from 10:30am-1:30pm ("come & go") at Sioux Historic. Skating will be FREE for ALL members from both congregations, and ALL ages are welcome to join!



Youth attending the summer mission trip to Georgia will be hosting a Valentine's Day basket fundraiser. If you would like to donate items and/or a basket, please get them to Kari or Archer Dorry by January 30. If you have questions, contact Kari at 320-305-4167.



PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT for Kelly Athey, Gail Olson, Nancy Pierzina, Harris Selvig, Beth Swanson, Brandi Tweeter, Jean Zieliike; Bishop Craig Anderson, Monty Athey, Paul Erdman, Rosie Frank, Dustin Hanson, Larry Helgeson, Natalie Henneberg, McCoy Jipson, Janice Redfield, David Scholberg, and Jerry Stotesbery. AT FAIRWAY VIEW NEIGHBORHOODS: Ricky Anderson, Arvilla Bergseth, Adeline Burgess, Jim Hipple, Vivian Janssen, Arlen LaCombe, Roger Nornes; Aletta Simonitch; and Mary Lou Olson in Madison. ALL OUR MILITARY who are deployed to areas of conflict especially Jacob Hamann, Colin Hartman, Tyler Ruby, and Thomas Halverson; and our Haitian student, Ycherson Soh and South African students Sanelisiwe Dlamini and Andiswa Mbatha. If you would like a name to be added/removed, please contact the church office.



This Week's Ministry Assistants—January 11th

Organist: Carol Ydstie **Tech Desk:** Matt Karels & Marge Dragseth
Lector: Kelsey Kaye **Acolytes:** Brielle & Archer
Greeters: Sara Wollschlager & Kimberly Neuman
Ushers: Art Vollmer, Brent Zahrbock, Glenn & Deb Henningson
FWV: Jackie & Mel Domine

This Week's Ministry Assistants—January 14th FWV

Organist: Marilyn Hanson **Lay Assistants:** Evangelism Board Members

Next Week's Ministry Assistants—January 18th

Organist: Amy Adelman **Tech Desk:** Liz Ketz & Marge Dragseth
Lector: Brent Zahrbock **Acolytes:** Dawson & Gibson
Greeters: Mentor & Mentee Volunteer
Lay Assistants: Kirsten & Bryson Karels
Ushers: Nancy Nolop, Dick Strei, Dean Longnecker, & Josh Wollschlager

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun – 1/11 9:00 am Worship – Broadcast on KDIO & FB Live
9:30-10:15 am Sunday School
10:00 am WAM Meeting
10:30 am Fairway View Worship (pre-recorded)
10:30 am -1:30 pm FELC & Zion Combined
Roller-Skating at Sioux Historic



Mon – 1/12 11:00 am Staff Meeting
4:00 pm FELC Audit

Tues – 1/13 9:00 am Day of Love
4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Fairway View (Donnie's Diner)

Wed – 1/14 9:30 am Channel 3 Broadcast
1:00 pm Fairway View Worship Live
with Pr. Cheryl & Communion
3:30 pm Confirmation (7-8th graders)
4:30 pm Confirmation (9th graders)
5:30 pm Youth Group (at Zion Church) &
Channel 3 Broadcast
7:00 pm Senior Choir

Thur – 1/15 5:30 pm Tech Desk Training

Fri – 1/16 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

Sun – 1/18 9:00 am Worship–Communion–Broadcast on KDIO & FB Live
9:30-10:15 am Sunday School