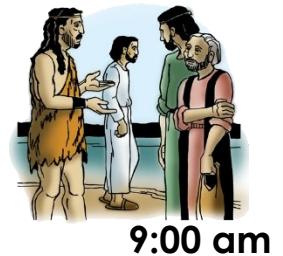




January 18, 2026

## First English Lutheran Church

9 NW 3<sup>rd</sup> Street; Ortonville, MN 56278  
Rev. Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett, Pastor  
Lisa Berdan, Senior Choir Director  
**Second Sunday after Epiphany**  
**ELW SETTING TWO**



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**

Gathering Hymn

'Arise, Your Light Has Come'

#314

### **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: Hear the good news...and bless you with the gift of peace. **C: Amen.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray... **C: Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Special Music

'Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God'

Senior Choir

### **WORD**

First Lesson: Isaiah 49:1-7

OT pg. 526

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

Psalm 40:1-11

ELW Psalm 40

L: <sup>1</sup> I waited patiently upon the LORD, who stooped to me and heard my cry.

**C: <sup>2</sup> The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.**

L: <sup>3</sup> The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

**C: <sup>4</sup> Happy are they who trust in the LORD! They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.**

L: <sup>5</sup> Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us, none can be compared with you! Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.

**C: <sup>6</sup> Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.**

L: <sup>7</sup> And so I said, "Here I am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

**C: <sup>8</sup> 'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me. '**

L: <sup>9</sup> I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly; I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.

**C: <sup>10</sup> I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.**

L: <sup>11</sup> You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me; may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

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

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

NT pg. 127

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

### Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation

'Alleluia'

pg. 124

Holy Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

NT pg. 62

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      'Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult' verses 1-2, & 4      #696

**1. Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea, day by day his clear voice sounding, saying, "Christian, follow me":**

2. As of old Saint Andrew heard it by the Galilean lake, turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for Jesus' sake.
4. In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-1895. Music: William H. Jude. 1851-1922.

## Apostle's Creed

p. 127

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** (inspired by Epiphany 2A readings)

P: ....Let us walk: **C: In the light of the Lord.**

P: Make all our petitions selfless...always hear our prayers. **C: Amen**

## Offering Collection and Presentation

## Offering

1. Abide, O dearest Jesus, among us with your grace, that evil may not harm us nor we to sin give place.
2. Abide, O dear Redeemer, among us with your word and thus now and hereafter true peace and joy afford.
3. Abide with heav'nly brightness among us, precious Light; your truth direct and keep us from error's gloomy night.
4. Abide with richest blessings among us, bounteous Lord; let us in grace and wisdom grow daily through your word.
5. Abide, O faithful Savior, among us with your love; grant steadfastness and help us to reach our home above.

Text: Josua Stegmann, 1588–1632; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923. Music: Melchior Vulpius, 1570–1615.

## Offertory Prayer

P: O God... C: we recognize that we have been blessed with great abundance. In offering these gifts, may we be strengthened to proclaim your faithfulness and your salvation this day and always. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

## **Preparation for Communion**

P: When the time was right... one with Him and each other. **C: Amen.**

**Words of Institution** pg. 130

**Lord's Prayer** pg. 134

**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: Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!  
Come to the table; taste and see.

Distribution Hymn 'Lamb of God' pg. 135

Distribution Hymn 'Lamb of God, Your Only Son' #336

Distribution Hymn 'O Lord, Now Let Your Servant' #313

## **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: O God, **C: through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## **SENDING**

**Commission & Benediction:** (based on 1 Corinthians 1: 7-9)

P: As we leave this place, remember: God, who chose you before your birth, who calls you and knows you by name, now sends you out into the world—to bring light to those in darkness, comfort to those who grieve, hope to those who despair.

And may the blessing of God, the love of Jesus Christ, and the presence of the Holy Spirit be among you and within you as you seek to do God's will. **C: Amen.**

## Announcements

Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser Talk

Bryson & Archer

## **Dismissal**

L: Go in peace... for God chose you.

**C: We will. Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn

'We Are Marching in the Light'

#866

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.

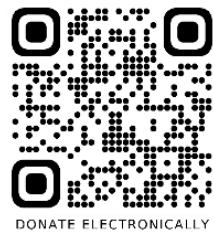
**KDIO Radio Broadcast** is sponsored in honor of Roger & Barbara Nornes' 72<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary which would have been on December 25<sup>th</sup>. [Radio broadcast cards are available in the narthex; cost is \$100/week].

**OFFERING UPDATE:** You're encouraged to visit our webpage for Online Giving at [www.firstenglish.net](http://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.

**Happy Birthday wishes go out to** Arlen LaCombe whose birthday is January 24<sup>th</sup>.

**The annual meeting of the congregation is January 25<sup>th</sup> (February 1<sup>st</sup> is the backup).** The annual reports are available in the Narthex.

**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.

**Next week is the Noisy Offering** and we thought we would remind you where this money goes. We support 4 South African Students through our congregation. The Youth Group sponsors one student and the remaining 3 are sponsored by the Noisy Offering. Each student's tuition is \$300 a year. Your generosity helps us meet these obligations.

**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.



**You are invited to a FELC & Zion joint fellowship event** at Unity Square in Milbank, SD on February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1:00-3:00 pm (or stay longer). "Come & Go" as you are able and join in the fun-filled activities offered including swimming, racquetball, basketball, running, relaxation, exercise, volleyball, & pickleball. You can find the admission prices on Unity Health and Fitness's website: [unitymilbank.org](http://unitymilbank.org). Adults are \$10/day and youth (ages 5-18) are \$7/day. See the website for possible discounts & passes.

**There is planned maintenance of the Church's Elevator from** January 26<sup>th</sup> to the week of February 9<sup>th</sup>.

**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 18<sup>th</sup>

**Organist:** Amy Adelman

**Tech Desk:** Liz Ketz & Marge Dragseth

**Lector:** Brent Zahrbock

**Lay Assistants:** Kirsten & Bryson Karels

**Greeters:** Chelsie Haukos & Nash K.

**Acolytes:** Dawson & Gibson

**Ushers:** Nancy Nolop, Dick Strei, Dean Longnecker, & Josh Wollschlager

## Next Week's Ministry Assistants—January 25<sup>th</sup>

**Organist:** Lisa Berdan

**Tech Desk:** Cody Backstrand & Terry Kalberg

**Lector:** Amanda Stattelman

**Acolytes:** Ashton & Madilyn

**Greeters:** Bailey Conroy & Lori Strei

**Ushers:** Tammy Lundberg, Marilyn Chindvall, Mel & Jackie Domine

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Sun – 1/18** 9:00 am Worship—Communion—Broadcast on KDIO & FB Live

**Mon – 1/19** **Martin Luther King Jr. Day – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

**Tues – 1/20** 9:00 am Day of Love

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

**Wed – 1/21** 9:30 am Channel 3 Broadcast

11:00 am Staff Meeting

3:30 pm Confirmation (7-8<sup>th</sup> graders)

4:30 pm Confirmation (9<sup>th</sup> graders)

5:30 pm Youth Group & Channel 3 Broadcast

7:00 pm Senior Choir

**Fri – 1/23** 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

**Sun – 1/25** 9:00 am Contemporary Worship – Noisy Offering

– Broadcast on KDIO & FB Live

9:30-10:15 am Sunday School

After Service – **Annual Meeting of the Congregation in Sanctuary**

**Mon – 1/26** **PLANNED ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE BEGINS**

