



January 25, 2026

First English Lutheran Church

9 NW 3rd Street; Ortonville, MN 56278

Rev. Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett, Pastor

Lisa Berdan, Senior Choir Director

Third Sunday after Epiphany

CONTEMPORARY



PREPARATION

Prelude

Bells

Welcome & KDIO Announcement

Peace

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

GATHERING

Call to Worship: (inspired by Matthew 4:19, Mark 1:16-20, Luke 5:1-11)

P: The invitation is given to every person by Jesus Christ: "Come to me! Follow me! Be my disciples!"

C: We come to this place, to this time, at the invitation of Jesus Christ.

P: In the name of Christ,

C: we accept the invitation to discipleship.

P: In the name of Christ,

C: as his disciples, we worship and praise God.

P: In the midst of a world where cruelty abounds,

C: we proclaim the God of Compassion.

P: In the midst of despair that threatens to swallow up whole lives, whole peoples,

C: we proclaim the God of Hope.

P: In the midst of indifference and apathy,

C: we proclaim the God of Love.

P: Come, let us worship together

C: and share our witness of God's living presence in the world.

Gathering Song

'All Are Welcome'

SONG SHEET PG 3

PRAYER OF BROKENNESS/CONFESION

P: Holy Christ, **C: we come to You knowing that we have fallen away from Your intentions for us. We have followed the paths of greed and envy, turned away from our brothers and sisters in need in order to satisfy our own desires. You gave Your life for us, and yet we are willing to give so little at times.**

Forgive us for not understanding that You laid down Your life for us. Forgive us for not recognizing the sacrifice of love, to live for others instead of ourselves. Call us back, to repent, and return to the kingdom of God. In Your precious Name we pray. Amen.

BLESSING/ASSURANCE OF PARDON

P: Christ continues to lay down his life for us, so that we might have life. Christ continues to show us the way, so that we might live into the truth and the life. Christ continues to love us, so that we might love God and love our neighbors as ourselves. Know that you are forgiven, loved, and given new life. **C: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Praise Song

'Praise to You'

SONG SHEET PG 19

Prayer of the Day

P: Lord God... **C: our lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Special Music

'Follow Me'

Senior Choir

Children's Message

Noisy Offering

WORD

First Lesson: Isaiah 9:1-4

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

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

ELW Psalm 27

L: ¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

C: ⁴ One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.

L: ⁵ For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

C: ⁶ Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me. Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

L: ⁷ Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

C: ⁸ My heart speaks your message— “Seek my face.” Your face, O LORD, I will seek.

L: ⁹ Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger. Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

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

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

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

Gospel Lead In

‘To Be Alive’

SONG SHEET PG 13

Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

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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

‘Make Me an Instrument’

SONG SHEET PG 15

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Called by God

This We Believe (inspired by Mark 1:14-20, Matthew 4:18-22)

I believe in an innovative God, who does not wait for us to find ourselves but comes seeking the lost and calling us into a new way.

I believe in Jesus of Nazareth as God’s crucial initiative, that when he calls us to follow, Christ also gives us the power to become, both in creed and deed, the children of the living God.

I believe in the Spirit by whom Jesus still comes to us, calling us to follow him into an obedience which is true liberty and to a humble service which is the fruit of holy friendship.

I believe in the church as the fellowship of Christ’s people, called to respect and support one another through joys and tribulations as we travel the road towards the “promised land” of God’s future.

Because Christ has called me in this I truly believe. Amen.

Prayers of the People: (Based on Epiphany 3A Readings.)

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

P: Make all our petitions selfless, like those you taught to pray.

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.

MEAL

Offering Collection and Presentation

Offering

Offertory Hymn

'What Shall I Give?'

SONG SHEET PG 17

Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray... C: Almighty God, who made us who we are, we offer all of ourselves to You. Take our talents, our energy and our joy, and use us to share Your love. Take our mistakes, our regrets and our pain, and use us to bring Your healing. Magnify the gifts we offer before You today, to spread Your peace in the world. Amen.

SENDING -

Benediction: (based on Colossians 1: 9-12)

May God give you the gift of spiritual insight and understanding, so that you may see things from His point of view, and so that your lives may bring credit to God's name, and joy to His heart.

May your lives bear the fruit of God's Spirit, as you continue to grow in your knowledge and understanding of God.

And may God give you the strength you need to be able to pass through any experience and endure it with joy, all the while giving thanks to God who has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to God's holy people. And may the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Pastor Leaves

Announcements

Dismissal

L: Go in peace... Loved by God.. **C: We will! Thanks be to God.**

Sending Hymn

'Send Us Out'

SONG SHEET PG 19

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.

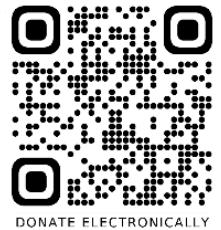
KDIO Radio Broadcast is sponsored in memory of Jim Johnson whose birthday would have been February 17th by Sharron Johnson. [Radio broadcast cards are available in the narthex; cost is \$100/week].

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.

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.

This 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.



There is planned maintenance of the Church's Elevator from January 26th to the week of February 9th.

You are invited to a FELC & Zion joint fellowship event at Unity Square in Milbank, SD on February 22nd 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. Adults are \$10/day and youth (ages 5-18) are \$7/day. See the website for possible discounts & passes.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT for Kelly Athey, Barb Nornes, Gail Olson, Nancy Pierzina, Harris Selvig, Beth Swanson, Brandi Tweeter, Jean Zieliike; 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 25th

Organist: Lisa Berdan **Tech Desk:** Cody Backstrand & Terry Kalberg
Lector: Amanda Stattelman **Acolytes:** Ashton & Madilyn
Greeters: Bailey Conroy & Lori Strei
Ushers: Tami Lundberg, Dick Strei, Mel & Jackie Domine

Next Week's Ministry Assistants—February 1st

Organist: Carol Ydstie **Tech Desk:** Matt & Bryson Karels
Lector: Jim Foster **Lay Assistants:** Darin & Kristi Ehrenberg
Greeters: Eldon Knutson & Dawson **Acolytes:** Amelia K. & Miley
Ushers: Gale May, Dean Strand, Vern Nickolauson, & **TBD** **FWV:** **TBD**

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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**
11:00 am Staff Meeting



Tues – 1/27 **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
9:00 am Day of Love
4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Fairway View (Donnie's Diner)

Wed – 1/28 9:30 am Channel 3 Broadcast
3:30 pm Confirmation (7-8th graders)
4:30 pm Confirmation (9th graders)
5:30 pm Youth Group & Channel 3 Broadcast
7:00 pm Senior Choir

Thurs – 1/29 9:00 am-3:00 pm Pastor Cheryl at "Ethics and Boundaries for Ministers" Training in Wilmar, MN.

Fri – 1/30 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

Sun – 2/1 9:00 am Worship – Communion
– Broadcast on KDIO & FB Live
9:30 – 10:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Fairway Worship – Pre-recorded