



January 4, 2026

First English Lutheran Church

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Second Sunday of Christmas
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, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty Savior, Prince of Peace. **C: Amen.**

P: Trusting in God's steadfast love and faithfulness, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Reconciling God, **C: we yearn for your presence to transform our grief, pain, and despair. We confess that we have not always prepared room in our hearts for your love; we have not always recognized your presence among us; we have not always embraced your message of peace. We cry out, weary with the burden of violence, oppression, and fear.**

We confess our failure to make room for those seeking refuge; our participation in violent systems that harm your innocent ones; our reluctance to embody your good news. Be born in us today and teach us to sing the joyful song of your salvation.

Amen.

P: God's grace upon grace flows over you. ☩ Christ's presence redeems the whole creation. Be assured, your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice and be glad!

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn 'Bright and Glorious is the Sky' vs. 1, 2, & 5 #301

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

'This is the Feast'

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Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray... C: O God our redeemer, you created light that we might live, and you illumine our world with your beloved Son. By your Spirit comfort us in all darkness, and turn us toward the light of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:7-14

OT pg. 569

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

Psalm 147:12-20

ELW Psalm 147

L: ¹² Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion,

C: ¹³ who has strengthened the bars of your gates and has blessed your children within you.

L: ¹⁴ God has established peace on your borders and satisfies you with the finest wheat.

C: ¹⁵ God sends out a command to the earth, a word that runs very swiftly.

L: ¹⁶ God gives snow like wool, scattering frost like ashes.

C: ¹⁷ God scatters hail like bread crumbs. Who can stand against God's cold?

L: ¹⁸ The LORD sends forth the word and melts them; the wind blows, and the waters flow.

C: ¹⁹ God declares the word to Jacob, statutes and judgments to Israel.

L: ²⁰ The LORD has not done so to any other nation; they do not know God's judgments. Hallelujah!

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Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:3-14

NT pg. 148

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Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation

'Alleluia'

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Holy Gospel: John 1:1-18

NT pg. 70

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 'As With Gladness Men of Old' vs. 1-3 #302

1. As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold; as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright; so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led by thee.

2. As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to thy lowly bed, there to bend the knee before thee, whom heav'n and earth adore; so may we with willing feet ever seek thy mercy seat.

3. As they offered gifts most rare at thy cradle, rude and bare, so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy, all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'nly king.

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt. Music: Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872.

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.**

P: With the joy of Christ's birth...Jesus Christ our Savior. **C: Amen**

MEAL

Offering Collection and Presentation

Offertory Hymn

'Shine, Jesus, Shine'

#671

Offertory Prayer and Stewardship Dedication

Stewardship board will bring forward the wooden box along with the ushers and offering that is set at the altar.

P: Stewardship is not merely a call...world and all who live in it.

C: You have entrusted us with gifts— time, talent, energy, money— and asked us to use them to build your kingdom. With thanks and praise we respond to your call.

P: We bring these gifts you... returning your generosity, paying it forward.

C: We understand, it is vital for First Lutheran that we come together to offer ourselves, our lives, our hopes and fears, our dollars and our hours. We commit ourselves to work for your world, to love and serve wherever you call.

P: We ask your blessing on this...foundation of our church community.

C: Bless also these gifts, our investment in your future, that they may multiply in faith, hope, and love. 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... and 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: God is now in flesh appearing. Come to the feast of joy!

Distribution Hymn

'Lamb of God'

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Distribution Hymn

'I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light'

#815

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: Incarnate God, **C: you are among us at this table. May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts the mystery of your presence. Move us to discover the wonders of your love in the everyday moments of our lives, through Christ born in us. Amen.**

SENDING**Commission & Benediction:** (based on Jeremiah 31)

P: Listen to what the Lord says: "I have loved you with an everlasting love, and still I maintain my unfailing love toward you. I will lead you beside quiet streams, and down smooth, uncluttered paths so that you do not stumble. For I have become a Father to you, and you are my firstborn child."

Go out from here in confidence, knowing that the love of God the Father, the grace of the Holy Incarnate, Jesus Christ, and the presence of the Holy Spirit, goes with you.

C: Amen.

**Pastor Leaves
Announcements**

Dismissal

L: Glory to God in the highest!

C: And peace to God's people on earth!

L: Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace.

C: Thanks be to God.

1. We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar, field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

(Refrain): Oh, star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright; westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

2. Born a king on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again; king forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign. (Refrain)

3. Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a deity nigh; prayer and praising, gladly raising, worshiping God Most High. (Refrain)

4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom; sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.
(Refrain)

5. Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice; heav'n sings alleluia: alleluia the earth replies. (Refrain)

Text & Music: John Henry Hopkins, Jr., 1820-1891.

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 Erv Mikkelson, given by wife Darlene and family, Gary, Joan, & Dean. January 1st was the anniversary of his death. [2026 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.

Belated Birthday wishes go out to Kate Heinecke whose birthday was 12/31 and Carol Knutson whose birthday was yesterday the 3rd.

Annual report information is due in the office ASAP (the deadline has passed). (Electronic files preferred but a hard copy is also appreciated!)

Organizations with financial reports should turn those reports into the office by tomorrow, January 5th, (or as soon after as possible) for our internal audit of FELC books.

Let's go roller-skating, Zion and FELC! FELC Board of Education is planning a roller-skating outing for BOTH congregations on 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!



Come One, Come All! (Ages 18-100)! Join our Adults-Only Game Night!

The evening begins with soup & meat tray at 5:30 pm and then board, card, and dice games to follow. Please call FELC to register (320-839-2527), as a head count is necessary for meal preparation. Transportation can be arranged if people need rides from Fairway View or other local locations. Come for laughs and fellowship! Hope to see you there!

When: Friday, January 9th

Time: 5:30 pm

Where: FELC Basement

Cost: FREE



PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT for Kelly Athey, Gail Olson, Nancy Pierzina, Harris Selvig, Beth Swanson, Brandi Tweeter, Jean Zielike; 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 4th

Organist: Kathy Haukos

Tech Desk: Kim Anderson & Terry Kalberg

Lay Assistants: Kris Redfield & Marilyn Chindvall **Lector:** Marge Dragseth

Greeters: Amy Adelman & Brielle R.

Acolytes: Brandon & Lexi

Ushers: Ev Johnson, Ron Athey, Jon Anderson, & Scott Schneider

FWV: Archer Dorry & Liz Ketz

Next 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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun – 1/4 9:00 am Worship – Communion – Dedication of Pledges
– Broadcast on KDIO & FB Live
10:30 am Fairway View Worship (pre-recorded)

Mon – 1/5 FINANCIAL REPORTS DUE FOR AUDIT

11:00 am Staff Meeting

Tues – 1/6 9:00 am Day of Love
4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Fairway View (Donnie's Diner)

Wed – 1/7 9:00 am Circle 4 (in church lounge) 
9:30 am Channel 3 Broadcast
3:30 pm Confirmation (7-8th graders)
4:30 pm Confirmation (9th graders)
5:30 pm Youth Group (Removing Christmas Deco.) &
Channel 3 Broadcast
5:30 pm-7:00 pm Church Council Meeting 
7:00 pm Senior Choir

Fri – 1/9



9:00 am Bulletins Printed
5:30 pm Soup & Adult-Only Game Night following meal 

Sun – 1/11

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