



February 1, 2026

First English Lutheran Church

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Fourth Sunday After Epiphany
ELW SETTING TEN



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, \ddagger 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 \ddagger Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace. **C: Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

'As We Gather at Your Table'

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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.**

Kyrie

'Have Mercy on Us'

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Hymn of Praise

'Come, Let us Join'

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Prayer of the Day

P: Holy God... C: you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Special Music

'O Bless the Lord'

Senior Choir

WORD

First Lesson: Micah 6:1-8

OT pg. 672

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

Psalm 15

ELW Psalm 15

L: ¹ LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

C: ² Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;

L: ³ they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

C: ⁴ In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

L: ⁵ They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

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

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

NT pg. 127

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Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation

'Alleluia'

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Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

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Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

NT pg. 3

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 'Will You Come and Follow Me' verses 1-2 #798

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

P: Confident that the Holy Spirit receives...Christ Jesus, our Savior.

C: Amen

MEAL

Offering Collection and Presentation

#669

Offertory Prayer

P: Oh God, Our Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer- How do we thank you? How do we show our gratitude? How do we repay our debt, for your grace?

C: You call us to remember that what you require is not repayment of debt but obedience, to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly together. Use these gifts and grant that our lives would be an offering, pleasing to you, knowing you can use them to spread your love in this world. 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: Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Come to the table; taste and see.

Distribution Hymn

'O Lamb of God'

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Distribution Hymn

'O God of Mercy, God of Light'

#714

Distribution Hymn

'Lift Every Voice & Sing'

#841

1. Lift ev'ry voice and sing till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty. Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us; sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us; facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on till victory is won.

2. Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast'ning rod, felt in the days when hope unborn had died; yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet come to the place for which our parents sighed? We have come over a way that with tears has been watered; we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered, out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

3. God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the way; thou who hast by thy might led us into the light, keep us forever in the path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee; lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee; shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand, true to our God, true to our native land.

Text: James W. Johnson, 1871-1938; Music: J. Rosamond Johnson, 1873-1954.

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: Radiant God, C: **we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

Commission & Benediction: (inspired by 1 Cor 1:18-31, & Mat 5: 1-12)

P: Go now, with God's foolishness and weakness as your only wisdom and strength. Proclaim Christ crucified, and seek riches only in the love of God's Word and in zeal for God's house.

And... As you have been fed, go to feed the hungry.

As you have been set free, go to set free the imprisoned.

As you have been received – give.

As you have heard – proclaim.

And the blessing which you have received from the Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit be always with you. Amen.

C: Amen.

Pastor Leaves Announcements

Dismissal

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

C: We Will. Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn

'Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ'

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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 Clara Zeek with a message of thanks to Jesus and his suffering to give us the gift of grace, in memory of parents, husband, siblings, relatives and friends. [Radio broadcast cards are available in the narthex; cost is \$100/week].

Birthday wishes go out to Clara Zeek whose birthday is today.

February's pink envelope emphasis is for Service Trip Scholarships. You can find special pink envelopes for designated giving in the Narthex.

There is planned maintenance of the Church's Elevator this week.

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. A family is sponsoring this event so the cost for attending will be covered for FELC & Zion members. The party room has been reserved, so if anyone wants to donate snacks and water or lemonade, that would be appreciated.

Super Subs are on sale by the Youth Group. If you or someone you know would like to order subs for pickup on February 8th, you can pick up a form, fill it out, & return it by Tuesday, Feb. 3rd with your payment to someone in the office. Forms can be found at the sanctuary entrances and on our FB page. Checks should be written to: FELC Youth. Each Super Sub is 15" and serves 4-6 people.

Souper Bowl of Caring will be Sunday, February 8th. Youth will be at both exits with a kettle for your donations. All proceeds will be given to the Big Stone Emergency Food Shelf, so bring your money to help those in need.

Youth group will meet on February 4th at 4:00 pm to play broomball at the skating rink. Following that they will return to the church for supper and then watch the movie "I Can Only Imagine".

Vacation Bible School will 5/31-6/4 from 6:30-8:45pm. Registration will be later this spring. There will be a meeting 2/17 at 6:30pm at Zion to review the materials, pick craft and music selection, and start talking about decorations. Everyone is welcome to join.

Thank you to everyone who gave me cards and gifts at Christmas. I really appreciate all the lovely words and expressions of Christmas wishes and enjoying hearing from so many. Pastor Cheryl

PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT for Kelly Athey, Gail Olson, Nancy Pierzina, Harris Selvig, Beth Swanson, Brandi Tweeter, Jean Zielike; Monty Athey, Alvin Dexter, 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—February 1st

Organist: Carol Ydstie

Tech Desk: Matt & Bryson Karels

Lay Assistants: Darin & Kristi Ehrenberg

Lector: Liz Ketz

Greeters: Eldon Knutson & Dawson

Acolytes: Brielle & Miley

Ushers: Gale May, Dean Strand, Vern Nickolauson, & Jackie Domine

FWV: Marge Dragseth & Paula Reisdorph

Next Week's Ministry Assistants—February 8th

Organist: Amy Adelman

Tech Desk: Kim Anderson & Terry Kalberg

Lector: Marilyn Hanson

Acolytes: Liam & Mikaela

Greeters: Sara Haukos & Amelia Kuechenmeister

Ushers: Darin Ehrenberg, **TBD**, Ellie & Harley Helgeson

FWV: **TBD**

Next Week's Ministry Assistants—1 pm FWV, February 11th

Organist: Amy Adelman

Lay Assistant(s): Evangelism Member(s)

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

Mon – 2/2 11:00 am Staff Meeting 

Tues – 2/3 9:00 am Day of Love
3:30 pm Evangelism Meeting (Pr. Cheryl attending)
4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Fairway View (Donnie's Diner)

Wed – 2/4 **EARLY OUT** 
9:00 am Circle 4 (in church lounge)
9:30 am Channel 3 Broadcast
1:45 pm Confirmation (7-8th graders)
2:45 pm Confirmation (9th graders)
4-5:30 pm Youth Group Broomball at the skating rink
5:30 pm Channel 3 Broadcast
5:30 – TBD After broomball youth will return to church for
a meal & to watch the movie 'I Can Only Imagine'
7:00 pm Senior Choir

Fri – 2/6 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

Sun – 2/8 **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING** 
7:45 am Super Sub Prep
9:00 am Worship – Broadcast on KDIO & Facebook Live
9:30-10:15 am Sunday School
10:00 am Pick up Subs & Souper Bowl of Caring
10:30 am Fairway View Worship (pre-recorded)