



February 15, 2026

First English Lutheran Church

9 NW 3rd Street; Ortonville, MN 56278
Rev. Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett, Pastor
Lisa Berdan, Senior Choir Director
Transfiguration of Our Lord Sunday
ELW SETTING TEN



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

Prayer of Confession

P: God of Mercy and Grace, you come to us in Jesus of Nazareth to break down the dividing walls of hostility between us:

C: Yet we maintain walls that separate and isolate.

P: You give us the ministry of reconciliation:

C: Yet we nurse our wounds and withhold mercy and forgiveness.

P: You invite us to join Peter, James, and John on the mountain of Transfiguration:

C: Yet we deny the wonders you have worked in our own lives.

P: You ask us to acknowledge and share our wealth:

C: Yet we refuse to recognize and relieve the poverty around us.

P: You bless our lives with boundless love:

C: Yet we fail to witness to that love and so keep others from knowing you. Forgive our selfishness, we pray. Transform us by your Spirit and your Word into that which pleases you, the image of Christ. Amen.

Words of Assurance

P: Jesus admonished Peter, James, and John not to tell of what they witnessed on the mountain until he was resurrected. But we can tell what we have seen and heard of God's glory! Here is the good news: Jesus lives! He is raised! We are forgiven! Go, share the vision! Tell of God's love! In this God is well pleased!

C: Amen.

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining; Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us, set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on me, shine on me: (Refrain)
2. As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness, ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here, may our lives tell your story. Shine on me, shine on me: (Refrain)

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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.**

Canticle of Praise 'This is the Feast' pg. 122

1. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.
2. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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Prayer of the Day

P: O God... C: in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

First Lesson: Exodus 24:12-18

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

L: ¹ Why are the nations in an uproar? Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

C: ² Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, against the LORD and against the LORD's anointed?

L: ³ "Let us break their yoke," they say; "let us cast off their bonds from us."

C: ⁴ God whose throne is in heaven is laughing; the LORD holds them in derision.

L: ⁵ Then in wrath God speaks to them, and in rage fills them with terror.

C: ⁶ "As for me, I have anointed my king upon Zion, my holy mountain."

L: ⁷ Let me announce the decree of the LORD, who said to me, "You are my son; this day have I begotten you."

C: ⁸ Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession.

L: ⁹ You shall crush them with an iron rod and shatter them like a piece of pottery."

C: ¹⁰ And now, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.

L: ¹¹ Submit to the LORD with fear, and with trembling bow in worship;

C: ¹² lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath.

Happy are all who take refuge in God!

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

Second Lesson: 2 Peter 1:16-21

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Children's Message

Putting Away the Alleluias

P: It's time to say goodbye to our friend, the alleluia, to let it rest for a while, so that it will return to us at Easter full of enthusiasm to remind us again who we really are: loved children of God.

NOTE: The congregation will sing while the children put the Alleluias into the Box – this will be introduced at the right time.

Alleluia Song

'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.**

Prayer: Lord God, our creator, as we bury this sign of heaven's song, help us to turn ourselves to living a good Lent. Help us to give up things that stand between us and your love and walk with Jesus on the road that leads us closer to you. We give up our alleluia only for a while so that we may make a more beautiful music in our heart and life when we sing it again at Easter. **C: Amen.**

P: You are now invited to say your own good-bye to the alleluia and return to your seats.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

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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

1. How good, Lord, to be here! Your glory fills the night; your face and garments, like the sun, shine with unborrowed light.

2. How good, Lord, to be here! Your beauty to behold where Moses and Elijah stand, your messengers of old.

3. Fulfiller of the past and hope of things to be, we hail your body glorified and our redemption see.

**4. Before we taste of death, we see your kingdom come; we long to hold
the vision bright and make this hill our home.**

5. How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain; but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858-1933, alt. Music: W. Mercer, The Church Psalter and Hymn Book, 1854.

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.

Prayer of the People for Transfiguration

(inspired by Matthew 17:1-8, Mark 9:2-9, Luke 9:28-36, 2 Peter 1:16-18)

P: Lord in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: O God, at your Holy Mountain we open... the valleys of life.

C: Amen

MEAL

Offering Collection and Presentation

Offertory Hymn 'We Give Thee But Thine Own' #686

1. We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

2. May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive, and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our firstfruits give.

3. The captive to release, to God the lost to bring, to teach the way of life and peace— it is a Christlike thing.

4. And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be: whate'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it unto thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt. Music: L. Mason and G. Webb, Cantica Lauda, 1850

Offertory Prayer

P: Transforming God, we give in grateful thanksgiving for all you have given us.

C: on my own what I have to give doesn't amount to much in the light of all you have given to me and in the face of so much need.

Put together as a congregation, what we offer you here in love becomes more, not simply added together, but somehow transformed in its usefulness.

We ask you to bless our gifts and as you tell us to be attentive to your lamp shining in a dark place, not be afraid, but trust you will provide for all our needs and give with generous hearts. 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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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

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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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1. **O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.**
2. **O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.**
3. **O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.**

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Distribution Hymn

'Beautiful Savior'

#838

1. **Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man! Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**
2. **Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flow'rs of blooming spring; Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.**
3. **Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright the sparkling stars on high; Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.**
4. **Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!**

Text: Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904. Music: Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

Distribution Hymn

'I Love to Tell the Story'

#661

1. **I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story, because I know it's true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.**

(Refrain): **I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

2. I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet! I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy word.
(Refrain)

3. I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long.
(Refrain)

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911. Music: William E. Fischer, 1849-1936.

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: In the coming week, may you come down from the mountain with mountain-top faith. Walk on God's paths as bright shining lights. Live in God's ways with faith, hope, and love. Experience the presence of God and go into the world transformed and renewed.

And May the holy cloud comfort you.

May the divine voice encourage you.

May the power of the Spirit transform you, transform us, transform our world. **C: Amen.**

Pastor Leaves Announcements

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Be transformed.

C: We Will. Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn 'Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise' #834

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!

2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

3. To all, life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

4. Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light; thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all laud we would render; oh, help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824-1908, alt.. Music: Welsh traditional; arr. John Roberts, 1807-1876.

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.

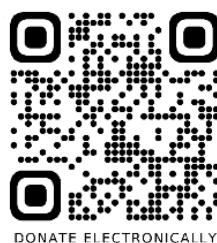
Welcome to all visitors and guests! May the joy of Christ fill you as we worship today. Friendship Pads are at the ends of each pew (by middle aisle). Fill them out, pass them on to your neighbor(s), and send them back to the middle aisle.

KDIO Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Rob & Kathy Randall in honor of their 48th wedding anniversary on Feb. 18th and in thanksgiving for their family. [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.



	January 2026	Year-to-Date 2026
Offerings/Gifts:	\$14,997.36	\$14,997.36
Zion Receivable:	\$3,281.04	\$3,281.04
Total Revenue:	\$18,278.40	\$18,278.40
Expenses:	\$19,087.40	\$19,087.40
Balance:	\$(809.00)	\$(809.00)



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

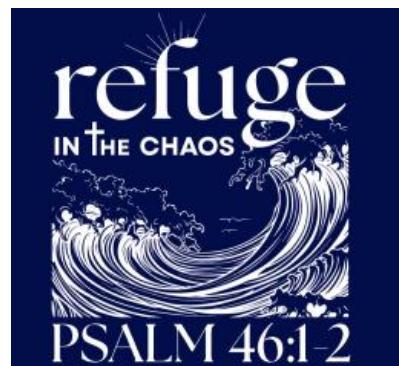
Birthday wishes go out to Arvilla Bergseth whose birthday is Tues. the 17th. **You are invited to a FELC & Zion joint fellowship event** at Unity Square in Milbank, SD on February 22nd from 1:00-3:00 pm (or stay longer). "Come & Go" as you are able and join in the fun-filled activities offered including 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.

Thanks to everyone who bought subs last weekend. The youth raised \$875.87. Thanks to the following who donated items to help defray the cost of the making the subs: Karels family, Kindleberger family, Lynne Giese, Lori Strei, and Liz Ketz. Thanks also to the youth and their parents or mentors who helped put the subs together. **The Souper Bowl of Caring** was also a great success. We raised \$459.55 for the Big Stone County Emergency Food Shelf. Thanks, FELC.



Calling all 10th – 11th – 12th Graders for “Refuge in the Chaos”

Join youth from throughout the SW MN Synod at the Sr High Youth Gathering April 10th and 11th at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Redwood Falls to strength your faith through youth-led worship, singing, student faith talks, relationships building, faith building, and hanging out with other youth. Enjoy a time of nightlife fun and fellowship featuring games, food, dancing, service projects and SO Much More!



Sign up by 4 pm Thursday, February 26th with Pastor Cheryl. You will need a \$30 deposit with a registration form, a completed participant form, and signed covenant. Hotel cost is \$150 per room. Contact Pastor Cheryl for more information at CMQRondeau@outlook.com

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

All youth 7th through 12th are invited. This is the follow up story to I Can Only Imagine based on the song “Even If”. **I CAN ONLY IMAGINE 2** is the inspiring next chapter of faith, family, and finding God in the fire. The date is Sunday, March 1st. Cost is \$7.75 and it must be paid by Sunday, Feb. 22nd. See the poster by the office or the Youth page for full details.

REMINDER: Our Lenten Meals will be provided by the Evangelism & Properties boards on Feb 25th, Christian Ed & Stewardship Boards on March 11th, & the Lay Ministry and Youth & Family Boards on March 25th.

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.

Children's Dental Services (CDS) will be at Big Stone County Family Services (340 2nd St NW) on Tuesday, March 3rd. Since 1919, CDS has been dedicated to improving the oral health of patients of all ages (up to 21 without insurance) regardless of family income. All types of insurance accepted including: Private Insurance, Medical Assistance (MA), & Sliding discount for families that are ineligible for MA. Call them directly at 1-866-543-6009 to schedule an appt.



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, Jerry Stotesbery, and George Wegner. 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 — Sun. February 15th

Greeters: Nancie Haukos & Mia **Tech Desk:** Liz Ketz & Marge Dragseth

Lay Assistants: Brent Zahrbock & Marilyn Chindvall **Organist:** Kathy Haukos

Lector: Jim Schmeichel

Acolytes: Liv & Meadow

Ushers: Nikki Evje, Warren Wiese, Gale May, & Connie Newman

This Week's Ministry Assistants — Ash Wed, 1 pm FWV February 18th

Organist: Kathy Haukos

Lay Assistant(s): TBD

This Week's Ministry Assistants — Ash Wed, 5:30 pm FELC February 18th

Organist: Carol Ydstie

Tech Desk: Liz Ketz & Cameron Anderson

Lay Assistants: Kari & Archer Dorry

Acolytes: Liam & Nash

Greeters: Martino, Bailey, Bennett, & Lola

Invite Reader: Liv

Next Week's Ministry Assistants — Sun. February 22nd

Next Week's Ministry Assistants— Wed. 1 pm FWV, February 25th

Organist: Kathy Haukos **Lay Assistant(s):** TBD

Next Week's Ministry Assistants — Wed. February 25th

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun – 2/15 9:00 am Worship – Communion
– Broadcast on KDIO & Facebook Live
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Mon – 2/16 PRESIDENT'S DAY – Pr. Cheryl working from home

Tues – 2/17 9:00 am Day of Love
4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Fairway View (Donnie's Diner)
6:30 pm Zion-FELC VBS meeting at Zion Church

Wed - 2/18 ASH WEDNESDAY



9:30 am Channel 3 Broadcast
1 pm Fairway View Worship Live w/Pr. Cheryl & Communion
5:30 pm FELC Ash Wednesday Service w/communion
(FB Live)& Channel 3 Broadcast (FELC's Sunday

6:30 pm Zion Ash Wednesday Service w/communion (FB Live)

7:00 pm Senior Choir

Fri – 2/20 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

Sun – 2/22 9:00 am Worship – Noisy Offering

- Broadcast on KDIO & Facebook Live

9:30-10:15 am Sunday School

