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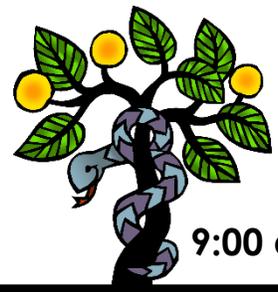
9 NW 3rd Street; Ortonville, MN 56278

Rev. Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett, Pastor

Lisa Berdan, Senior Choir Director

First Sunday in Lent

CONTEMPORARY



9:00 am

February 22, 2026

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:

P: As darkness gives way to light and winter sleep to fresh beginnings,

C: We come today to be reminded of God's love for us.

P: Like the green shoots of renewed life, stirring beneath the soil,

C: We welcome an awakening of God's word in our lives.

P: In this time of reflection and repentance,

C: We affirm our identity, we claim our security, as children of God.

Gathering Song

'Giver of the Heartbeat'

SONG SHEET PG 10

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

P: Creative, passionate God, you delight to shape the world in beauty and harmony. You invite us to participate in the balance of creation. We grow in wisdom as our experience unfolds; we take good learning out of difficult situations yet also find our well-meant endeavors leading to unintended consequences.

Too often we give in to temptation that disrupts the joyous, chaotic order of the universe. We cannot undo all our mistakes, but we can turn once more to the living presence of Jesus and find new ways to live and love each other and the earth.

C: Do not let our hearts be fearful, but let us in silence acknowledge our sin and seek the forgiveness that restores your peace.

Silence

Words of Assurance *(inspired by Genesis 3:1-7)*

P: Even as Adam and Eve faced the consequences of their sin, our God prepared a way for them still to be connected to the earth and to the

living presence of God. So it is with all of us: in Christ's life, ministry, death and resurrection, we are made able to persist, upright and strong, for our sins are forgiven. **C: Thanks be to God!**

Praise Song

'Praise to You'

SONG SHEET PG 19

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray... **C: Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Special Music

'Only God'

Senior Choir

WORD

First Lesson: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

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

Psalms 32

ELW Psalm 32

L:¹ Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

C: ² Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!

L:³ While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

C: ⁴ For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

L:⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

C: ⁶ Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

L:⁷ You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

C: ⁸ "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.

L:⁹ Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

C: ¹⁰ Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

L: ¹¹ Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

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

Second Lesson: Romans 5:12-19

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

Children's Message

Noisy Offering

Gospel Lead In

'To Be Alive'

SONG SHEET PG 13

Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

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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

Lenten Creed

**C: We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of god,
Who knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs.**

**We believe that Christ is the divine child of the living god,
And that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted.**

**We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God
Who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child.**

**We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures,
And that hard times and disciplines are also loving gifts.**

**We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination,
And that our path leads to a human glory we cannot yet imagine.**

**We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road,
And that we are called to love one another as God loves us.**

**This is our faith and we are humbled to profess in Jesus the Christ.
Amen.**

Prayer of Intercession for the First Sunday of Lent

P: ...Lord, hear our prayer, **C: and in Your love, answer.**

P: We ask these things through Jesus, our brother, our Savior, and our Lord. **C: Amen.**

MEAL

Offering Collection and Presentation

Offering

Offertory Hymn

'What Shall I Give?'

SONG SHEET PG 17

Offertory Prayer

P: God of the wilderness, We give these offerings in gratitude,

C: rejoicing in the abundance of your gifts to us.

P: We give these offerings in faith,

C: trusting that you will provide for our needs.

P: We give these offerings in hope,

C: knowing you can use them to spread your love in this world.

P: And with these offerings, we give ourselves;

C: May we live with generous hearts, with open hands. 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.

SENDING

Commission & Benediction: *(based on Matthew 4:1-11)*

P: Go now, and live in the spirit of your baptism, even when you are led into wild and hard places. With repentance and trust, give yourselves to God, and with fasting and prayer, strengthen yourselves against the ways of the tempter.

And may God enfold you in tender and lasting love.

May Christ be beside you in times of struggle.

And may the Spirit guide you back to the path whenever you stray, that you may keep the covenant.

C: Amen.

Pastor Leaves
Announcements

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. to love and serve the Lord,

C: We will! For God is our refuge.

Sending Hymn
Bells, Postlude

'Send Us Out'

SONG SHEET PG 19

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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 loving memory of Robert Reiffenberger by Glenda and 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.



	<u>January 2026</u>	<u>Year-to-Date 2026</u>
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.

May the God of all consolation be with the family of Kate Heinecke on her death. Her memorial service will be here, May 1st at 1 pm.

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

You are invited to a FELC & Zion joint fellowship event at Unity Square in Milbank, SD **TODAY**, 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.

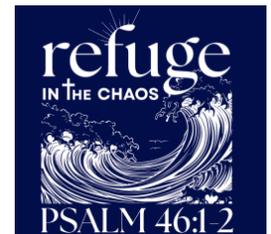
Sr Youth Mission Trip youth and parents will meet following the Wednesday night (February 25th) Lenten service in the Youth room.

WEDNESDAY CONFIRMATION:

During Lent, confirmation students continue to meet after school beginning at 3:30 pm (except for the early out day on March 4th). Students will have their snack and then prepare for the Lenten service from 4 to 5 pm. At 5 pm they will have their meal and return to the sanctuary to assist with the Lenten service at 6 pm. On the early out day they are to be at the Zion by 4: 15 pm to prepare for service.

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

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.

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.



⊕ **We offer Bible Study at Fairway View Tuesdays 4-5 pm** in the Orpheum. Everyone is welcome. If you have family members in Independent living, Assisted Living or the nursing home, please share this with them. The leaders for Bible study are Carol Bell, Ranet Schmeichel, & Neva Foster.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT for Kelly Athey, Gail Olson, Nancy Pierzina; Monty Athey, Alvin Dexter, Dustin Hanson, Larry Helgeson, and George Wegner. AT FAIRWAY VIEW NEIGHBORHOODS: Ricky Anderson, Arvilla Bergseth, Adeline Burgess, Jim Hipple, Vivian Janssen, Arlen LaCombe, Roger Nornes; Aletta Simonitch; Janice Redfield in Clinton 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.



The FELC parish nurses will hold a Safety & Security Procedures Meeting immediately after the 4/19 church service in the narthex for about 30 minutes. Anyone can attend and we strongly encourage the ushers to be present. The parish nurses will be covering how to use the AED cardiac monitor, emergency medical procedures, & fire, active shooter/shelter in place procedures. If anyone has other topics of concerns to add to the agenda please let the office know and we will add it. Sheriff Mark Brown will be here that day for part of the training.



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

Organist: Lisa Berdan **Tech Desk:** Cody Backstrand & Cameron Anderson

Lector: Liv Wollschlager

Acolytes: Nash & Mia

Greeters: Wollschlager Family

Ushers: Eugene Stotesbery, Jim Foster, Gale May, & Art Vollmer

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

Organist: Kathy Haukos

Lay Assistant(s): Evangelism Member(s)

This Week's Ministry Assistants — Wed. 6 pm FELC February 25th

Organist: Lisa Berdan

Tech Desk: Matt & Bryson Karels

Ushers: Eugene Stotesbery, Jim Foster, Gale May, & Art Vollmer

Next Week's Ministry Assistants — Sun. March 1st

Organist: Kathy Haukos

Tech Desk: Liz Ketz & Kim Anderson

Greeters: Art & Arlene Vollmer

Acolytes: Oliver & Amelia Z.

Lay Assistants: Terry Kalberg & Sara Mattison

Lector: Jim Foster

Ushers: Ev Johnson, Ron Athey, Jon Anderson, & Vern Nickolauson

FWV: Jackie Domine & Marilyn Chindvall

Next Week's Ministry Assistants— Wed. 1 pm FWV, March 4th

Organist: Amy Adelman

Lay Assistant(s): Evangelism Member(s)

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun – 2/22 9:00 am Worship – Noisy Offering
– Broadcast on KDIO & Facebook Live
9:30-10:15 am Sunday School
1:00 – 3:00 pm Unity Square Activities (Zion & FELC)

Mon – 2/23 11 am Staff Meeting

Tues – 2/24 MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

9:00 am Day of Love

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

Wed – 2/25 9:30 am Channel 3 Broadcast

1 pm Fairway View Lenten Service Live w/Pr. Cheryl

3:30 pm Confirmation Class (7-8th grade)

4:30 pm Confirmation Class (9th grade)

5:00 pm Lenten Meal at FELC

(Evangelism & Properties Boards are in charge of meal)

5:30 pm FELC Channel 3 Broadcast (FELC's 2/22 service)

6:00 pm Combined Lent Service at FELC (Facebook Live)

After Service – Sr Youth Mission Trip Planning Meeting

7:00 pm Senior Choir



Fri – 2/27 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

Sun – 3/1 9:00 am Worship – Communion

– Broadcast on KDIO & Facebook Live

9:30-10:15 am Sunday School

10:30 am Fairway View Worship Pre-recorded