



March 1, 2026

First English Lutheran Church

9 NW 3rd Street; Ortonville, MN 56278

Rev. Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett, Pastor

Lisa Berdan, Senior Choir Director

Second Sunday in Lent

ELW SETTING FOUR



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

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:

Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:

Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdain the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: God's steadfast love, grace...gives you life and peace. **C: Amen.**

Gathering Hymn 'Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross' vs. 1-2, 4 #335

1. Jesus, keep me near the cross, there's a precious fountain; free to all, a healing stream flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

(Refrain): **In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever; till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.**

2. Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me; there the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me. (Refrain)

4. Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever, till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river. (Refrain)

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915. Music: William H. Doane, 1832-1915.

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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 pg. 147

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen.**

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Hymn of Praise 'Now the Feast and Celebration' #167

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray, **C: O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world 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 'Far Reaching is the Father's Love' Senior Choir

WORD

First Lesson: Genesis 12:1-4a

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

Psalm 121

ELW Psalm 121

L:¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

C:² My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.

L:³ The LORD will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

C:⁴ Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;

L:⁵ the LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

C:⁶ the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

L:⁷ The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

C:⁸ The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.

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

Second Lesson: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

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Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation

'Return to the Lord'

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Holy Gospel: John 3:1-17

NT pg. 71-72

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

'Lift High the Cross' vs 1-2, & 4

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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: Receive our prayers, O God...Christ, our strength and salvation.

C: Amen

MEAL

Offering Collection and Presentation

Offertory Hymn 'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross' #803

1. When I survey the wondrous cross on which the prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.

2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled
down. Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a
crown?

4. Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too
small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748. Music: Lowell Mason, 1792-1872.

Offertory Prayer

P: O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. **C: 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 Lord. Lord God of pow'r 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.

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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: Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

Distribution Hymn:

'Lamb of God'

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Distribution Hymn

'What Wondrous Love Is This'

#666

1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

2. When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

3. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing.

4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing God's love for me, and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and through eternity I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt. Music: W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835; arr. Paul J. Christiansen, 1914-1997, alt.

Distribution Hymn:

'One Bread, One Body'

#496

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: God of our salvation, **C: we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

Commission & Benediction:

P: Just as God's Word was sent into the world to heal and redeem, so God sends you into the world this day to be light and love, healing and hope. Go now to be light for the world! And receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, ✠ bless you now and always. **C: Amen.**

Pastor Leaves

Announcements

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

C: We Will. Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn

'Blessed Assurance'

#638

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

(Refrain): **This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long: this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Refrain)

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. (Refrain)

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915. Music: Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830-1908

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 Larry Dahle whose birthday was on February 26th from your family Jyla, Darcy, Lynne, Scott, and June. [Radio broadcast cards are available in the narthex; cost is \$100/week].

March's pink envelope emphasis is for Big Stone Lake Area Food Shelf. You can find special pink envelopes for designated giving in the Narthex.

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Marcy Stotesbery whose birthday is today and Aletta Simonitch's birthday which is on Thursday, March 5th.

7-9th Confirmation Students will meet at Zion at 4:15 pm on Wednesday, March 4th due to Early Out that day. Students will prepare for the Lenten service, then have their meal and return to the sanctuary to assist with the Lenten service at 6 pm.

REMINDER: Our Lenten Meals will be provided by Christian Ed & Stewardship Boards on March 11th, & 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.

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.



The Endowment Committee will be meeting on March 22nd after the church service. Please get your requests in to their mailbox before then.

Prairie Five/Big Stone Lake Area Food Shelf thanks you for your past support of their work. They are raising funds during the March Campaign so that they can be ready to help friends and neighbors who struggle with food insecurity in Big Stone County. Their goal for this year is 28,000 pounds and dollars.

You're invited to an Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 28th 9am-11am at Peace Lutheran Church (100 4th Ave. SW. New London, MN, hosted by NLS Ambassadors. Freewill donation \$5/child suggested. Great prizes, decorate a cookie, and get info on being a candidate with the NLS Ambassador Program. Questions? Contact Becky Arvia @320-905-3337, Lori Pederson @320-905-2514, or Stephanie Bents @320-220-1504.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT for Kelly Athey, Gail Olson, Nancy Pierzina; Monty Athey, Alvin Dexter, Dustin Hanson, Larry Helgeson, Harlan VanMeeteren, 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.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

Mon – 3/2 11:00 am Staff Meeting

Tues – 3/3 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)
5:30 pm FELC-Zion Joint Partnership Meeting at FELC

Wed – 3/4 **EARLY OUT**

9:00 am Circle 4 (in church lounge) 
9:30 am Channel 3 Broadcast
1:00 pm Fairway View Lenten Service Live w/Pr. Cheryl
4:15 pm 7-9th gr. Confirmation Students Snack & Prep
at Zion Lutheran Church
5:00 pm Lenten Meal at Zion Church
5:30 pm Channel 3 Broadcast (of 3/1 Sunday's Service)
6:00 pm Lenten Service at Zion Church
7:00 pm Senior Choir

THURS – 3/5 **First Communion Classes Begin at FELC**

3:30-4:30 pm 2nd-3rd Gr. Students 1st Communion Class
4:30-5:30 pm 4th-6th Gr. Students 1st Communion Class



Fri – 3/6 **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

9:00 am Bulletins Printed



SAT – 3/7 **DST REMINDER Spring Ahead**

Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour tonight



Sun – 3/8 **DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS**

9:00 am Worship – Broadcast on KDIO & Facebook Live
9:30-10:15 am Sunday School
10:00 am Church Council Meeting
10:30 am Fairway View Worship (pre-recorded)

