



March 22, 2026

First English Lutheran Church

9 NW 3rd Street; Ortonville, MN 56278

Rev. Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett, Pastor

Lisa Berdan, Senior Choir Director

Fifth Sunday in Lent

CONTEMPORARY



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

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

'All Are Welcome'

SONG SHEET PG 3

Prayer of Confession *(Based on Psalm 130)*

P: Out of the depths of despair, we cry to you, O God.

C: We are lost in a world of pain and suffering. When we put our trust in weapons of war, we find no peace. When we put our faith in our own resources, we feel the ache of our true needs. When we put our hope in the health of our bodies, we suffer pain and find no healing.

Come to us, O God. Forgive our doubts and fears. Heal our brokenness, that we may rejoice in your steadfast love. Amen.

Silence

Words of Assurance *(Based on Psalm 130)*

P: If God kept track of all our mistakes—the harmful things we say and do, the callous way we sometimes treat the people around us, the selfishness that puts our needs ahead of the needs of others—if God kept track, what chance would we have?

But with unfailing love, God offers us forgiveness—complete forgiveness that erases our sins completely, and allows us to begin again.

So be at peace – your sins are forgiven!

C: Praise be to God!

Praise Song

‘Praise to You’

SONG SHEET PG 19

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God... **C: your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Special Music

‘Psalm 23: A Psalm of Hope’

Senior Choir

WORD

First Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14

OT pg. 625

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

Psalm 130

ELW Psalm 130

L: ¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;

C: ² O LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

L: ³ If you were to keep watch over sins, O LORD, who could stand?

C: ⁴ Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared.

L: ⁵ I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.

C: ⁶ My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning.

L: ⁷ O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love; with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

C: ⁸ For the LORD shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

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

Second Lesson: Romans 8:6-11

NT pg. 120

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

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

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: LENT

C: I believe in God the Creator, who made me and all things, who set me on my path in this world.

I believe in God the Savior, who is one with the Creator, who rescued me and all creation from the depredations of our violations against God and creation. This man, Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ, walked a path through this world, taking on human form having been born of a woman through the power of the Holy Spirit. He lived and worked in this world among people just like me. He walked God's path to death on a cross, and rose from the dead to open our pathway to eternal life.

I believe in God the Holy Spirit, my counselor and guide, who is one with the Creator and the Christ, who through the body and blood of Jesus brings me into communion with all people, past, present and future; who calls me to walk a sacred way of life through this world, caring for creation and the people I meet on the way, loving them, helping them, welcoming them without prejudice, being God's hands and feet in the world.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: for Lent 5A

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

P: Heavenly Father...Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **C: Amen.**

MEAL

Offering Collection and Presentation

Offering

Offertory Hymn

'What Shall I Give?'

SONG SHEET PG 17

Offertory Prayer

P: Gracious God, we give these gifts because you ask us to share.

C: Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possession. So we dedicate this offering and our lives to your service, that the hungry may be fed, the oppressed may receive justice, and the stranger may be welcomed in our midst. We offer this prayer in the name of the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

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 Romans 8: 10-11)*

P: As you go from here, remember this: the same Spirit of God who raised Jesus Christ from the dead, also lives in you, breathing new life and freedom into your hearts and minds. So go from here with joy and confidence, knowing that God is at work within you.

Go into the world with assurance, hope and promise:
the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ rest upon you;
the love of God, creator and giver of life, embrace you;
and the transforming power of the Holy Spirit uphold you, this day and forever. **C: Amen.**

Pastor Leaves
Announcements

Dismissal

L: Go in peace... Wait for the Lord,

C: We will! Thanks be to God.

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 by your gifts to the Endowment Fund. [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>February 2026</u>	<u>Year-to-Date 2026</u>
Offerings/Gifts:	\$19,907.36	\$34,904.72
Zion Receivable:	\$3,544.65	\$6,825.69
Total Revenue:	\$23,452.01	\$41,730.41
Expenses:	\$22,286.82	\$41,374.22
Balance:	\$1,165.19	\$356.19



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 Lila Salls whose birthday is this Thursday.

The Lenten meal for Wed. March 25th is pulled pork sandwiches, BBQ beans, chips, & bars at FELC, served by Lay Ministry and Youth & Family.

Vacation Bible School will be 5/31 -6/4 from 6:30-8:45pm. Registration will be later this spring. There will be another planning meeting at Zion on March 24th at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to join.

Please join us for an Open House Bridal Shower honoring Hannah Strei, bride to be of Joe Kachelmyer on Saturday, April 4th from 10:00-12:00 p.m. The event will be held at The Venue at 320 South Main Street in Milbank, SD. Hope to see you there!

If you would like to donate flowers to FELC for the Easter Garden (4/5), please bring or have flowers delivered to the church office after Palm Sunday, during the week leading up to Easter. Don't forget to let us know who it is from and the memorial/in-honor-of information so that we can list it in our Easter bulletin. If you want your flowers back, please put your name on them.

We are looking for volunteers for our Palm Sunday and Easter services.

We need one more lay assistant for Palm Sunday. For our 7 am Sunrise Easter service we need a lector, 2 acolytes, 2 lay assistants, & 4 ushers. For our 9 am service we need 2 acolytes, 2 lay assistants, & 2 greeters. Please let someone in the office know if you can help us out.

We're switching from Facebook to YouTube for livestreaming services in order to help with our Fairway View Worship Services. They had technical difficulties with Facebook's stream. Thanks for understanding.

The Synod Assembly will be June 5th-6th at Gustavus Adolphus College & online via Zoom. We can send three members as delegates. Early bird discount deadline's 4/10. Please let the office know if you can attend.

Recognition of New Members Sunday will be held on April 12th. Cookies will be available following the welcoming service so stick around and meet the new members and have a cookie. If you're interested in becoming a member of First English, please reach out to Pastor Cheryl, someone on the Evangelism Committee, or grab a household record from the Narthex & turn it into the office.

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.

The Sr Mission Trip Youth are holding a fund raiser. You can "Hire a Youth" for spring yard work or a certain spring project you need help with. Hire one or hire several as your project requires. Find the forms around the church, in the office, or on our website. Fill in the information of your project with the number of youth you'd like and the date desired and they will do their best to complete the work on time depending on the weather of course. The youth who are available are listed. Cost to you is by free-will donation. Return the form to the office or to pastor.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT for Kelly Athey, Gail Olson, Nancy Pierzina; Monty Athey, Alvin Dexter, Dustin Hanson, Larry Helgeson, Katelyn Renne, Harlan VanMeeteren, and George Wegner. AT FAIRWAY VIEW NEIGHBORHOODS: Ricky Anderson, Arvilla Bergseth, Adeline Burgess, Jim Hipple, Vivian Janssen, Arlen LaCombe, Aletta Simonitch, Janice Redfield in Clinton and Mary Lou Olson in Madison. ALL OUR MILITARY who are deployed to areas of conflict; 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. March 22nd

Organist: Lisa Berdan

Greeters: Glenn & Deb Henningson

Tech Desk: Liz Ketz & Marge Dragseth

Acolytes: Kimberly & Hartley

Lector: Jon Ydstie

Ushers: Tami Lundberg, Paula Reisdorph, Jackie & Mel Domine.

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

Organist: Kathy Haukos

Lay Assistant(s): Evangelism Member(s)

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

Organist: Carol Ydstie **Tech Desk:** Liz Ketz & Cameron Anderson
Assisting: Confirmation Students
Ushers: Tami Lundberg, Paula Reisdorph, Jackie & Mel Domine

Next Week's Ministry Assistants — Sun. March 29th (Palm Sunday)

Organist: Carol Ydstie **Greeters:** Garry & Ethel Swenson
Tech Desk: Cody Backstrand & Kim Anderson **Lector:** Miley Block
Acolytes: Cameron & Jace **FWV:** Becky Parker & Marge Dragseth
Ushers: Ev Johnson, Brent Zahrbock, Marilyn Chindvall, & Ron Athey

Next Week's Ministry Assistants — Wed. 1 pm FWV, April 1st

Organist: Marilyn Hanson **Lay Assistant(s):** Evangelism Member(s)

Next Week's Ministry Assistants — 7 pm Good Friday, April 3rd

Organist: Carol Ydstie **Tech Desk:** Marge Dragseth, Matt & Bryson Karels
Need ushers?

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun – 3/22 9:00 am Contemporary Worship – Noisy Offering
– Broadcast on KDIO & YouTube Live



9:30 -11:30 am Sunday School Movie ('David') Lock-in
10:00 am Endowment Committee Meeting
12:00 pm Hartley & Kimberly Neuman Baptisms

Mon – 3/23 11:00 am Staff Meeting

Tues – 3/24 **APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

9:00 am Day of Love
4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Fairway View (Donnie's Diner)
6:30 pm Joint VBS Planning Meeting at Zion

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

1:00 pm Fairway View Lenten Service Live w/Pr. Cheryl
3:30 pm 7-9th gr. Confirmation Students Snack & Prep (FELC)
5:00 pm Lenten Meal at FELC Church
5:30 pm Channel 3 Broadcast (3/22 Sunday Service)
6:00 pm Lenten Service at FELC Church (+YouTube Live)
7:00 pm Senior Choir

Fri – 3/27 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

Fri – 3/29 **Palm Sunday (No Sunday School)**



9:00 am Worship – First Communion – Children Singing
– Broadcast on KDIO & YouTube Live
10:30 am Fairway View Service (pre-recorded)

Hire a Youth

Spring Yardwork—Garage Cleaning

Youth going on the Sr Mission Trip to Savannah, GA this summer are holding a fund raiser that will benefit you as well as them.

If you have spring yard work or need help with garage cleaning, they are willing to work for you for a reasonable and fair donation.

Able bodied Students seeking work are:

Archer Dorry

James Hodenfield

Cameron Anderson

Bryson Karels

Brandon Kaye

Kirby Olson

Lexi Kaye

Work will be done when weather permits

Limited spots are available

To put in a Request—fill out the form and return it to the office

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Request: _____

Date desire (weather permitting): _____

Address for work: _____

Number of Youth Requested _____

Payment will be made to FELC Mission Trip
in the name of the youth(s)