



First English Lutheran Church

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March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday / First Communion

ELW SETTING FOUR

9:00 am

PREPARATION

Prelude, Bells

Welcome & KDIO Announcement

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Matthew 21:1-11

Jesus enters Jerusalem

Please stand & raise your palms & wave them for the processional song!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 'All Glory, Laud and Honor" vs. 1, 4 & 5 #344

(Refrain): All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

1. You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son, now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One. (Refrain)

4. To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise. To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise. (Refrain)

5. Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring, great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King. (Refrain)

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, 760-821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt. Music: Melchior Teschner, 1584-1635.

Children Singing - 'Every Move I Make'

Children's Message

Peace:

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

We raise our voices and wave with joyful hope
the palms of deliverance of God's people.

Hosanna! Hosanna to the Son of David!

Our hearts are filled with expectation as we welcome the coming king.

Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

We receive into the crowded streets of our lives

the one who is Savior, not only of us, but of all the earth.

Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heaven!

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.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray, **C: O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, 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: Isaiah 50:4-9a

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

Psalms 31:9-16

ELW Psalm 31

L: ⁹ Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

C: ¹⁰ For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

L: ¹¹ I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.

C: ¹² Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.

L: ¹³ For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

C: ¹⁴ But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. I have said, "You are my God.

L: ¹⁵ My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

C: ¹⁶ Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."

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

Second Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11

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

Gospel Acclamation

'Return to the Lord'

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Holy Gospel: Matthew 27:11-54

NT pg. 24-25

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

Special Music

'Blessed is the King! Hosanna!'

Senior Choir

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.

Prayers of the Day

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

P: Bless us, as we enter into...hearts that we offer in faith. **C: Amen.**

MEAL

Offering Collection and Presentation

Offertory Hymn 'Beneath the Cross of Jesus' #338

1. Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand; the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land, a home within a wilderness, a rest upon the way, from the burning of the noontide heat and burdens of the day.

2. Upon the cross of Jesus, my eye at times can see the very dying form of one who suffered there for me. And from my contrite heart, with tears, two wonders I confess: the wonder of his glorious love and my unworthiness.

3. I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place; I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face; content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss, my sinful self my only shame, my glory all, the cross.

Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830-1869. Music: Frederick C. Maker, 1844-1927.

Offertory Prayer

P: O God, maker of heaven and...We ask this in Jesus' name. **C: Amen.**

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.

WELCOMING TO FIRST COMMUNION

P: Today this community of faith rejoices with...justice and peace in all the earth.

P: Let us welcome these brothers and sisters in Christ to holy communion.

C: Welcome to the Lord's table. We thank God for you. We pray that you will find joy and strength in this meal, until we feast forever at God's heavenly banquet. Amen.

*Those receiving their first communion, and their families,
will come forward to commune together at the rail first.
Then the congregation will come forward down the center aisle.*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

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

THE COMMUNION

*ALL WHO BELIEVE IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST ARE INVITED
TO COME FORWARD FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER.*



Distribution Hymn: 'I Am the Bread of Life'

#485

Distribution Hymn: 'What Feast of Love'

#487

Distribution Hymn: 'Prepare the Royal Highway' vs. 1, 3-4

#264

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, 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. **C: Amen.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION AND SENDING:

P: And now we lay down the palm branches...Son, and Holy Spirit, ✠ bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Pastor Leaves
Announcements

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Believe the good news of Christ.

C: We will! Thanks be to God.

1. **God loved the world so that he gave his only Son the lost to save, that all who would in him believe should everlasting life receive.**
2. **Christ Jesus is the ground of faith, who was made flesh and suffered death; all who confide in Christ alone are built on this chief cornerstone.**
5. **All glory to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One! To you, O blessed Trinity, be praise now and eternally!**

Text: Gesangbuch, Bollhagen, 1791; tr. August Crull, 1846-1923, alt. Music: Edward Miller, 1731-1807, adapt.

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 part by Garry & Ethel Swenson and Arelene Gustafson in memory of Roger Nornes and also 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



DONATE ELECTRONICALLY

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 Mary Lou Olson whose birthday is Tuesday, March 31st.

May the God of all consolation be with Darin & Kristi Ehrenberg and family on the passing of Kristi's father, Harlan VanMeeteren, on 3/24/26.

In 2025, First English Lutheran Church received \$2233 through the Thrivent Choice® program — and that's worth celebrating!

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 this week. 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 Easter services. For our 7 am Sunrise Easter service we need a lector and 2 acolytes. For our 9 am service we need 2 acolytes, 1 more lay assistant, & 2 greeters. Please let someone in the office know if you can help us out.

We're switching back to Facebook for livestreaming services and working on getting service to Fairway View members another way.

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.

Coffee will again be available before the church service beginning on Sunday, April 12th. There will be a Keurig pot and pods available to make a quick cup of coffee. Donations will be accepted or if you would like to supply some coffee pods that also would be accepted. Come early and chat with Pastor Cheryl and enjoy a cup of coffee.

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.

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.

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

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

Next Week's Ministry Assistants—April 5th Easter 7 am

Organist: Amy Adelman

Lector: Volunteer Needed

Tech Desk: Matt & Bryson Karels

Lay Assistants: Bryson & Kirsten Karels

Ushers: Ron Athey, Russell Thielke, Vern Nickolauson, Gale May

Acolytes: 2 Volunteers Needed

Next Week's Ministry Assistants—April 5th Easter 9 am

Organist: Amy Adelman

Acolytes: 2 Volunteers Needed

Lay Assistants: Kari Dorry & **Volunteer Needed**

Lector: Archer Dorry

Tech Desk: Marge Dragseth, Cody Backstrand, & Cameron Anderson

Ushers: Gale May, Dean Strand, Vern Nickolauson, & Dave Ellingson

FWV (10:30 am): TBD

Weekly Calendar

Sun – 3/29 Palm Sunday (No Sunday School)



9:00 am Worship – First Communion – Children Singing
– Broadcast on KDIO & Facebook Live

10:30 am Fairway View Service (pre-recorded)

Mon – 3/30 11:00 am Staff Meeting

Tues – 3/31 NO DAY OF LOVE

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

Wed – 4/1 NO CONFIRMATION CLASSES

9:00 am Circle 4 Bible Study (church lounge)



9:30 am Channel 3 Broadcast



1 pm Holy Week Service with Communion at Fairway View

5:30 pm Channel 3 Broadcast

7:00 pm Senior Choir

Thurs. – 4/2 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service – Communion at Zion



Fri – 4/3 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

7:00 pm Good Friday Tenebrae at FELC



Sun – 4/5 EASTER – RESURRECTION SUNDAY

7:00 am Sunrise Worship – Communion

8:00 am FELC Youth Easter Breakfast

9:00 am Worship – Communion

– Broadcast on KDIO & Facebook Live

10:30 am Fairway View Worship (Pre-recorded) – Communion

10:30 am Easter Worship – Communion at Zion Church



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
Bryson Karels

James Hodenfield
Brandon Kaye
Lexi Kaye

Cameron Anderson
Kirby Olson

**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)