



March 8, 2026

First English Lutheran Church

9 NW 3rd Street; Ortonville, MN 56278

Rev. Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett, Pastor

Lisa Berdan, Senior Choir Director

Third 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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *(inspired by Exodus 17: 1-7, John 4)*

P: God of mercy, hear the prayers of your thirsting people. For every time we have attributed your miracles in our lives to our own hands alone,

C: Forgive us, we pray.

P: For every time we promised to trust you but turned to our own way when your response did not come soon enough or in the way we expected,

C: Grant us mercy, O God.

P: For the many opportunities to extend forgiveness that we have refused,

C: Show us what it means to love, again, dear Lord.

P: For each way we put our own understandings above your wisdom, For each time we resist your command to be reconciled with those who believe differently from us,

C: Direct us in the way of peace, we pray.

P: For our silent sins, our quiet acts of violence, and our indifference to the suffering round us,

C: Forgive us, Loving One, and quench our thirst with your grace; Remake us into vessels of tenderness and compassion. For Christ's sake we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: *(inspired by Romans 5, John 4)*

P: Because of God's great love for us, we have peace with God and access to God's grace all through Jesus Christ who, while we were still sinners, died to free us from the bondage of sin. Therefore, we may ask of Christ to give us the living water that quenches the dryness of our souls. In this we know we are forgiven. **C: Thanks be to God!**

Gathering Hymn 'Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty' vs. 1-2, 5 #533

1. Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there, where my soul in joyful duty waits for God who answers prayer. Oh, how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace!

2. Gracious God, I come before thee; come thou also unto me; where we find thee and adore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, oh, enter thou, let it be thy temple now!

5. Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done indeed; may I undisturbed draw near thee while thou dost thy people feed. Here of life the fountain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672–1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Music: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680.

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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 'Glory to God in the Highest' pg. 148

Prayer of the Day

P: Merciful God, **C: the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth 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 'Like a River in My Soul' Senior Choir

WORD

First Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7 OT pg. 49

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

L: ¹ Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

C: ² Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.

L: ³ For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

C: ⁴ In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.

L: ⁵ The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.

C: ⁶ Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

L: ⁷ For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!

C: ⁸ "Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.

L: ⁹ There your ancestors tested me, they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

C: ¹⁰ Forty years I loathed that generation, saying, 'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.'

L: ¹¹ Indeed I swore in my anger, 'They shall never come to my rest.' "

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Second Lesson: Romans 5:1-11

NT pg. 118

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

Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation 'Return to the Lord' pg. 151

Holy Gospel: John 4:5-42 NT pg. 72-73

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 'O Jesus, Joy Loving Hearts' vs. 1, 3 & 4 #658

1. O Jesus, joy of loving hearts, the fount of life, the light of all: from ev'ry bliss that earth imparts we turn, unfilled, to hear your call.

3. For you our restless spirits yearn, where'er our changing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.

4. O Jesus, ever with us stay! Make all our moments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin away! Shed o'er the world your holy light.

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153; tr. Ray Palmer, 1808-1887, alt. Music: W. Gardiner, Sacred Melodies, 1815.

Apostle's Creed

p. 127

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.

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

'Rock of Ages, Cleft For Me'

#623

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee; let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed, be of sin the double cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

2. Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands; could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow, all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

3. Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to thy cross I cling. Naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace; foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

4. While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death, when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740-1778. Music: Thomas Hastings, 1784-1872.

Prayer of Dedication of the Offering

P: We have the means to give, we have the reason to give, and there are many waiting for us to give. Yet often, our hands hold back, and we hoard what we have for ourselves.

C: God of grace, help us live and give in your kingdom of love, where there are no enemies, only brothers and sisters, and kindness is the air we breathe. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Lord's Prayer

pg. 154

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: *(inspired by John 4:5-42)*

P: Go now from this service of worship to the service of God's people near and far, refreshed by the living water that Jesus offers to you. Listen for the parched voices of the least of these; search out the dry places and the arid souls, and become for them a spring of living water. And as you go, may the blessings of the God of life, the Christ of love, and the Spirit of grace be upon you this day and forevermore. **C: Amen.**

Pastor Leaves

Announcements

Dismissal

L: Go in peace... refreshed by the living water.

C: We Will. Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn

'Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer'

#618

1. Guide me ever, great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your pow'ful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore, feed me now and evermore.

2. Open now the crystal fountain where the healing waters flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, shield me with your mighty arm, shield me with your mighty arm.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs and praises, songs and praises, I will raise forevermore, I will raise forevermore.

Text: William Williams, 1717-1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722-1796, alt. Music: John Hughes, 1873-1932.

Bells

Postlude

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 Harris Selvig whose birthday is Friday, March 13th.

7-9th Confirmation Students will meet at FELC at 3:30 pm on Wednesday, March 11th for a snack and preparation for the service. They will have their meal at 5 pm and return to the sanctuary to assist with the service.

Our Lenten meal this Wednesday will be pizza, provided by our Christian Education & Stewardship Boards. Lay Ministry and Youth & Family boards will be providing the meal TBD for March 25th.

The Endowment Committee will be meeting on March 22nd after the church service. Please get your requests in to their mailbox before then. Please note: parents will need to fill out a request for Bible camp if they wish to get a scholarship from the Endowment committee to help defray this cost. Forms are available in the library under the mailboxes.

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.

March Movie Lock-In for Sunday School kids March 22nd from 9:30 am – 11 am. Bring PJs/stuffy/blanket and enjoy popcorn while we watch a Bible movie together in the church basement.



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 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.

If you would like to donate flowers to FELC for the Easter (April 5th) Garden, please bring or have it 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.

Recognition of New Members Sunday will be held on April 12th. If you're interested in becoming a member reach out to Pastor Cheryl, someone on the Evangelism Committee, or grab a household record from the Narthex & turn it into the office.

Watch Paddington in the DeMarce Theater free & support Swift County Food Shelf on Sat, March 14th at 10:30am. Please bring non-perishable food items or monetary donations to support Prairie Five Food Shelf.

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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

0:30 am Fairway View Worship (pre-recorded)

Mon – 3/9 11:00 am Staff Meeting

Tues – 3/10 9:00 am Day of Love

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

Wed – 3/11 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



(Christian Ed & Stewardship Boards are serving pizza)

5:30 pm Channel 3 Broadcast (3/8 Sunday Service)

6:00 pm Lenten Service at FELC

7:00 pm Senior Choir

Thurs – 3/12 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 – 3/13 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

Sun – 3/15 9:00 am Worship – Communion

– Broadcast on KDIO & Facebook Live

9:30-10:15 am Sunday School

The Sr Mission Trip Youth are holding a fund raiser that is inserted into the bulletin this week (on the back of this page). 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. 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.

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)