



April 12, 2026

## First English Lutheran Church

9 NW 3<sup>rd</sup> Street; Ortonville, MN 56278

Rev. Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett, Pastor

Lisa Berdan, Senior Choir Director

### Second Sunday of Easter

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 Brokenness/Confession** (*inspired by John 20:19-31*)

P: Creator God,

**C: we confess that at times we are skeptics. At times we doubt that You exist because of the evil we have seen in the world. Oppression, marginalization, and plain hate still plague our world, and it is hard to see Your love and light. Sometimes, even those who bear Your name do not walk in Your ways.**

**Help us to see Your goodness in this world. Help us to know Your love. Fill us with Your love and goodness, so that we might love one another, and lift up one another in faith. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE:** (*inspired by John 20:19-31*)

P: This is Good News: God does not mock us...and give thanks to God!

Gathering Hymn                      'Now the Green Blade Rises'                      #379

**1. Now the green blade rises from the buried grain, wheat that in dark earth many days has lain; love lives again, that with the dead has been; love is come again like wheat arising green.**

**2. In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain, thinking that he would never wake again; laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen; love is come again like wheat arising green.**

**3. Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain, he that for three days in the grave had lain; raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen; love is come again like wheat arising green.**

**4. When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, your touch can call us back to life again, fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been; love is come again like wheat arising green.**

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.**

**Kyrie**

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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'

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P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

**C: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

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**Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray, **C: Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Special Music

'I Will Rise'

Senior Choir

Soloist - Archer Dorry (with Darin Ehrenberg)

Trio - Amanda Stattelmann, Emily Trusty, Sara Mathes

**WORD**

First Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

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

Psalm 16

ELW Psalm 16

L: <sup>1</sup> Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

**C: <sup>2</sup> All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.**

L: <sup>3</sup> But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

**C: <sup>4</sup> I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips.**

L: <sup>5</sup> O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

**C: <sup>6</sup> My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

L: <sup>7</sup> I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

**C: <sup>8</sup> I have set the LORD always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

L: <sup>9</sup> My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

**C: <sup>10</sup> For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.**

L: <sup>11</sup> You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

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

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 1:3-9

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### **Children's Message / Water's Edge Bible Camp Talk**

Gospel Acclamation 'Alleluia. Lord to whom.....'

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**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

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Holy Gospel: John 20:19-31

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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**

Sermon Song

'We Walk By Faith' verses 1-3

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**1. We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."**

**2. We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod; but in your promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"**

**3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found.**

## **New Member Welcome**

P: The Apostle Paul writes to the Romans, "Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring glory to God." (Romans 15: 7) At this time we'd like to welcome our new members to First English Lutheran Church.

*(New members are asked to stand.)*

Burton Pansch

Cody and Karley Teske and family: Wyatt, Leo, Brady, Henry

John and Carrie and family: Sawyer, Carly & Kirby Olson

Let us welcome these brothers and sister in Christ into this community of faith. **C: We rejoice with you in the life of the faithful and the fellowship of believers. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

## **PRAYER OVER NEW MEMBERS**

*(Congregation may raise their hands over the new members in prayer.)*

**Almighty God, by the love of Jesus Christ you draw people to yourself and welcome them into the household of faith. May we show your joy by embracing new brothers and sisters as we bear your creative and redeeming word to all the world. Keep us close together in your Spirit, in the breaking of bread and the prayers, and in service to others, following the example of Jesus Christ, our servant and Lord. Amen.**

## **APOSTLE'S CREED**

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**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: ....Merciful God. **C: receive our prayer.**

P: God of resurrection power, use us...Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**C: Amen**

## **MEAL**

## **Offering Collection and Presentation**

**1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run; his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**2. To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head; his name like sweet perfume shall rise with ev'ry morning sacrifice.**

**5. Let ev'ry creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our king; angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.**

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt. Music: attr. John Hatton, d. 1793.

### **Prayer of the Offering**

P: God of great gifts: **C: This morning we give you praise, we give you glory, we give you thanks! With resurrection humming in our hearts, our minds are tuned to your song of peace! We joyfully present these gifts to you, a tangible chorus of thanksgiving, a harmony of hope for your kingdom come! 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:** *(inspired by John 4-42)*

P: "Peace be with you," Jesus says to us in this room.

"As the Father sent me, so I send you."

No doubt or fear can lock God out of our lives. Remember that as you leave this place, sent forward to live by faith. And may these words echo through your mind, as well: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." And as you go, may the love of Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

*Pastor Leaves*

### **Announcements**

#### **Dismissal**

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

**C: We Will. Thanks be to God.**

**1. Hallelujah! Jesus lives! He is now the Living One; from the gloomy halls of death Christ, the conqueror, has gone, bright forerunner to the skies of his people, yet to rise.**

**2. Jesus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mournful sigh? Christ who died our brother here lives our brother still on high, lives forever to bestow blessings on his church below.**

**5. Hallelujah! Angels, sing! Join with us in hymns of praise. Let your chorus swell the strain which our feebler voices raise: Glory to our God above and on earth his peace and love!**

Text: Carl B. Garve, 1763–1841; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–1897, alt. Music: Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887.

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 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](http://www.firstenglish.net) or scan the QR Code from the offering cards or bulletins.



	<u>March 2026</u>	<u>Year-to-Date 2026</u>
Offerings/Gifts:	\$17,243.71	\$52,148.43
Zion Receivable:	\$3,561.69	\$10,387.38
Total Revenue:	\$20,805.40	\$62,535.81
Expenses:	\$21,106.58	\$62,480.80
Balance:	-\$301.18	\$55.31



DONATE ELECTRONICALLY

**April's pink envelope emphasis is for the SWMN Funding Initiative.** You can find special pink envelopes for designated giving in the Narthex.

**Today we welcome in our new members:** Burt Pansch; Cody and Karley Teske and family: Wyatt, Leo, Brady, Henry; and John and Carrie and family: Sawyer, Carly & Kirby Olson. Please stick around after the service to have coffee and cookies in the Narthex while visiting with our new members.

**Coffee is now available again before the church service.** 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 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.

**Stonecroft Ministries Women's Connection** will be meeting on Tues., April 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 pm at Big Stone Tabor Methodist Church. The speaker will be Karen Anderson, of Minnetonka, MN, whose talk is titled, "From Light to Darkness." The special feature will be Stephanie Folk of Big Stone Commons. The music will be provided by Brent Zahrbock, a soloist. The cost is \$6.00, and you can register with Carol Karels at 320-487-2355 or just be a walk-in. Free nursery by reservation. ALL ARE WELCOME!

**The American Red Cross Bloodmobile** will be at the Bellingham Community Center Tuesday, April 28 from 12:30 -5:30. All donors will receive a \$15 e-gift card. For regular and Power Red donation appointments call Audrey at (320) 568-2385.

**The Ambulance Relief Association** will have their pancake breakfast on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. You are invited to join them for a dine-in breakfast at the ambulance garage. Dine in or take out options available. They are continuing to raise funds for new medical pumps and to support their staff in receiving advanced education.

**The LQP Women of the ELCA have organized a Spring Gathering** at Grace Lutheran Church (716 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Dawson, MN) on Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am, with registration and coffee beginning at 9:30 am. There is a \$10 registration fee. RSVP appreciated - Bernice Oellien (507) 829-0676, oelmal@farmerstel.net, 2570 280th st Madison Mn 56256.

**Meaningful Mindfulness:** Jessica Berglund will share how mindfulness

practice combined with prayer can lead us to a deeper presence in our lives where we can realize, feel & experience God's peace, love & joy.

**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.



**Pastor Cheryl is seeking participants for Bible Study**

Pastor Cheryl is looking for participants for a bible study to be held at First English Lutheran entitled "A Bible Study on the Christian Funeral: For pastors and congregations," which includes a section on planning your funeral. The 6-week bible study is a doctorate project and nearing completion. The study will begin the second half of April to be completed in May. Those interested should contact pastor with the time of day: morning, afternoon, evening; and day of week that works best. (Just a note: Tuesday and Wednesday evenings do not work for pastor). Those attending will be asked to make written comments on the study at the end. For more information or to sign up, contact Pastor Cheryl at [cmgrondeau@outlook.com](mailto:cmgrondeau@outlook.com) or text your information to 605-237-1501.

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT** for Kelly Athey, Gail Olson, Monty Athey, Alvin Dexter, Dustin Hanson, Larry Helgeson, Katelyn Renne, 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 — April 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Organist:** Kathy Haukos

**Lector:** Marge Dragseth

**Tech Desk:** Liz Ketz & Cameron Anderson

**FWV:** Barb & Warren Wiese

**Ushers:** Darin Ehrenberg, Marilyn Chindvall, Ellie & Harley Helgeson

**Acolytes:** Lola & Brielle

**Greeters:** Lori Larson & Paula Reisdorph

## Next Week's Ministry Assistants — April 19<sup>th</sup>

**Organist:** Amy Adelman      **Tech Desk:** Marge Dragseth & Matt Karels  
**Lector:** Amanda Stattelmann      **Acolytes:** Bennett & Bryson  
**Greeters:** Neva Foster & Nancy Nolop  
**Ushers:** Gale May, Warren Wiese, Russ Thielke, & Connie Newman  
**Lay Assistants:** Becky Parker & Sara Mattison

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### **Sun – 4/12      Recognition of New Member Sunday**



Before Service: Coffee & Fellowship in the Narthex  
- Visit with Pr. Cheryl

9:00 am Worship – Broadcast on KDIO & Facebook Live

9:30-10:15 am Sunday School

10:00 am Fellowship with New Members (with cookies)

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

**Tues – 4/14** 8:30 am Day of Love  
4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Fairway View (Donnie's Diner)

**Wed – 4/15** 9:30 am Channel 3 Broadcast  
3:30 pm Confirmation Classes (7-8<sup>th</sup> graders)  
4:30 pm Confirmation Classes (9<sup>th</sup> graders)  
5:30 pm Youth Group (7-12<sup>th</sup> gr.) & Channel 3 Broadcast  
7:00 pm Senior Choir

**Fri – 4/17** 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

**Sun – 4/19** Before Service: Coffee & Fellowship in the Narthex  
- Visit with Pr. Cheryl



9:00 am Worship – Communion

– Broadcast on KDIO & Facebook Live

9:30-10:15 am Sunday School

10:00 am Safety & Security Training with Nurses & Sheriff

# Green Lake / Water's Edge Camp Testimonials



## **What's your favorite Camp Memory?**

"Playing Bonkers with Vayda and the counselors." – Landri Wollschlager

"Doing a play with Landri and Claire." – Vayda Backstrand

"Karaoke at Midnight!" – Liv Wollschlager

## **What's something you learned at camp?**

"Singing songs about Jesus during campfire and chapel." – Landri Wollschlager

"How to make bracelets and new songs about Jesus." – Vayda Backstrand

"Learning about Jesus." – Liv Wollschlager

## **What you're most excited about for this coming summer bible camp?**

"Chapel in the water because you get to swim and learn about Jesus at the same time!" – Landri Wollschlager

"To see the friends I've made there and make more new ones." – Vayda Backstrand

"Making new friends!" – Liv Wollschlager

## Poppy Conroy

I love Green Lake Bible Camp! It has taught me so much and they have the nicest people working there. They make the best food and there's always a big variety on what to choose. If there's a storm, we don't care, we still have fun because we sing songs, play games, and read from the Bible. I love playing the game with the sock filled with rice and a game where counselors hide and if we find one of them we get a mark on our hand or if we get a specific one they could take you and you have to go to the basketball court and answer a question from the Bible. I also like when we do the Olympics. I am excited for our swim party this summer.