



April 19, 2026

First English Lutheran Church

9 NW 3rd Street; Ortonville, MN 56278

Rev. Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett, Pastor

Lisa Berdan, Senior Choir Director

Third Sunday of Easter

ELW SETTING FOUR – EARLY COMMUNION

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

O Lord Jesus, sometimes we are so busy talking with each other that we fail to find you beside us. We walk on, so focused on our questions that we do not create the silent spaces which would allow you to speak with us and enlighten our journeying.

Silent reflection

Stay with us, Lord. Reach out towards us and invite us to pause and meet with you, we pray. As we look at our lives and that of the world around us, we are sometimes too anxious to share our real questions or our doubts and fears. We keep them within us in troubled silence.

Stay with us, Jesus Christ. Reach out towards us and invite us to pause and meet with you, we pray. We call your name, O Christ, and hope to discover you here in our community of vulnerable faith. Amen.

Words of Assurance

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Whether we believe it, or not, Jesus Christ never leaves us nor forsakes us. Let us open our hearts to receive the grace which Christ brings to us in faithfulness. You are forgiven!

C: Thanks be to God.

Gathering Hymn

Alleluia! Jesus is Risen! (verses 1-2, 5)

#377

GREETING:

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: O God... **C: your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Prayer at the Table

P: And so we gather at the table. We come from many places, differing in age, differing in race.....in serving that we are served, as we remember

Words of Institution pg. 130

Blessing: And so we pray: Come, holy Spirit.... pray as Jesus has taught us.

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.

Invitation to Communion

P: Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

Distribution Hymn: 'Lamb of God' pg. 154

Distribution Hymn: 'We Who Once Were Dead' (*vs as needed*) #495

Distribution Hymn: 'Come, Let us Eat' (*vs as needed*) #491

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: Holy One, **C: through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

Special Music 'Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread' Senior Choir

WORD

First Lesson: Isaiah 51:1 - 6

OT pg. 528

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

Psalm 34: 1-10

ELW Psalm 23

L: ¹ I will bless the LORD at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

C: ² I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear and rejoice.

L: ³ Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt God's name together.

C: ⁴ I sought the LORD, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.

L: ⁵ Look upon the LORD and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.

C: ⁶ I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me and saved me from all my troubles.

L: ⁷ The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD and delivers them.

C: ⁸ Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!

L: ⁹ Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD, for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

C: ¹⁰ The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

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

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 1:17-23

NT pg.182

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Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation

'Alleluia. Lord to whom.....'

pg. 151

Holy Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

NT pg. 68-69

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

'Christ the Lord is Risen Today' (verses 1-4)

#373

Offering Collection and Presentation

Offertory Hymn

As We Gather At Your Table

#522

Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray.... **C: Like the disciples at Emmaus, we offer what we have. They offered their company, their table, their bread. We invite you to be with us as we offer you our love, our devotion, these gifts. May our eyes be opened to your holy presence, now and always. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession:

P: Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection...the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

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

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

C: Amen.

SENDING

Commission & Benediction:

P: Go now as those who have met with.....as you leave this place.

C: Amen.

Pastor Leaves

Announcements

Dismissal

P: Go in peace.... And share the grace shared with you...

C: We Will. Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn 'Abide, O Dearest Jesus' #539

1. Abide, O dearest Jesus, among us with your grace, that evil may not harm us nor we to sin give place.

2. Abide, O dear Redeemer, among us with your word and thus now and hereafter true peace and joy afford.

3. Abide with heav'nly brightness among us, precious Light; your truth direct and keep us from error's gloomy night.

4. Abide with richest blessings among us, bounteous Lord; let us in grace and wisdom grow daily through your word.

5. Abide, O faithful Savior, among us with your love; grant steadfastness and help us to reach our home above.

Text: Josua Stegmann, 1588–1632; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923. Music: Melchior Vulpius, 1570–1615, Tune: Christus, Der ist Mein Leben..

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.

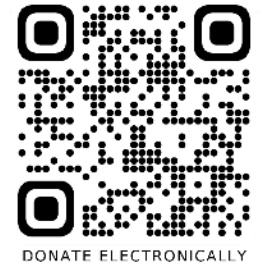
Welcome to all visitors and guests! May the joy of Christ fill you as we worship today. Friendship Pads are at the ends of each pew (by middle aisle). Fill them out, pass them on to your neighbor(s), and send them back to the middle aisle.

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 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



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

Please stay for a Safety & Security Procedures Meeting put on by the FELC nurses (with Sheriff Brown) immediately after the service today in the Narthex for about 30 minutes.

Noisy Offering will be next week, remember to bring change. Three South African Students' tuition is covered by your noisy offering donations.

Our annual FELC grounds spring cleaning will be May 4th at 6:00 pm. Please come to help clean up our grounds. Backup cleaning day is 5/11.

Stonecroft Ministries Women's Connection will be meeting on Tues., April 21st 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 28th 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 today from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. You are invited to join them 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 8th Street, Dawson, MN) on Tuesday, April 21st 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.

There will be a SW MN Synodical Women's Organization Convention Sat. May 2nd at Calvary Lutheran Church in Willmar. The registration fee is \$40 (which includes lunch and concert). Bishop Dee Pederson and Synod Ministers Rev. Seyward Ask and Rev. Heather Culuris will perform the Opening Worship with Holy Communion. Bishop Dee Pederson is the keynote speaker & Sweetwater Revival will have a special performance. The Lutheran Men in Mission Convention will be held simultaneously. Please see the posters for more information.

Pastor Cheryl is seeking participants for Bible Study to be held at FELC entitled "A Bible Study on the Christian Funeral: For pastors and congregations," which includes a section on planning your funeral. The bible study is a doctorate project & nearing completion. The study will be 10 am Mondays starting April 27th. Attendants will be asked to make written comments on the study at the end. For more information or to sign up, contact Pastor Cheryl at cmqronda@outlook.com or text her at 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 19th

Organist: Amy Adelman **Tech Desk:** Marge Dragseth & Matt Karels

Lector: Amanda Stattelmann **Acolytes:** Bennett & Bryson

Greeters: Neva Foster & Nancy Nolop

Lay Assistants: Becky Parker & Sara Mattison

Ushers: Gale May, Warren Wiese, Russ Thielke, & Connie Newman

Next Week's Ministry Assistants — April 26th

Organist: Lisa Berdan **Tech Desk:** Marge Dragseth & Kim Anderson

Lector: Bryson Karels **Acolytes:** Katelyn & James

Greeters: Carol Newman & Clara Zeek

Ushers: Gale May, Jim Foster, Eugene Stotesbery, and Art Vollmer

End of the Year

Sunday School PARTY!

Sunday, April 26 from 10-11:30am
(Lunch served at 11am)

Location: Lakeside Park

Fishing poles
welcome!

Games, Music, Activities,
Fellowship, and More!

All FELC Sunday School families welcome!

Alternative Location: Church Basement

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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
After Service **Time TBD:** WAM Meeting

Mon – 4/20 11:00 am Staff Meeting
5:30 pm Summer Worship Planning Mtg. at Zion

Tues – 4/21 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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

Wed – 4/22 EARLY OUT / Administrative Professionals' Day

9:30 am Channel 3 Broadcast
1:45 pm Confirmation Classes (7-8th graders)
2:45 pm Confirmation Classes (9th graders)
4:00 pm Youth Group (7-12th gr.) MEET AT FWV for
game time
5:30 pm Channel 3 Broadcast
6:00 pm GA Mission Trip Planning Meeting
7:00 pm Senior Choir



Fri – 4/24 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

Sun-4/26 Before Service: Coffee & Fellowship in the Narthex
- Visit with Pr. Cheryl

9:00 am Worship – Noisy Offering –
3 Teske Boys' Baptism – Broadcast on KDIO & Facebook Live
10-11:30 am Sunday School Party at Lakeside Park
(alternative location for bad weather: church basement)