



First English Lutheran Church

9 NW 3rd Street; Ortonville, MN 56278

Rev. Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett, Pastor

Lisa Berdan, Senior Choir Director

Fourth Sunday of Easter

CONTEMPORARY



9:00 am

April 26, 2026

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: Let come together in the worship...our gracious Shepherd as we sing...

Baptismal Song 'Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters' vs 1-2 #445

HOLY BAPTISM

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Leo Steven Teske, Brady Mark Teske, and Henry Frank Teske

P: In baptism our gracious heavenly Father...Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Leo, Brady, and Henry....covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsor's Respose: I do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Leo, Brady, and Henry and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

C: We do.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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.

P: Oh Lord, Pour out your Holy Spirit... whom you have been baptized.

P Let us pray,

Laying Hands

P: Oh Lord, sustain Leo, Brady, and Henry...now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Anointing

Leo Steven Teske, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **C: Amen.**

Brady Mark Teske, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **C: Amen.**

Henry Frank Teske, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **C: Amen.**

Baptismal Candle

P: Leo, Brady, and Henry, Let...welcome our new brothers in Christ.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Baptismal Song Continues 'Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters'

Assurance of Pardon

P: Today the Shepherd reminds you, you are forgiven in the waters of baptism... and you are free in the Shepherds reign forever and ever!

C: Thanks be to God!

Praise Song

'Praise to You'

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Prayer of the Day

P: O God... **C: our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, 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

'In His Hands'

Senior Choir

WORD

First Lesson: Ezekiel 34: 7-15

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

L: ¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

C: ²The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

L: ³You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

C: ⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

L: ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

C: ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:19-25

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

Children's Message

Noisy Offering

Gospel Acclamation

'To Be Alive'

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Holy Gospel: John 10:1-10

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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

Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett

Sermon Song

'Make Me an Instrument'

SONG SHEET PG 15

PRAYER FOR OTHERS

P: Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

Time of silence

P:Lord, in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

P: God of resurrection power, we...through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C: Amen.

MEAL

Offering Collection and Presentation

Invitation to the Offering

(inspired by Psalm 23, 1 John 3)

P: The Shepherd cares for us...show our willingness to love one another.

Offering Prayer (*inspired by Psalm 23, 1 John 3*)

P: God of love, **C: you abide with us; you provide for all our needs and guide us in your ways. Out of gratitude for your care, we bring our gifts before you. Use them for your work of caring, that all may feast at the table of abundance, walk without fear, and drink deeply from the cup of compassion. 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:** (*based on Psalm 23 & John 10,*)

P: Go now with your trust in the...and mercy all the days of your life.

C: Amen.

Pastor Leaves

Announcements**Dismissal**

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

C: We will! Thanks be to God.

Sending Hymn

'Send Us Out'

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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.

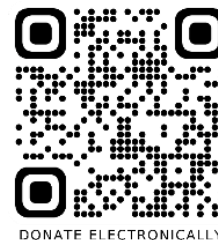
Welcome to all visitors and guests! May the joy of Christ fill you as we worship today. Friendship Pads are at the ends of each pew (by middle aisle). Fill them out, pass them on to your neighbor(s), and send them back to the middle aisle.

KDIO Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Curt & Penny Hormann in honor of their wedding Anniversary. [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



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.

Congratulations and God's Blessings to Cody & Karley Teske on the baptism of their sons, Brady, Leo, and Henry Teske. Brady's sponsors are Ryan & Kjersti Merryman. Leo's sponsors are Kayla & Mack Minder. Henry's sponsors are Heather Rise and James Eckberg.

There will be a Mentor/Mentee Meeting after service next Sunday! Please remind each other to be here for that.

May the God of all consolation be with Terry Kalberg and his family on the death of his sister, Diane (Kalberg) Watson, passed away March 4th. Her memorial service was held on Sat., April 25th in Portland OR.

Noisy Offering is this week. 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.

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.

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 tomorrow, 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 cmgrondeau@outlook.com or text her at 605-237-1501.

There will be a Community Meal Wednesday, May 13th put on by the St. Charles & Tabor Churches of Big Stone City. The meal will include Scalloped Potatoes with Ham, Cole Slaw, Salads, Bars, & Beverages with to-go boxes available. The meal will be from 5:00 – 6:30 pm. Free will donations.

Members of the congregation can highlight a favorite bible verse and write messages of encouragement into the bibles in the Narthex for our graduating seniors. These will be their senior gift on Senior Recognition Sunday, which is May 17th.

THANK YOUTHANK YOU




The Day of Love has now completed 40 bright and cheery quilts for our youth to take on their Mission trip to Savannah, Georgia. Each quilt has been designed from fabric that has been turned into comfort, with a hug of warmth and hope that will wrap each recipient with God's love, leaving a message of hope and God's presence. We thank everyone who has so generously given monetary gifts so that we can continue to create quilts and carry on the mission of our church.

As a side note, a huge thank you to all who have donated their denim jeans which enables our group to continue with our jean quilt project. I appreciate each of you who have generously donated

and continue to make sure I have cards for recycling which enables the creation of new cards to be sent weekly. Your monetary donations, denim jeans, and cards for recycling have been very much appreciated. Thank you!!!!

On behalf of Day of Love - Ethel

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 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

Next Week's Ministry Assistants — May 3rd

Organist: Kathy Haukos **Tech Desk:** Matt & Bryson Karels

Lector: Brent Zahrbock **Acolytes:** Jordan & Rylie S.

Lay Assistants: Sara Wollschlager & Amanda Stattelman

FWV: Kim Anderson **Greeters:** Glenn & Deb Henningson

Ushers: Jackie Domine, Ron Athey, Jon & Kim Anderson

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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)

Mon – 4/27 10:00 am Pastor Cheryl's Bible Study on Funerals
11:00 am Staff Meeting

Tues – 4/28 8:30 am Day of Love
4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Fairway View (Donnie's Diner)

Wed – 4/29 9:30 am Channel 3 Broadcast
3:30 pm Confirmation Classes (7-8th graders)
4:30 pm Confirmation Classes (9th graders)
5:30 pm Youth Group meal & May Day Basket Delivery
5:30 pm Channel 3 Broadcast
7:00 pm Senior Choir

Fri – 5/1 **MAY DAY**
9:00 am Bulletins Printed
12:00 pm Kate Heinecke Visitation
1:00 pm Kate Heinecke Memorial Service

Sun – 5/3 Before Service: Coffee & Fellowship in the Narthex
- Visit with Pr. Cheryl

9:00 am Worship – Communion
– Broadcast on KDIO & Facebook Live
10:00 am Mentor-Mentee Meeting
10:30 am Fairway View Service (pre-recorded)