

P: ...Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Holy One, we thank...giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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.**

Hymn of Praise

'This is the Feast'

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray, **C: God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, 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: Jeremiah 31:1-6

OT pg. 568

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

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

ELW Psalm 118

L: ¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

C: ² Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."

L: ¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

C: ¹⁵ Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

L: ¹⁶ The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

C: ¹⁷ I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

L: ¹⁸ The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

C: ¹⁹ Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

L: ²⁰ "This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."

C: ²¹ I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.

L: ²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

C: ²³ By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.

L: ²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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CHILDREN'S TIME

Gospel Acclamation 'Alleluia. Lord to whom.....' pg. 151

Holy Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10 NT pg. 26

P: The Holy Gospel according to...**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

EASTER PROCLAMATION

Hymn of the Day 'I Know That My Redeemer Lives!' vs. 1-2, 8 #619

1. I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort this sweet sentence gives! He lives, he lives, who once was dead; he lives, my ever-living head!

2. He lives triumphant from the grave; he lives eternally to save; he lives exalted, throned above; he lives to rule his church in love.

8. He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Savior, still the same; what joy this blest assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, alt. Music: attr. John Hatton, d. 1793.

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C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***SHARING OF THE PEACE:**

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

(Please Share the Joy of Easter with those around you saying...

He is Risen and responding with... *He is risen indeed!*).

THE OFFERING

OFFERING SONG 'Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds' vs. 1-2, 4 #367

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Generous and surprising God,

C: when we thought that death had claimed your only Son, you amazed us with the resurrection. Surprise us again with your ability to turn these humble offerings into gifts that will transform the world through our witness to your love. We lay our very lives at your feet, O God, knowing that you will use us to proclaim and embody the gospel. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: God of grace, **C: May the light of Christ shine upon them.**

P: Into the light of Easter morning, we bring... at work in the world and our community. God of grace.

C: May the light of Christ shine upon us.

P: And into the light of Easter morning...reunited with them and all the saints at the heavenly banquet. God of grace.

C: May the light of Christ shine upon us. AMEN.

The Great Thanksgiving (spoken)

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P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: We indeed give thanks and praise.....on that ancient night...

Preface P: It is indeed right... and join their unending hymn.

'Holy, Holy, Holy'

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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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The risen Christ dwells with us here.

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

THE COMMUNION

Easter Communion Songs:

'Lamb of God'	pg. 154
'Alleluia! Jesus is Risen' vs. 1-2, 5	#377
'Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing'	#385

COMMUNION BLESSING:

P: And now may this body and blood of our Savior Jesus, strengthen and preserve you unto life eternal. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR COMMUNION

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.**

EASTER BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

P: Go now as God's chosen...empower you for all that is good. **C: Amen.**

PASTOR LEAVES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen. **C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

L: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Closing Hymn:

'Thine is the Glory'

#376

1. Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won! Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

(Refrain): **Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!**

2. Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb! Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom; let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting! (Refrain)

3. No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life; life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

(Refrain)

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

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.

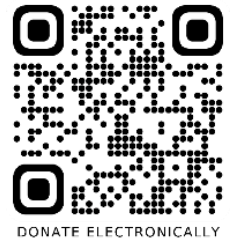
Welcome to all visitors and guests! May the joy of Christ fill you as we worship today. Friendship Pads are at the ends of each pew (by middle aisle). Fill them out, pass them on to your neighbor(s), and send them back to the middle aisle.

KDIO Radio Broadcast is sponsored in memory of Joe Rondeau (son of Pastor Cheryl) who passed away April 6, 2015. [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.

Thanks go out to our Instrumentalists today: Jace Athey and Oliver Zinski on Trumpets and Bennett Karels on the trombone. And thanks to everyone who volunteered to be ministry assistants today.

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.

The Synod Assembly will be June 5th-6th at Gustavus Adolphus & online via Zoom. We can send 3 members as delegates. Early bird discount deadline's 4/10. Please let the office know ASAP if you can attend.

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 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.

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.



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 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 and experience God's peace, love and joy.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT for Kelly Athey, Gail Olson, Nancy Pierzina; 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.



*Easter Garden Provided:
In memory of:*



Richard Janke by Pat Janke.

Patrick Ketz and Donald and Corinne Tieg from Liz Ketz and family.

Flovis, Marvin & Joan from Russ, Ronda & family.

Jerry and Katie Dragseth from the families of Jerry and Katie Dragseth.

Herman & Alice Ellingson and Adeline Brown
from David & Debbie Ellingson and girls.

Gary Johnson from Evelyn Johnson.

Our parents and sisters Bonnie Hunt & Marlene Olsen from Jon & Carol Ydstie.

Loved Ones from Glenda Reiffenberger and family.

Loved Ones from Richard & Marla Strei & family.

Loved Ones from Burton Pansch and Judy Beckman.

In honor of:

our children and grandchildren from Anita and Dean Longnecker.

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

Organist: Amy Adelman

Acolytes: Brielle R. & TBD

Lay Assistants: Kari Dorry & Marilyn Chindvall

Lector: Archer Dorry

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

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

FWV Easter (10:30 am): Marilyn Chindvall

This Week's Ministry Assistants — Wed. 1 pm FWV, April 8th

Organist: Kathy Haukos

Lay Assistant(s): Evangelism Member(s)

Next Week's Ministry Assistants — April 12th

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

Weekly Calendar

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



Mon – 4/6

EASTER MONDAY – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Tues – 4/7

8:30 am Day of Love

3:30 pm Board of Evangelism Meeting (Pr. Cheryl attending)

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

Wed – 4/8

9:30 am Channel 3 Broadcast



11:00 am Staff Meeting

1 pm Live Worship Service with Communion at Fairway View

3:30 pm Confirmation Classes (7-8th graders)

4:30 pm Confirmation Classes (9th graders)

5:30 pm Youth Group at Zion Church & Channel 3 Broadcast

5:30-7:00 pm Church Council Meeting

7:00 pm Senior Choir



Fri – 4/10

9:00 am Bulletins Printed

Senior High Youth Gathering in Redwood Falls April 10th-11th.

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)

