



May 10, 2026

First English Lutheran Church

9 NW 3rd Street; Ortonville, MN 56278

Rev. Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett, Pastor

Lisa Berdan, Senior Choir Director

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Service of the Word



9:00 am

PREPARATION

Prelude, Bells

Welcome & Announcements

Share of God's Peace:

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

GATHERING

L: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: God of all mercy and consolation...of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Gracious God, **C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **C: Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

'Come Thou Almighty King'

#408

1. Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing; help us to praise; Father all-glorious, o'er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

2. Come, thou incarnate Word, merciful, mighty Lord; our prayer attend. Come and thy people bless, and give thy word success, and let thy righteousness on us descend.

3. Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour! Thou who almighty art, rule now in ev'ry heart, never from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

4. To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be hence evermore! Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

Text: source unknown, c. 1757, alt. Music: Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796.

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L: 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. 213

'Kyrie Eleison'

Canticle of Praise pg. 213

'Glory to God in the Highest'

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray, **C: Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, 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 'If You Love Me (Keep My Commandments)' Senior Choir

WORD

First Lesson: Acts 17:22-31 NT pg. 105

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

Psalm 66:8 - 20 ELW Psalm 66

L: ⁸ Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

C: ⁹ Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.

L: ¹⁰ For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.

C: ¹¹ You brought us into the net; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

L: ¹² You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

C: ¹³ I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows—

L: ¹⁴ those that I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

C: ¹⁵ I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats.

L: ¹⁶ Come and listen, all you who believe, and I will tell you what God has done for me.

C: ¹⁷ I called out to God with my mouth, and praised the Lord with my tongue.

L: ¹⁸ If I had cherished evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;

C: 19 but in truth God has heard me and has attended to the sound of my prayer.

L: 20 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld unfailing love from me.

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

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 3:13 - 22

NT pg. 183

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

Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation 'Alleluia. Lord to whom.....' pg. 216

Holy Gospel: John 14:15-21 NT pg. 83

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

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

Sermon

Ellie Helgeson

Sermon Song

'Oh, Sing to the Lord'

#822

Mother's Day Prayer and Blessing Moms

L: On this special day, we honor and celebrate the gift of mothers...

...and God's wisdom daily. In your precious name we pray, **C: 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

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

A brief silence.

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

L: God of resurrection power...Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **C: Amen**

MEAL

Offering Collection and Presentation

1. **My God, how wonderful thou art, thy majesty how bright! How beautiful thy mercy seat in depths of burning light!**
2. **How wonderful, how beautiful the sight of thee must be-- thine endless wisdom, boundless pow'r, and awesome purity!**
3. **No earthly father loves like thee; no mother, e'er so mild, bears and forbears as thou hast done with me, thy sinful child.**
4. **Yet I may love thee too, O Lord, almighty as thou art, for thou hast stooped to ask of me the love of my poor heart.**
5. **My God, how wonderful thou art, thou everlasting friend! On thee I stay my trusting heart till faith in vision end.**

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863. Music: Psalter, Edinburgh, 1615.

Prayer of the Offering

L: We have the means to give...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

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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)*

L: Go now into the world. Search for the God...truth abide with you and within you, always. **C: Amen.**

Dismissal

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

C: We Will. Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn

'O Zion, Haste'

#668

1. O Zion, haste, your mission high fulfilling, to tell to all the world that God is light; that he who made all nations is not willing one soul should perish, lost in shades of night.

(refrain): Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace, tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release.

2. Publish to ev'ry people, tongue, and nation that God, in whom they live and move, is love; tell how he stooped to save his lost creation and died on earth that we might live above. (refrain)

3. He comes again! O Zion, ere you meet him, make known to ev'ry heart his saving grace; let none whom he has ransomed fail to greet him, through your neglect, unfit to see his face. (refrain)

Text: Mary A. Thomson, 1834-1923. Music: James Walch, 1837-1901.

Bells

Postlude

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John 10:27 "My sheep hear my voice; I know them and they follow me."

Pastor Cheryl is on vacation through May 14th, otherwise, 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.

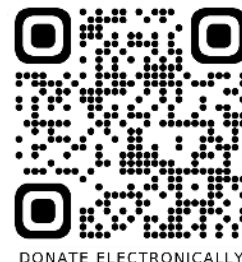
Welcome to all visitors and guests! May the joy of Christ fill you as we worship today. Friendship Pads are at the ends of each pew (by middle aisle). Fill them out, pass them on to your neighbor(s), and send them back to the middle aisle.

KDIO Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Curt & Penny Hormann in memory of Inez Fraasch & Arlene Dockter, and in honor of Shirley Hormann, Emily Sigler, Andrea Bartels, and LaVonne Fraasch. [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>April 2026</u>	<u>Year-to-Date 2026</u>
Offerings/Gifts:	\$21,056.52	\$73,204.95
Zion Receivable:	\$3,439.91	\$13,827.29
Total Revenue:	\$24,496.43	\$87,032.24
Expenses:	\$20,688.91	\$83,169.71
Balance:	\$3,807.52	\$3,862.53



DONATE ELECTRONICALLY

May's pink envelope emphasis is for Global Missions, Companion Synod South Africa. You can find special pink envelopes for designated giving in the Narthex.

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Ann Mattison whose birthday is tomorrow.

For all the Women on Mother's Day whether you are a mother, mother at heart, trying to be a mother or having a difficult day - please come to the kitchenette in the Narthex and pick up a cupcake on behalf of the Evangelism Board as you leave the service today!!!

A celebration of Nola Lockwood's life will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at the Mundwiler Funeral Home chapel in Milbank, SD. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. A time of food and fellowship will follow the service at the Big Stone City Community Center. Inurnment will be at Mound Cemetery in Ortonville.

An Alzheimer's Walk will be held on Sunday, May 17, from 1:00–3:00 PM at the Ortonville Track. Opening ceremonies begin at 1:00, with the walk starting at 1:30. Free T-shirts will be given to all participants. Come support the fight against Alzheimer's and those impacted in our community!

The Board of Stewardship is proposing to host an on-line auction to raise funds for the elevator update project. We're seeking donations from church members of items to be included in the auction. We'll be working with the Zielsdorf Auction company. We need to know if we will have enough donations before we formally proceed with this auction project.

If you have items of any value that you would be willing donate, please contact the Church Secretary, Barbara, by 5/29/26 to let her know what item(s) you would be willing to contribute. Note that your donation may be considered a charitable tax donation. Based on this pre-response, we can determine if we will have enough items to formally proceed with the auction. If you have questions, contact Board members Darin Ehrenberg or Mark Block.

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.


You are invited to "Coffee and Connections" May 13th from 8:30 am to 12 pm at Golden Hour Wildflower, 221 2nd Street NW, Ortonville (Next to Larry's Refrig.). May is Mental Health Awareness Month, please join us for a warm cup of coffee and stories of recovery and hope. Matthew Borchert & Mike Frisch will be speaking on their mental health challenges and recovery. Brought to you by: Big Stone County Family Services & the Big Stone Area Mental Health Task Force.

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.

We're almost there! With \$14,652.25 as of 5/4/26, we are 97.68% to the goal of \$15,000 for our Tech Desk Upgrade Fund. Thank you to everyone who has donated! Continued donations to this fund are appreciated.

Milan presents the 20th Annual "A Taste of Syttende Mai 2026" Sat. May 16th from 10 am to 4 pm in Milan, MN. There will be a Kviteseid Smorgaas Tea at Kviteseid Church from 10 am to 1 pm. There will be Musicians from noon to 2 pm with the Uff-da Parade at 2 pm. Come for Traditional Norwegian Arts, Crafts, Food & Children's activities. Downtown Milan has an Arts School, Museum, Billy Maple Trees, & vendors.

Stonecroft Ministries Women's Connection will be meeting on Tues., May 19th at 5:30 pm at Big Stone Tabor Methodist Church. The speaker will be Jan Ostroot, of South Haven, MN, whose talk is titled, "Peace in any circumstances." The special feature will be Joan Reiffenberger of Big Stone City. "Remember – Celebrate – Believe: Abiding to purpose". Music will be provided by Amy Adelman, pianist. 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!

PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT for Kelly Athey, Gail Olson, Burt Pansch; Monty Athey, Alvin Dexter, Dustin Hanson, Larry Helgeson, Courtney Jorgensen, 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 — May 10th (Mother's Day)

Organist: Amy Adelman

Lector: Betty Williamson

Tech Desk: Kim Anderson & Marge Dragseth

FWV: Marge Dragseth

Acolytes: Mya & Justice

Greeters: Barb & Warren Wiese

Ushers: Art Vollmer, Brent Zahrbock, Glenn & Deb Henningson

Next Week's Ministry Assistants — May 17th (Senior Recognition)

Organist: Carol Ydstie **Lay Assistants:** Archer Dorry & Kris Redfield
Tech Desk: Cody Backstrand & Cameron A. **Lector:** Terry Kalberg
Greeters: David & Deb Ellingson **Acolytes:** Liam & Bailey
Ushers: Dean Longnecker, Josh Wollschlager, Dick & Marla Strei

Next Week's Ministry Assistants— Wed. 1 pm FWV, May 20th

Organist: Kathy Haukos **Lay Assistant(s):** Evangelism Member(s)

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun – 5/10 MOTHER'S DAY

Before Service Coffee Fellowship
9:00 am Worship (*Ellie H. leading*)
– Broadcast on KDIO & Facebook Live
10:30 am Fairway View Worship (pre-recorded)
1:30 – 4:00 pm Church Reserved

Mother's Day

Tues – 5/12 8:30 am Day of Love
4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Fairway View (Donnie's Diner)

Wed – 5/13 9:30 am Channel 3 Broadcast
5:30 pm Church Council Meeting & Channel 3 Broadcast

Thur – 5/14 Last day of Pastor Cheryl's vacation

Fri – 5/15 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

Sun – 5/17 Senior Recognition

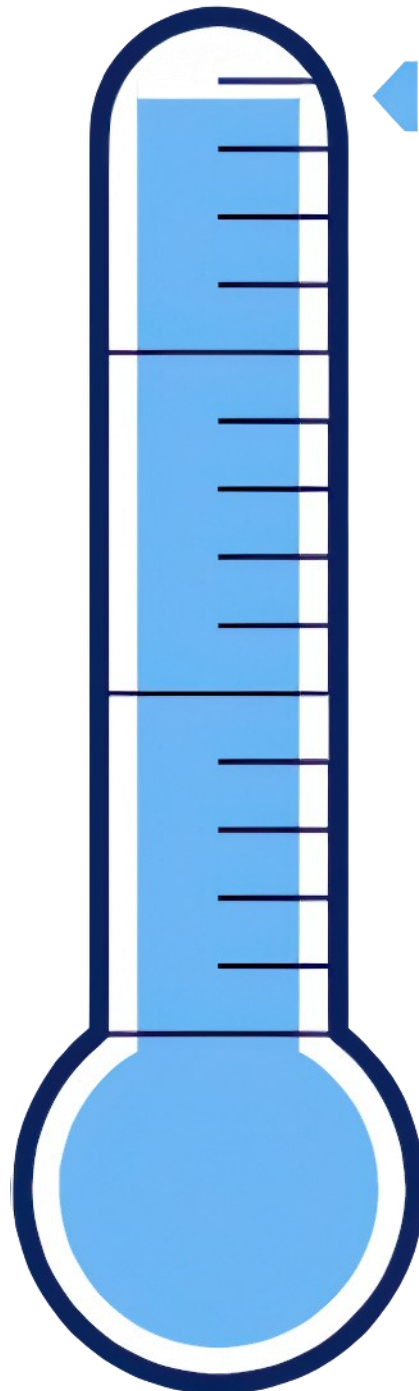
Before Service Coffee Fellowship – Visit with Pr. Cheryl
9:00 am Worship – Senior Recognition – Communion
– Broadcast on KDIO & Facebook Live
10:00 am Coffee Fellowship w/Graduation Cake
in Fellowship Hall



TECH DESK UPGRADE GOAL

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