



First English Lutheran Church

9 NW 3rd Street; Ortonville, MN 56278

Rev. Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett, Pastor

Lisa Berdan, Senior Choir Director

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Senior Recognition

ELW SETTING FOUR



9:00 am

May 17, 2026

PREPARATION

(Seniors & Pastor start in the back & will process in)

Prelude, Bells

Welcome & KDIO Announcement

Peace

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

GATHERING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(inspired by John 17)*

Heavenly Father, Your blessed Son asked that His Church be one as You and He are one, but Christians have not been united as He prayed.

C: We have isolated ourselves from each other and have failed to listen to each other. We have misunderstood and ridiculed and even gone so far as to attack each other.

In doing so we have offended against You, against all our brothers and sisters in the Church and against all who have not believed in You because of our scandalous disunity. Forgive us Father, and make us fully one. Blot out our sins, renew our minds, rekindle our hearts, and guide us by Your Holy Spirit into the oneness that is Your Will.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

P: Choosing to set aside judgment, God gives us justice; choosing to let go of punishment, God fills us with peace; choosing to release anger, God's steadfast love rests upon us. Hear the words of grace: You are forgiven, redeemed, restored—through what God has done for you.

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Gathering Hymn

'God is Here!'

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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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Hymn of Praise

'This is the Feast'

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Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray... O God of glory, **C: your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, 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: Acts 1:6-14

NT pg. 90

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

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

ELW Psalm 68

L: ¹ Let God arise, and let God's enemies be scattered; let those who hate God flee.

C: ² As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away; as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

L: ³ But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them also be merry and joyful.

C: ⁴ Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who rides the clouds; I AM is that name, rejoice before God!

L: ⁵ In your holy habitation, O God, you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;

C: ⁶ you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom; but the rebels shall live in desert places.

L: ⁷ O God, when you went forth before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,

C: ⁸ the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

L: ⁹ You sent a bountiful rain, O God; you restored your inheritance when it languished.

C: ¹⁰ Your people found their home in it; in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

L: ³² Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

C: ³³ You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens; you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.

L: ³⁴ Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

C: ³⁵ How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel, giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!

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

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

NT pg. 184

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

Children's Message

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

Holy Gospel: John 17:1-11 NT pg. 85

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

Special Music 'Great Things He Has Done: To God Be the Glory' Senior Choir

Soloist: Jon Ydstie

Recognition of Seniors and Quilt Presentation Mason Block – Rylie Conroy – Archer Dorry – Mikaela Johnson – Kirby Olson – Ashton Sletten

L: Dear friends: Life presents us...we ask God's blessing on you.

Let us pray: **C: Gracious God, we give thanks for the milestones these young people have attained and ask your blessing on them. As they begin new phases of their lives may they know your love in all their experiences. Bless them and grant them your gifts: joy as they live among your faithful people; openness in hearing your Word; thankfulness in sharing your supper; eagerness in sharing the good news of Christ through their words and actions; dedication in serving all people following the example of the Lord Jesus; and a hunger for justice and peace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

L: Dear Seniors, there was a day...remember that you are never alone.

Parents: We thank the Creator for...God's family you are never alone.

L: Members and friends of...prayers as they go forth into the future?

C: We will, and we ask God to help and guide us.

(Graduates rise and parents kneel.

Graduates lay their hands on their parents shoulders to bless them.)

Graduates: You have given me...bless you in Jesus' name. Amen.

(Parents stand with graduates.)

L: Wherever you wander, no matter...*Let us celebrate with and for this graduating class of 2026 and their parents. Applause!*

Presentation of Senior Gifts

Becky Parker

on behalf of Lay Ministry & Youth & Family Boards

Prayers of Intercession (based on John 17)

P: Loving, listening God...ask that you hear our prayer:

A brief silence.

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

P: Thank you for hearing us, most loving...Jesus your true Son. **C: Amen!**

MEAL

Offering Collection and Presentation

Offertory Hymn

'I Come With Joy'

ELW #482

Offertory Prayer

P: Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus. **C: Amen.**

WORDS OF PREPARATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

THE COMMUNION:

Distribution Hymn:

'Lamb of God'

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Distribution Hymn

'Around You, O Lord Jesus'

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Distribution Hymn:

'As the Grains of Wheat'

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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: God of our salvation, we give...Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

SENDING

Commission & Benediction: *(inspired by 1 Peter 4:8-10)*

P: Go now into the world, inspired by the extravagant love of God. Live generously, with open hands, loving one another as if your lives depended on it. Be good stewards of the gifts you have received, so that God may be glorified in all that you say and do.

And may the abundant love of God surround you,
may the extravagant grace of Jesus Christ sustain you,
and may the constant presence of the Holy Spirit
inspire and encourage you in every good deed and word. **C: Amen.**

Pastor Leaves **Announcements**

Dismissal

L: Go in peace... Assured... that Jesus loves you.

C: We Will. Thanks be to God!

Closing Hymn

'Thine the Amen'

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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.

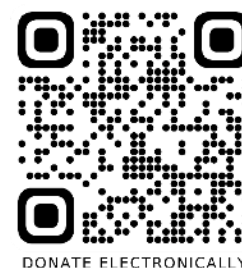
Welcome to all visitors and guests! May the joy of Christ fill you as we worship today. Friendship Pads are at the ends of each pew (by middle aisle). Fill them out, pass them on to your neighbor(s), and send them back to the middle aisle.

KDIO Radio Broadcast is sponsored in honor of Mikaela Johnson and her classmates on their graduation by Liz Ketz & Family. [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.

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD'S BLESSINGS be with Mason, Rylie, Archer, Mikaela, Kirby, and Ashton on their high school graduation! Please join us downstairs in the fellowship hall for graduation cake during coffee fellowship following the service.



Senior Sunday

Noisy Offering will be next week, remember to bring change. 3 South African Students' tuition is covered by your noisy offering donations.


An Alzheimer's Walk will be held today, from 1:00–3:00 PM at the Ortonville Track (*or at the school in case of rain*). 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.

Thank you to everyone who donated to help fund the Sound System Tech Upgrade. We surpassed the \$15,000 goal for the tech desk upgrade last weekend. But there is a continued need for funds to keep staff computers and such up to date and in working order.

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 Ostroy, 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, Jyla Dahle, 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 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

This Week's Ministry Assistants— Wed. 2 pm FWV, May 20th

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

Next Week's Ministry Assistants — Sun. May 24th

Organist: Kathy Haukos **Greeters:** Marge Dragseth & Kirsten Karels
Tech Desk: Liz Ketz & James Hodenfield **Lector:** Kathy Randall
Acolytes: Dawson & Gibson
Ushers: Tami Lundberg, Paula Reisdorph, Ev Johnson, & Mel Domine

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

Mon – 5/18 10:00 am Pastor Cheryl's Bible Study on Funerals
11:00 am Staff Meeting
5:00 pm VBS Material Prep at Zion

Tues – 5/19 8:30 am Day of Love
4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Fairway View (Donnie's Diner)

Wed – 5/20 9:30 am Channel 3 Broadcast
2:00 pm Fairway View Lenten Service Live w/Pr. Cheryl
5:00 pm VBS Meeting at Zion
5:30 pm Channel 3 Broadcast

Fri – 5/22 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

Sun – 5/24 Before Service Coffee Fellowship – Visit with Pr. Cheryl
9:00 am Worship with Favorite Hymns – Noisy Offering
– Broadcast on KDIO & Facebook Live
12:00 pm Hartley & Kimberly Neuman Baptisms

