



May 24, 2026

## First English Lutheran Church

9 NW 3<sup>rd</sup> Street; Ortonville, MN 56278

Rev. Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett, Pastor

Lisa Berdan, Senior Choir Director

### Day of Pentecost – Favorite Hymn Sunday

ELW SETTING FOUR



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

##### Call To Worship:

P: We've come to worship God, who makes streams flow from rock, who turns the parched earth into springs of water, who sends the rain from heaven and makes the wilderness blossom and flourish.

**C: As the deer thirsts for flowing streams, so we thirst for You, O God.**

P: Come, let's worship our life-giving God, who pours out living water on all who thirst.

Gathering Hymn

Favorite Hymn

#### **CONFESSION & ASSURANCE**

##### Prayer of Confession

P: As we sing about the Spirit of God... than using them to serve others.

**C: Forgive us, O God.**

*(silent reflection)*

When our use of your gifts has led to division and discord rather than increasing understanding and unity. **C: Forgive us, O God.**

*(silent reflection)*

For believing one gift to be superior to another rather than celebrating the various ways in which they complement each other and build up the whole community. **C: Forgive us, O God.**

*(silent reflection)*

The Holy Spirit enables us to confess Jesus as Lord and in so doing, we are acknowledging our total allegiance to, and love for Jesus.

**C: Merciful God, forgive any lack of commitment by us to love as Jesus loved and to serve as he served.**

P: Fill us anew with the Holy Spirit so that our worship, witness and service may reflect our unity and the faithful use of our diverse gifts. This we pray in Jesus' name. **C: Amen**

*(silence for personal confession)*

**Assurance of Pardon** (John 7:37-38)

P: Be strong, do not fear! The good news is... in whom you are forgiven.

**C: God comes, for no other reason than to save us. This is indeed good news. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

Favorite Hymn

**Prayer of the Day:**

P: Let us pray... **C: O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Special Music**     American Anthem     Jon (solo) & Carol (piano) Ydstie

**WORD**

First Lesson: Acts 2:1-21

NT pg. 90

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

Psalms 104:24-35b

ELW Psalm 104

L: <sup>24</sup> How manifold are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

**C: <sup>25</sup> Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.**

L: <sup>26</sup> There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

**C: <sup>27</sup> All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.**

L: <sup>28</sup> You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

**C: <sup>29</sup> When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

L: <sup>30</sup> You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

**C: <sup>31</sup> May the glory of the LORD endure forever; O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**

L: <sup>32</sup> You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.

**C: <sup>33</sup> I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.**

L: <sup>34</sup> May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the LORD.

**C: <sup>35b</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!**

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

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

NT pg. 133

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

### **Children's Message and Noisy Offering**

Gospel Lead In

Favorite Hymn

Holy Gospel: John 7: 37-39

NT pg. 76

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

Favorite Hymn

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**

P: As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world—which some seek to control, but which others view with despair—we declare with joy and trust: **C: Our world belongs to God! From the beginning, through all the crises of our times, until his kingdom fully comes, God keeps His promises forever. Our world belongs to him! God is our only King! He fills our hands with good things and sends forth His spirit, renewing all creation.**

P: We rejoice in the goodness of God, renounce the works of darkness, and dedicate ourselves to holy living.

**C: Through the gifts of the Spirit, called to faithful obedience, and set free through Christ, we offer our hearts and lives to do God's work in His world. As one body with Christ, we are eager to see injustice ended and the world transformed through a faith that leads us in truth to confidently wait until by His call He comes to take us to our eternal home.**

### **MEAL**

#### **Prayers of Intercession**

P: Holy God, whose Spirit moved over...prayers for all who thirst today.

*Silence for reflection*

P: ....O healing river, **C: pour down Your waters, and heal Your people.**

P: God, we ask that you would open...source of living water—we pray.

**C: Amen.**

## Offering Collection and Presentation

### Offering

Offertory Hymn

Favorite Hymn

### **Prayer for the Offering**

P: Holy One, you have given yourself to us in Creator, in Christ, in the Spirit. We now give back to you: **C: this money that seems so little;**

**this worship that seems so small; these words that never quite get it right.**

P: Receive what we offer and transform it by the power of your Spirit into: **C: enough money, sufficient praise, worthy words for proclaiming and enacting your peace, justice, and love in the world. 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)*

P: As you enter a new week, may you experience God's presence.

May you feel God pouring out the Holy Spirit over your heads and your thoughts and the words of your lips, over your hearts and your feelings, your emotions and compassion for all others, and over your hands and feet as you put into action all that God commands you.

May God guide you through the challenges, protect you when in need and inspire you with His love.

And may the God who breathed life into creation be your delight.  
May Christ Jesus quench your thirst with rivers of living water,  
and may the Holy Spirit, your advocate and supporter,  
.....set your hearts ablaze with a passion for peace. **C: Amen.**

*Pastor Leaves*

### **Announcements**

### **Dismissal**

L: Go in peace... filled with the Spirit, **C: We Will. Thanks be to God!**

Closing Hymn

Favorite Hymn

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.

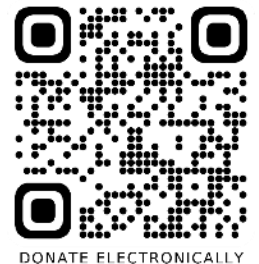
**Welcome to all visitors and guests!** May the joy of Christ fill you as we worship today. Friendship Pads are at the ends of each pew (by middle aisle). Fill them out, pass them on to your neighbor(s), and send them back to the middle aisle.

**KDIO Radio Broadcast** is sponsored by Richard & Marla Strei in celebration of Joe & Hannah (Strei) Kachelmyer who were married in Duluth yesterday. [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](http://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               |



**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** Janice Redfield whose birthday is Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> and Evie Swigerd whose birthday is Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup>.

**This week is the Noisy Offering.** We support 4 South African Students through our congregation. The Youth Group sponsors one student and the remaining 3 are sponsored by the Noisy Offering. Each student's tuition is \$300 a year. Your generosity helps us meet these obligations.

**Next Sunday our worship service will be at Zion Church at 9 am** (our usual time so we can still broadcast on KDIO as usual). This combined service will serve as a kickoff for our combined Vacation Bible School which will be held May 31<sup>st</sup> to June 4<sup>th</sup> at Zion from 6:30 – 8:45 pm each night). The children will perform in the VBS program on June 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm at Zion.

**There will be a summer festival June 7<sup>th</sup>** at St. John's Catholic Church with BBQ food (hamburgers, hotdogs), chips, salads, and pies starting at 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. There will also be crafts, cake walk, and kids' games.

**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. But there is a continued need for funds to keep staff computers and such up to date and in working order.

**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 — Sun. May 24<sup>th</sup>**

**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

**Next Week's Ministry Assistants — Sun. May 31<sup>st</sup> (at Zion)**

**FWV:** Brent Zahrbock



## Upcoming Ministry Assistants — Sun. June 7th

**Organist:** Amy Adelman

**Greeters:** Dean & Anita Longnecker

**Tech Desk:** Kim Anderson & Matt Karels

**Lector:** Kelsey Kaye

**Acolytes:** Bennett & Bryson

**Lay Assistants:** Darin & Kristi Ehrenberg

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

**FWV:** Paula Reisdorph

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

**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



**Mon – 5/25 Memorial Day – Church Office Closed**



**Tues – 5/26 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - No Day of Love**

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

**Wed – 5/27** 9:30 am Channel 3 Broadcast  
11:00 am Staff Meeting  
5:30 pm Channel 3 Broadcast

**Fri – 5/29** 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

**Sun – 5/31 VBS Kick Off**

9:00 am FELC & Zion Combined Worship **at Zion Church**

– Broadcast on KDIO & Zion's Facebook Live

10:30 am Fairway View Worship (Pre-Recorded)

6:30 – 8:45 pm Vacation Bible School at Zion Church

