



May 3, 2026

First English Lutheran Church

9 NW 3rd Street; Ortonville, MN 56278

Rev. Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett, Pastor

Lisa Berdan, Senior Choir Director

Fifth Sunday of Easter

ELW SETTING TEN



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

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts...through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God...and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

Gathering Hymn 'Christ is Made the Sure Foundation' #645

1. Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ, our head and cornerstone, chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one; holy Zion's help forever and our confidence alone.

2. To this temple, where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts, and stay; come, with all your lovingkindness, hear your people as they pray; and your fullest benediction shed within these walls today.

3. Here bestow on all your servants what they seek from you to gain; what they gain from you, forever with the blessed to retain; and hereafter in your glory evermore with you to reign.

4. Praise and honor to the Father, praise and honor to the Son, praise and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one: one in might and one in glory while unending ages run!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.
Music (Westminster Abbey): Henry Purcell, 1659-1695; arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1802-1868.

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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 'Have Mercy on Us' pg. 203

Hymn of Praise 'Come, Let us Join' pg. 204

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God... **C: your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Special Music 'Home (The Arms of God)' Senior Choir

WORD

First Lesson: Acts 7:55-60 NT pg. 91

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

Psalms 31: 1-5, 15-16 ELW Psalm 31

L: ¹ In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

C: ² Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.

L: ³ Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

C: ⁴ Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.

L: ⁵ Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.

C: ¹⁵ My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

L: ¹⁶ Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."

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

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:2 - 10 NT pg. 182

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

Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation 'Alleluia, Lord and Savior' pg. 205

Holy Gospel: John 14:1-14 NT pg. 83

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 'You Are the Way' #758

- 1. You are the way; to you alone from sin and death we flee; all those who search for God, you find and by your grace set free.**
- 2. You are the truth; your word alone true wisdom can impart; you only can inform the mind and purify the heart.**
- 3. You are the life; the rending tomb proclaims your conqu'ring arm; and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.**
- 4. You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know, that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys eternal flow.**

Text: George W. Doane, 1799-1859, alt. Music: Psalter, Edinburgh, 1615.

NICENE CREED

pg. 104

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.

Prayers of Intercession

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

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

MEAL

Offering Collection and Presentation

Offertory Hymn 'This is My Father's World' #824

1. This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

2. This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise; the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise. This is my Father's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev'rywhere.

3. This is my Father's world; oh, let me not forget that, though the wrong seems off so strong, God is the ruler yet. This is my Father's world; why should my heart be sad? The Lord is king, let heaven ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858-1901. Music: Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852-1930, adapt.

Offertory Prayer

P: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

C: Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SHARING THE MEAL The Great Thanksgiving (spoken) pg. 206

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.

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

'Holy, Holy, Holy' pg. 207

Words of Institution pg. 130

Lord's Prayer pg. 208

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.

Distribution Hymn	'O Lamb of God'	pg. 208
Distribution Hymn:	'I Received the Living God'	#477
Distribution Hymn:	'All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly'	#461

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: Gracious God, **C: in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

Commission & Benediction: *(based on 1 Peter 2: 10-11)*

P: As you leave this place, remember this: You are...look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **C: Amen.**

Pastor Leaves

Announcements

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: We Will. Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn 'Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing' vs. 1, 3, 5 #389

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 and Marla Strei in honor of Dr. Hannah Strei on her graduation from U. of M. Medical School & Adam Strei on his SDSU graduation. [Radio broadcast cards are available in the narthex; cost is \$100/week].

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 John Salls whose birthday is Sat. the 9th.

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.

There will be a Mentor/Mentee Meeting after service today. If you are a mentor or mentee please meet in the Youth Room after the service.

Our FELC grounds spring cleaning will be tomorrow, May 4th at 6:00 pm. Please come to help clean up our grounds. Backup cleaning day is 5/11.

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.

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!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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)

Mon – 5/4 10:00 am Pr. Cheryl's Bible Study on Funerals

11:00 am Staff Meeting

6:00 pm FELC Grounds Spring Cleaning (*all are invited*)

Tues – 5/5 8:30 am Day of Love

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

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

5:30 pm Joint VBS Planning Meeting at Zion Church

Wed – 5/6 9:00 am Circle 4 (in church lounge)

9:30 am Channel 3 Broadcast

3:30 pm Confirmation (7-9th graders)

5:00 pm Youth Group Ditch Walk (then pizza party)

5:30 pm Channel 3 Broadcast

7:00 pm Last Day of Senior Choir




CIRCLE FOUR



Thur – 5/7 **National Day of Prayer**



Pastor Cheryl starts vacation (May 7th to May 14th)

Fri – 5/8 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

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