

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH
Wapakoneta, Ohio



**“See, I am setting
a plumb line in
the midst of
my people
Israel ...”**

Amos 7:8, NRSV

**7 Pentecost Sunday
July 11, 2021**

WELCOME TO FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Your presence today makes us more complete. Thank you for being here with us and worshipping with us.

We welcome you to our table for Holy Communion. We invite all baptized Christians who believe that Christ is truly present in the meal to join us. All those who don't receive communion in their church are invited to receive a blessing.

Children of all ages are welcome and are encouraged to participate.

Worship Leaders & Assistants

The **Altar Candles** are given to the Glory of God
by Dave & Connie Krites
in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Today's **Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God
in celebration of Vicar Deb Monnin.

MINISTERS for Sunday, July 11, 2021

Audio/Visual	Noah Kirby & Jeff Ritchie
Acolyte	Carly Craft
Lector	Chuck Curry
Ushers	Dave Krites & Brian Van Meter
Worship Assistant	Makayla Frame
Musician	Karen Luginbuhl
Pastor	Vicar Deb Monnin
Nursery	Unattended

This worship service is live streamed and recorded and
is published on YouTube and Facebook.

* Please rise if able.

Introduction to the day

When Amos reports his vision of God judging Israel for its mistreatment of the poor, he becomes a threat to the power of the priests and the king. John the Baptist also speaks truth to power, and Herod has him killed. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them, and to proclaim God's saving love.

GATHERING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Praise the Lord, ye Heavens, Adore Him by Richard Blake

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

Gracious God,

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.

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. **Amen.**

*** PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

Morning Has Broken (ELW 556)

*** GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

*** KYRIE**

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*** CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

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*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rebecca Van Meter

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Amos 7:7-15

A reading from Amos.

⁷This is what [the Lord GOD] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; ⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." ¹⁰Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" ¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." ¹⁴Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 85:8-13

The Psalmist writes:

⁸I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

⁹**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹**Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

¹²The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

¹³**Righteousness shall go before the LORD
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

A reading from Ephesians.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

*** GOSPEL: Mark 6:14-29**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

¹⁷For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²²When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Vicar Deb Monnin

*** HYMN OF THE DAY**

Faith of Our Fathers (ELW 812)

* APOSTLES' CREED

Let Us Confess Our Faith In The Risen Christ Through The Apostles' Creed.

**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

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

* PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please take a moment to share the Lord's peace and grace with one another by greeting each other with a wave, smile, or peace sign.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

TITHES AND OFFERING

During this time we would like to thank you for the work you have been doing, for the support and care you provide and for the gifts you share. As we are not passing the offering tray, please place your noisy offering and regular offering in the trays in the back. We want to thank you for the generous gifts that you have mailed in or brought in today.

* OFFERING

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;
unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with your presence,
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

* OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, 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.**

* GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*** HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

*** THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

*** LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
**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

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

COMMUNION SONG

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**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.**

SONGS DURING COMMUNION

Bread Of Life From Heaven (ELW 474)

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (ELW 807)

Jesus Loves Me! (ELW 595)

AS WE ARE BLESSED

Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace now and always. **Amen.**

* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

*BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

*SENDING SONG

Holy God, We Praise Your Name (ELW 414)

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord for where your treasure is, **There your heart will be also.**

Matthew 6:21

POSTLUDE

When Morning Gilds the Skies by Hal Hopson

MINISTERS for Sunday, July 18, 2021

Audio/Visual Jeff Ritchie & Noah Kirby
Acolyte Needed
LectorMaeson Roode
Ushers..... Ken Frame & Jon Schmidt
Worship Assistant.....Jennie Grundey
Musician Darla Frame
PastorPastor Melodi Hagen
Nursery..... Roseann Schlegel

Our Prayer Corner

Those who would love a visit or a card...

The Manor: Jim & Evelyn Reinhart, Dick Chenoweth
Otterbein at St. Marys: Dorothy Dickman
At Home: Corky Slife, Betty Hague

We especially remember in our prayers...

Darlene Adams, Nancy Ainsworth, Teresa Bambauer, Rita Barrera, David Blackburn, Melinda Colvin, Cory Crawford, Brenda (a friend of Steve & Georgeann's), Mabel Jackson, Makayla Jenkins, Bryan Katterhenry, Chris Krites, Janelle Krites, Brenda Lippincott, Trey Mena-Linderman, Lou Meyer, Katelyn Rose, Shelia Snider, Kelly Stahr, and Seth Thuman.

We remember in our prayers...our military serving at home and abroad, under represented and oppressed people, EMTs, firefighters, police officers, healthcare workers, and our veterans.

We remember in our prayers...our college students: Amanda Bailey, Daniel Hunt, Katie Ronan, D.J. O'Neill, Haley Schattschneider, Cameron Bowersock, Preston Shannon, and Morgan Fisher.

If we are missing anyone in our prayer corner, please call or email the office and let us know. If there is anyone who wishes to be removed, please do the same.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Views</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Current Giving</u>	<u>NWOS Benevolence</u>
06/06/2021	14	52	\$3,309.00	\$58.00
06/13/2021	15	92	\$2,936.00	\$123.00
06/20/2021	13	40	\$1,682.00	\$168.00
06/27/2021	12	42	\$1,432.00	\$38.00
07/04/2021	NA	25	\$3,815.00	\$78.00

What's Happening at First English....

Personal contact information...if there has been a change in your family's contact information, please contact the church office by email at wapakelc@bright.net or by calling the office at 419-738-3911.

Crisis Center

Each week we will be collecting food for the center, and then on the 1st Sunday of every month, we will be donating the collected food to the Crisis Center. This month we are collecting **Mexican** items, which will be delivered after **Sunday, August 1st**. We are also collecting fresh fruit and produce each month, but ask that these items are only donated on the first Sunday of the month. Your donation can be placed on the counter in the church library or on the counter at the top of the basement steps. If you are unable to attend church you can contact Denise Kantner, 419.236.9205, and she will coordinate a porch pick-up of your items. If leave her a message or text, please let her know your name and address and when the food will be ready for pick up.

Adult Sunday School is meeting in the parlor at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings. We would love for everyone to join our discussion and fellowship. Please contact Rebecca Van Meter if you are interested in joining us via Zoom or Facetime. All are welcome!

Noisy Offering for the month of July: Compassion International Offering pans are located in the chapel and at the back of the church. Donations accepted during the entire month.

Wapak Loaves & Fishes Meals need to be reserved by calling 567-204-6708 and can be picked up in the alley behind the Fellowship Hall from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. Please remain in your vehicle and the meals will be brought to you.

Council Meeting: Will meet **TODAY**, July 11, 2021, after church service.

Christian Education Committee: Will be having a meeting on Monday, July 19th at 6:30pm.

Men's Night Out will be meeting on Tuesday, July 13th, at 6:00pm and will be at Side Rails in downtown Wapakoneta.

Ladies Night: Will be meeting on Tuesday, July 20th at 6:15pm at Hilary Roeger's house. Please bring lawn chairs, side dish and drink. Shredded chicken sandwiches will be provided.

Organist/Pianist Needed: We are looking for a person to lead our music once a month or every Sunday. Do you know of someone who would like to play for us?

You are welcome to join us as we **pray together on Wednesdays.** Pastor Melodi and others pray at Trinity, Moulton at noon on Wednesdays and Vicar Deb will be praying at First English at 5:00 on Wednesdays. We typically meet for 45 min to an hour and share our Highs, Lows, God moments, and then pray. Come and pray with us! Come when you can – every week or once a month or just when you can.

Staffed nursery rooms available. If you wish to nurse or take your young child out of worship, please know there are two spaces currently available to you. The church parlor is good for nursing moms and the smaller south side room, just through nursery, are both available for your use. Church provided toys are limited at this time, so please feel free to bring in your own toys. You can join worship through your phone or tablet by scanning (with your camera) the QR code to the right to access FELC's website. FELC offers free WiFi, the password is **firstwifi**. If these two spaces are not sufficient to permit adequate social distancing or meet the current need for such space, please reach out to Rebecca Van Meter so that more space can be made available. **All are welcome** in our worship services, including nursing mothers and fussy babies.



New Directory is coming! Schedule your appointment online or with Brenda/Darla for September 7th, 2:00pm-8:30pm. Thank you to everyone that have already had their pictures taken!

Choir: We are excited to announce that choirs will be starting again in the fall. Please contact Susan Miller or Darla Frame if you are interested!

Auglaize County Walk for Life: Saturday, July 24, 2021, is to benefit the Auglaize County family center. Any interested walkers or anyone interested in donating to please contact Darla Frame.

FELC Upcoming Calendar of Events

Sunday, July 11 th	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	7 PENTECOST SUNDAY Adult Bible Study Worship – Vicar Deb Monnin Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 13 th	6:00 p.m.	Vicar Deb Classes Men's Night
Wednesday, July 14 th	12:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Prayer at Trinity Moulton Prayer at First English Lutheran Church
Thursday, July 15 th	4:30 p.m.	Vicar Deb Classes Loaves & Fishes
Friday, July 16 th	7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
Sunday, July 18 th	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	8 PENTECOST SUNDAY Adult Bible Study Worship – Pastor Melodi Hagen
Monday, July 19 th	6:30 p.m.	Christian Education Meeting
Tuesday, July 20 th	6:15 p.m.	Vicar Deb Class Ladies' Night
Wednesday, July 21 st	10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Quilting Group Prayer at Trinity Moulton Prayer at First English Lutheran Church
Thursday, July 22 nd	4:30 p.m.	Vicar Deb Classes Loaves & Fishes FELC HOSTING
Friday, July 23 rd	7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous

First English Lutheran Church

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Office: 9:00am – 12:00pm

Sunday Schedule

9:00 a.m. Youth and Adult Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Mission Statement

The mission of First English Lutheran Church is to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ and love one another as He has loved us.

Church Staff & Volunteers

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