

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH
Wapakoneta, Ohio



20th Pentecost Sunday
October 10th, 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 Mark & Chris Nagel.

Today's **Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God by Matt and Deanna Ronan in celebration of their 29th Wedding Anniversary

MINISTERS for This Week

Audio/Visual	Noah Kirby & Jeff Ritchie
Acolyte (taper / crucifer).....	Grayce Swaney / Doris Fisher
Lector	Bailey Van Meter
Ushers	Dave Krites & Brian Van Meter
Worship Assistant.....	Susan Miller
Musician	Karen Luginbuhl
Pastor	Vicar Deb Monnin
Nursery.....	Open
Fellowship Cleanup	Charlene Curry & Cyndi Zwiebel

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

* Please rise if able.

Introduction to the day

The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

GATHERING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Shall We Gather at the River by Charles Callahan
Performed by Niki Oren, flute

*** 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**

Gather Us In (ELW 532)

*** 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 (ELW p. 184)**

*** CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 185)**

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, 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 5:6-7, 10-15

A reading from Amos.

⁶Seek the LORD and live,
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine.

¹²For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate.

¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.

¹⁴Seek good and not evil, that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.

¹⁵Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 90:12-17

¹²So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

¹³**Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry?
Be gracious to your servants.**

¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning;
so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

¹⁵**Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us
and as many years as we suffered adversity.**

¹⁶Show your servants your works,
and your splendor to their children.

¹⁷**May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:12-16

A reading from Hebrews.

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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Thanks be to God.

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 188)**

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

*** GOSPEL: Mark 10:17-31**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

²⁸Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Vicar Deb Monnin

*** HYMN OF THE DAY**

Take My Life, That I May Be (ELW 685)

*** 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

**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: 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.

*** 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 (ELW p. 190)**

**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 (ELW p. 191)

**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

As the Deer (on screen)

Shout to the Lord (ELW 821)

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet (ELW 523)

*** 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**

God of Grace and God of Glory (ELW 705)

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord for where your treasure is,

There your heart will be also. *Matthew 6:21*

POSTLUDE

Amazing Grace by David Cherwien

MINISTERS for Next Sunday

Audio/Visual Noah Kirby & Jeff Ritchie
Acolyte (taper / crucifer).....Kagan Zink / Deven Whetstone
Lector Sandy Brading
Ushers..... Ken Frame & Jon Schmidt
Worship Assistant..... Darla Frame
Musician Kelly Walls
Pastor Vicar Deb Monnin
Nursery..... Open
Fellowship Cleanup Charlene Curry & Cyndi Zwiebel

Our Prayer Corner

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

The Gardens	Sharon Meyer
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...

Teresa Bambauer, Rita Barrera, Calvin Binkley, David Blackburn, Cory Crawford, Mike Green, Brenda (a friend of Steve & Georgeann's), Bryan Katterhenry, Kenny Koch, Chris Krites, Janelle Krites, Brenda Lippincott, Rex Lippincott, Trey Mena-Linderman, Judy Metz, Leeann Whetstone, Julio Sanchez, Adam Schulze, 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, Cameron Bowersock, Daniel Hunt, D.J. O'Neill, Lillian McPeek, Katie Ronan, and Haley Schattschneider.

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>
09/05/2021	19	39	\$2,432.00	\$8.00
09/12/2021	28	89	\$2,200.00	\$216.00
09/19/2021	3	56	\$1,770.00	\$58.00
09/26/2021	15	58	\$1,195.00	\$10.00
10/03/2021	7	53	\$3,032.50	\$78.00

What's Happening at First English....

HARVEST PARTY

Fun For the Whole Family!!

Where: Brenda and Marc Shoffstall's Home
17831 Main Street Road, Wapak

When: October 23, 2021 4:00pm



Chili Cook-Off
Halloween Costume Contest
Cornhole
Bingo

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.

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!

National Youth Gathering registration has begun. Youth who are planning to attend should turn in their \$150 non-refundable deposit and completed registration form to Rebecca Van Meter or Vicar Deb as soon as possible. Please speak with Vicar Deb if you need assistance with the cost of the deposit.

Loaves & Fishes has Service Opportunities

Board Member Vacancy Wapak Loaves & Fishes has need for a volunteer to fulfill the final year of the three-year term of the Marketing Coordinator position on the organization's Board of Directors. The person fulfilling the unexpired term would serve from January 1st to December 31st of next year and be eligible to be elected for a full three-year term starting January 1st, 2023.

Meal Delivery Loaves & Fishes also is looking for 1 or 2 or more volunteers to deliver meals to the Blume Alumni Apartments on Thursdays around 4pm. The volunteer would be asked to pick up 35 meals, put them in boxes or bags for transport (note: the volunteer must provide the bags or boxes for packing), and drop the meals off at the back door of the Apartments. This usually takes no more than 30 minutes to complete.

If you are interested in learning more about these service opportunities, please contact Connie Krites at 567-204-6708 or Karen Dietz at 419-739-9489.

Crisis Center Quilt of Hope The Quilt of Hope is on display in the chapel area. This quilt was designed and made by clients of the Crisis Center and is displayed at local churches and organizations to raise awareness about domestic violence and the services that the Crisis Center provides.

Crisis Center Each week we will be collecting food for the Crisis Center and donating it on the first Sunday of every month. We are currently collecting **Italian food items**, which will be delivered Sunday, November 7th. We are also collecting fresh fruit and produce 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 you leave her a message or text, please let her know your name and address and when the food will be ready for pick up.

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 pm to 5:30 pm. Please remain in your vehicle and the meals will be brought to you.

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

Noisy Offering for the month of October: Operation Shoebox

Offering pans are located in the chapel and at the back of the church. Donations are accepted during the entire month.

Rally Day School Supply Drive Thank you to everyone who has donated school supplies for the School Supply Drive for the Wapakoneta Middle School! If you would still like to participate, we will continue to collect the following items: pencil pouches, mechanical pencils, 2 pocket folders, 2 inch binders in red, black and white, glue sticks, small and medium sized scissors, hand held pencil sharpeners, and colored pencils. Please bring your donations to the church and place them in the collection box in the Melching Hall lobby.

Choir: We are happy to announce that the Ladies choir will begin singing October 17th. Our next rehearsal is scheduled for Wednesday, October 13th at 7:30pm. Tentative rehearsal plans for this winter are to practice twice a month at 7:30pm on Wednesday evenings and sing at worship on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Anyone interested in joining is welcome to attend a rehearsal or call Susan Miller at 567-356-1844. You DON'T NEED TO BE AN ACCOMPLISHED MUSICIAN to join us. Just come! We'll be happy to have you and help you to learn.

Please Pray For & Consider donating to those in need: We pray for people around the world suffering from the effects of natural disasters and political unrest. Please prayerfully consider contributing to the *ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response* to support global efforts to aid those in need.

Confirmation Class: We will meet on Wednesday Evenings from 6:30pm to 7:30pm at First English. On the last Wednesday of the month we meet with the youth and their parent or adult mentor to review together. Please pray that our young people and table leaders will have an exciting and enlightening year!

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?

FELC Upcoming Calendar of Events

Sunday, October 10 th		20th PENTECOST SUNDAY
	9:00 a.m.	Youth and Adult Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship – Vicar Deb Monnin
Monday, October 11 th	7:00 p.m.	Overeaters Anonymous
Wednesday, October 13 th	12:00 p.m.	Prayer at Trinity Moulton
	5:00 p.m.	Prayer at FELC (Parlor)
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	7:30 p.m.	Ladies Choir
Thursday, October 14 th	4:30 p.m.	Loaves & Fishes
	6:00 p.m.	Men’s Night @ The Side Rail
Friday, October 15 th	7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
Sunday, October 17 th		21st PENTECOST SUNDAY
	9:00 a.m.	Youth and Adult Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship – Vicar Deb Monnin
	11:30 a.m.	Church Council Meeting
Monday, October 18 th	7:00 p.m.	Overeaters Anonymous
Tuesday, October 19 th	6:00 p.m.	Carpool to Osgood for Ladies’ Night
	6:30 p.m.	Ladies’ Night at Do Good Restaurant
Wednesday, October 20 th	12:00 p.m.	Prayer at Trinity Moulton
	5:00 p.m.	Prayer at FELC (Parlor)
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
Thursday, October 21 st	4:30 p.m.	Loaves & Fishes
Friday, October 22 nd	7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
Saturday, October 23 rd	4:00 p.m.	Harvest Event at Shoffstall’s Home

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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.

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