

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH
Wapakoneta, Ohio

John 4:14, NRSV



WILL NEVER BE THIRSTY."

4th Sunday of Lent
March 19th, 2023

WELCOME TO FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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

Worship Leaders & Assistants

The **Altar Candles** are given to the Glory of God by Brenda Shoffstall.

The **Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God by the people of God.

MINISTERS for this Sunday

Audio/Visual	Noah Kirby & Jeff Ritchie
Acolyte	Makenzie Schneider
Lector	Chris Nagel
Psalm Singers	Darla Frame & Doris Fisher
Ushers	Ken Frame & Jon Schmidt
Worship Assistant	Char Curry
Musician	Darla Frame
Preacher	Pastor Melodi Hagen
Greeter	
Altar Guild	Marsha Jackson & Char Curry
Fellowship Cleanup	Marsha Jackson & Char Curry

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

* Please rise if able.

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

GATHERING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MORGAN'S PLACE TEMPLE TALK

Mollie Verdier

PRELUDE

The Old Rugged Cross by George Bennard arr Mary McDonald

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace. **Amen.**

Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

we confess to you our faults and failings.

Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;

we take for ourselves instead of giving to others;

we spoil rather than steward your creation;

we cause hurt though you call us to heal;

we choose fear over compassion.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,

as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.

Hear the good news:

God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life.

This promise is for you!

God embraces you with divine mercy, † forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power. **Amen.**

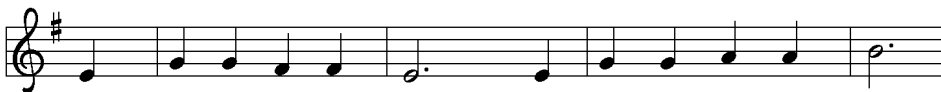
* GATHERING SONG

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (ELW 807)

* 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. 203)



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WOMEN'S CHOIR

Jesus Paid It All by John T. Grape arr Howard Helvey

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rebecca Van Meter

Word

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

FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1-7

A reading from Exodus.

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with

which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 95 (During Lent the Psalm will be Canted/Sung)

¹Come, let us sing | to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.

²**Let us come before God’s presence | with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the | LORD with psalms.**

³For you, LORD, | are a great God,
and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.

⁴**In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;
the heights of the hills are | also yours.**

⁵The sea is yours, | for you made it,
and your hands have molded | the dry land.

⁶**Come, let us worship | and bow down,
let us kneel before the | LORD our maker.**

⁷For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God’s pasture and the sheep | of God’s hand.

Oh, that today you would | hear God’s voice!

⁸**“Harden | not your hearts,
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah | in the desert.**

⁹There your ancestors | tested me,
they put me to the test, though they had | seen my works.

¹⁰**Forty years I loathed that gener- | ation, saying,
‘The heart of this people goes astray; they do not | know my ways.’**

¹¹Indeed I swore | in my anger,
‘They shall never come | to my rest.’”

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-11

A reading from Romans.

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 205)**



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

*** GOSPEL: John 4:5-42**

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” ¹⁷The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” ¹⁹The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” ²¹Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” ²⁶Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” ²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹“Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” ³²But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” ³³So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” ³⁴Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Pastor Melodi Hagen

*** HYMN OF THE DAY**

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (ELW 611)

* THE APOSTLES' CREED

Let us profess our faith using the words of 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

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

After each petition the responses are.... Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

After the final petition we will close our prayer with...

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

* 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.

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 that you provide and for the gifts that you share.

The offering baskets are located by the bulletins.

You may drop your offering in the basket before or after worship.

*** OFFERING HYMN**

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful (ELW 182)



Let the vine - yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath - er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

*** OFFERING PRAYER**

God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. **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.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.
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. 207)**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*** 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 (ELW p. 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

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness

COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 208)



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

SONGS DURING COMMUNION

All Who Hunger Gather Gladly (ELW 461)
Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross (ELW 335)
Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me (ELW 623)

*** 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**

Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love. **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**

Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty (verses 1,3,4)(ELW 777)

POSTLUDE

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken by Franz Joseph Haydn arr Gina Sprunger

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve in love.

Thanks be to God.

MINISTERS for next Sunday

Audio/Visual	Noah Kirby & Jeff Ritchie
Acolyte	Deven Whetstone
Lector	Joyce Brincefield
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WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Views</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Current Giving</u>	<u>NWOS Benevolence</u>
02/12/2023	21	90	\$2,474.00	\$208.00
02/19/2023	20	67	\$1,869.00	\$0.00
02/26/2023	12	79	\$1,654.00	\$75.00
03/05/2023	20	107	\$14,282.30	\$141.00
03/12/2023	21	39	\$1,930.00	\$33.00

2023 current budgeted expenses are \$210,480.66, or \$4,047.71 per week.

FELC can now accept online donations through the church website thanks to our partnership with Tithe.ly online giving. Just visit myfelc.org or scan the QR code to the right. From the church website click on the green GIVE button and follow the prompts. Thank you for your support!



February Snapshot:	Current Fund Giving	\$10,214.00
	Current Fund Expenses	<u>\$10,657.34</u>
	February Balance	(\$443.34)

OUR PRAYER CORNER

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

Auglaize Acres	Dennis McCormick
The Manor	Jim Reinhart
Otterbein at Cridersville	Sharon Billiter, Rex Lippincott
Otterbein at St. Marys	Dorothy Dickman
The Gardens	Betty Hague, Betty Lietz, Dale Thomas

We especially remember in our prayers...

Tracy Anderson, Brianna Bertke, Don Cole, Dominic Cousins, Jacob Cox, Paul Crossley, Donna Stowell Dague, Janice Etzkorn, Connie Kantner, Bryan Katterhenry, Wayne & Judy Kentner, Rex Lippincott, Lynne Loebach, Sasha Maslov, Dennis McCormick, Cathy & Desmond Miller, Nici Rapp, Sue Schoonover, Pam Schulz, Adam Schulze, Alex Shirey, Seth Thuman, Dale & Mary Ann Thomas, Eddie Whetstone, Chaz & Tracy Williams, Hannah Wood, and Angela.

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 student: Amanda Bailey

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.

What's Happening at First English....

Sunday School Preschool-elementary Sunday School is held in the large Sunday School room at 9:15am & following Sunday worship. Youth choir practice begins at 9:45am. Middle school-high school youth meet in the basement from 9:15-9:45am. See you then!

Wednesday Prayer Groups 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. You don't have to attend every week! Come and pray with us as you can.

Noisy Offering for the month of MARCH: Turkey Disaster Relief

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

Noon Lenten Services The Wapakoneta Area Ministerial Association annual Wednesday Noon Lenten Services will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church, West Pearl Street. The theme for the 2023 services is "Lord, Teach Us to Pray." Every Wednesday the host minister/church will focus on a different form of communicating with God. The Lenten services are free and open to the public. Following the thirty-minute services, attendees are invited to enjoy lunch in the Parish Life Center. Services start on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd and continue through March.

Wednesday Night Lenten Services will be held this year at First English on every Wednesday in March at 7 pm. This year our theme is: *Open my life, Lord*. Join us as we invite God to Open our eyes, hands, ears, heart, and life to God's guidance.

Easter Carry-in Meal, Sunday April 2nd The Fellowship Committee is hosting an Easter carry-in meal following the Palm Sunday worship service. Fellowship is providing the meat. Participants are asked to please bring a side dish or dessert to share. There will also be an Easter Egg hunt for youth ages 1-5 and 6-10. If you plan to attend, please sign up on the sign-up sheets that will be passed during worship or email the church office at felc_office@myfelc.org.

Alive Music Festival The high school youth group (current 8th-12th graders) will be attending the Alive Music Festival in Mineral City, Ohio. We will be leaving July 12th and returning very late on July 15th. If you are interested in attending, please talk to Rebecca.

Summer Camp Please consider sending your child(ren) to HopeWood Camp this summer. HopeWood, formerly Lutheran Memorial Camp, is one of the Lutheran Outdoor Ministry in Ohio (LOMO) camps. Camp Mowana was also a part of the LOMO camps. There are many weeks to choose from. This is a great opportunity to grow your child's faith in an amazing setting. FELC has always strongly supported our youth attending LOMO camps. FELC will pay the majority of our active youth to attend camp, leaving you to pay just \$100 for your first child attending, and just \$50 for each youth after that. Please let Rebecca know if you are registering your child for camp.

Hygiene Kits Service Project The Youth of First English are asking for your help with a service project. They would like to package hygiene kits for the housing insecure individuals at **Lutheran Social Services' Faith Mission** in Columbus. The kits consist of basic hygiene items such as body wash and deodorant and toothpaste (a complete list can be found on the posters and flyers around the church). The Youth are asking the congregation of First English to donate the personal hygiene items needed to build these kits. Donated items may be placed in the large shopping cart in the Melching Hall lobby. The kits will be assembled by our youth and delivered to the LSS Faith Mission in April.

Please do not feel like you need to donate a complete kit, any and all donations of the requested hygiene items will be accepted and appreciated.

Easter Flowers If you are interested in purchasing a potted tulip, lily or daffodil in honor or memory of someone, the order forms are located next to the church bulletins at the back of the sanctuary and chapel. Each potted flower costs \$13. Completed order forms and payments can be placed into an envelope and turned into Georgeann Steinecker or the church office. **The orders must be received today, March 19th.** The flowers can be picked up after worship on Easter Sunday.

Traditional Irish Music Sunday March, 26 In honor of Auglaize County's 175th anniversary, St. Patrick Catholic Church, 6959 Glynwood Road, Glynwood, will host a concert of traditional Irish music by the band Mad Maudlin on Sunday, March 26, 2 pm. The event is open to the public and a free will offering will be accepted. Mad Maudlin is an Ohio-based traditional Celtic folk Band with roots in Scottish and Irish music. The members come from a variety of musical backgrounds including classical, folk, and highland piping.

FELC Upcoming Calendar of Events

Sunday, March 19 th	10:00 a.m.	4th Sunday of Lent Worship-Pastor Melodi Hagen
		-Easter Flower Orders Due-
Monday, March 20 th	7:00 p.m.	Adult Book Study
Wednesday, March 22 nd	12:00 p.m.	Prayer at Trinity
	5:00 p.m.	Noon Lenten Worship @ St. Joe
	5:00 p.m.	Prayer in Parlor
	5:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts (Basement)
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Worship @ FELC
Thursday, March 23 rd	4:30 p.m.	Loaves & Fishes Community Meal
Sunday, March 26 th	10:00 a.m.	5th Sunday of Lent Worship-Vicar Deb Monnin

Monday March 27 th	7:00 p.m.	Adult Book Study
Wednesday, March 29 th	12:00 p.m.	Prayer at Trinity
		Noon Lenten Worship @ St. Joe
	5:00 p.m.	Prayer in the parlor
		Girl Scouts (Basement)
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Worship @ First English
	7:30 p.m.	Ladies' Choir
Thursday, March 30 th	4:30 p.m.	Loaves & Fishes Community Meal

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Mission Statement

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

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