


**FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH
Wapakoneta, Ohio**



“So
THE SON
OF MAN
IS LORD
even of the Sabbath.”
MARK 2:28



**2nd Sunday of Pentecost
June 2nd, 2024**

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.

Sunday Schedule

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

The **Altar Candles** are given to the Glory of God by Ken & Darla Frame in honor of
their children and grandchildren.

The **Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God by Church Council in celebration of
our 2024 graduates; Clayton Fisher, Taylor Good, Liam Kramer, Noah Schlosser, and
Carlee Swaney.

Thank you Pastor Jeff Morlock for leading our worship service today!

MINISTERS for This Week

Audio/Visual	Noah Kirby & Jeff Ritchie
Lectors	Richard Yocum
Ushers.....	Ken Frame & Richard Yocum
Worship Assistant.....	Darla Frame
Musician	Karen Luginbuhl
Pastor.....	Pastor Jeff Morlock
Greeter	
Altar Guild.....	Jon & Carrie Schmidt
Fellowship Cleanup	Jon & Carrie Schmidt

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

* Please rise if able.

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Deuteronomy makes clear that sabbath-keeping is meant for the welfare of all. God delivered the Israelites out of slavery, so they should observe this freedom with a day of rest. No one should work seven days a week; even slaves and foreigners should be able to rest. Yet human beings can turn even the most liberating religious practice into a life-destroying rule. Jesus does not reject sabbath-keeping, but defends its original life-enhancing meaning. Our worship and our religious way of life are to lead to restoration: the hungry being fed and the sick being healed.

GATHERING

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

WELCOME AND RECOGNITION OF OUR 2024 GRADUATES

PRELUDE

Beautiful Savior by David Cherwien

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW P. 94)

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

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Most merciful God, **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.**

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.**

* GATHERING SONG

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine (ELW 398)

* 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.**

*** CALL TO WORSHIP (PSALM 136:1-3)**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

For his steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of gods,

For his steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

For his steadfast love endures forever.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 204) *Glory be to God*

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. **Almighty and ever-living God, throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rebecca Van Meter

WORD

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 5:12-15

A reading from Deuteronomy.

¹²Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. ¹³Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁴But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. ¹⁵Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 81:1-10

¹Sing with joy to God our strength
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

²**Raise a song and sound the timbrel,
the merry harp, and the lyre.**

³Blow the ram's horn at the new moon,
and at the full moon, the day of our feast;

⁴**for this is a statute for Israel,
a law of the God of Jacob.**

⁵God laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, going out over the land of Egypt,
where I heard a voice I did not know:

⁶**I eased your shoulder from the burden;
your hands were set free from the gravedigger's basket.**

⁷You called on me in trouble, and I delivered you;
I answered you from the secret place of thunder and tested you at the waters of Meribah.

⁸**Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you:
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!**

⁹There shall be no strange god among you;
you shall not worship a foreign god.

¹⁰**I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.
Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.**

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

A reading from 2 Corinthians.

⁵We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

⁷But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. ⁸We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. ¹¹For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. ¹²So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil (ELW 414)

GOSPEL: Mark 2:23—3:6

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²³One sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" ²⁵And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? ²⁶He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." ²⁷Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; ²⁸so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

^{3:1}Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. ²They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they

might accuse him. ³And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." ⁴Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. ⁵He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Jeff Morlock

* HYMN OF THE DAY

O Day of Rest and Gladness (ELW 521)

* THE NICENE CREED

Let us profess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed

**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

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

Each petition will end with *Merciful God*,
Please respond with **receive our prayer**.

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ. **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

Please be seated. As the ushers come forward, 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.

* OFFERING HYMN

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful (ELW 182)

* OFFERING PRAYER

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..

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

* HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 207)

* WORDS OF INSTITUTION (ELW p. 190)

* 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

Lamb of God (ELW p. 208)

SONGS DURING COMMUNION

*Here is Bread (ELW 483)
His Eye Is on the Sparrow (on screen)
Great Is the Lord (on screen)*

*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. O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through 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

The Church of Christ, in Every Age (ELW 729)

* DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

OUR GRADUATES FROM THE CLASS OF 2024

Clayton Fisher



Clayton is a 2024 graduate of Wapakoneta High School. During Clayton's senior year he participated in the W.I.N. program and made history as the first high school student intern at Nutrien Lima Nitrogen, working in their chemical engineering department. This invaluable experience has led Clayton to accept an opportunity to pursue chemical engineering at The Ohio State University (OSU). Come fall, Clayton will be joining OSU's main campus.

Taylor Good



Taylor graduated from Ace Academy in Wapakoneta on May 2, 2024. Taylor is currently working as a delivery driver for Dominos and will be pursuing a career in law enforcement. Taylor enjoys working and hanging out with her friends.

William "Liam" Kramer



Liam is a 2024 graduate of Wapakoneta High School and attended Apollo. During his time at Apollo, Liam dedicated himself to the construction field, apprenticing and contributing significantly to various building projects. His commitment extended beyond the classroom, as he maintained employment with Beem Construction. As he steps into this new chapter, Liam's plans are clear: he will embark on a full-time career in construction.



Noah Schlosser

Noah is a 2024 graduate of Wapakoneta High School. Noah was active in Golf, Cross Country, and Track, participating in track all four years of high school. Noah has fond memories of the time he spent at church camp and Youth Quake, especially the time he spent with Pastor Neil and Austin. Noah plans to attend Ohio State University in the fall and is majoring in Finance.



Carlee Swaney

Carlee is a 2024 graduate of Jackson Center High School. Carlee participated in basketball, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, FFA, and FCCLA. Carlee currently works at the YMCA as a receptionist and at Wilson Health in the dietary department and is also Level 1 Radiation Tech. After high school Carlee plans to attend Rhodes State College to study radiographic imaging.

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OUR PRAYER CORNER

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

Otterbein at Cridersville Sharon Billiter
Otterbein at St. Marys Dorothy Dickman
The Gardens Betty Hague, Mary Ann Thomas, Betty Lietz

We especially remember in our prayers...

James Benshoff, Lily Carlson and her parents, Nancy Carter, Dominic Cousins, Se'vie Daniel, Charlotte Fisher, Emily Fisher, Ted Gibson, Ben Jauert, Connie Kantner, Bryan Katterhenry, Wayne & Judy Kentner, Lauren Makuh, Sasha Maslov, Mitchell Metz, April Nance, Jenny Oliver, Charleigh Pangle, Diane Schlosser, Pam Schulz, Alex Shirey, Hunter Smith, Evelyn Sprague, Seth Thuman, Norma Wachauf, Harold Wallace, Eddie Whetstone, Jim Zwiebel, Angela, and Skyler.

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.

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>
04/28/2024	12	60	\$1,758.00	\$40.00
05/05/2024	19	71	\$2,953.00	\$50.00
05/12/2024	15	70	\$1,792.00	\$130.00
05/19/2024	12	80	\$2,905.52	\$50.00
05/26/2024	9	42	\$1,864.00	\$10.00

2024 current budgeted expenses are \$128,507.08, or \$2,471.29 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!



What's Happening at First English....

Noisy Offering for JUNE: VBS Honduras Service Project Offering pans are located in the chapel and at the back of the church. Donations are accepted all month.

Worship Music We need your help! If you or someone you know would like to record a song, or sing or play live music for our prelude, let Darla know. Also, if you know someone who plays the organ or piano that might be interested in serving as our “organist” one or two Sundays a month, please let Darla know. Thank you so much!

Collection for the Women’s Crisis Center We are collecting food items each month for the Auglaize County Crisis Center based on a monthly dinner theme. June’s theme is Mexican dinner. The crisis center is also in need of basic personal hygiene items. Please put donations on the counter in the library for us to deliver weekly or bi-weekly.

VBS Begins Monday, June 3rd Vacation Bible School starts tomorrow and will run through Friday, June 7th. VBS will meet every day from 9am-noon. Please come early to check-in to ensure that your child doesn’t miss a moment of the fun.

FELC Upcoming Calendar of Events

Sunday, June 2nd	10:00 a.m.	Worship – Pastor Jeff Morlock
Monday, June 3 rd to Friday, June 7 th	9am – 12pm	Vacation Bible School
Thursday, June 6 th	4:30 p.m.	Loaves and Fishes
Sunday, June 9th	10:00 a.m.	Worship – Makayla Frame
Thursday, June 13 th	4:30 p.m.	Loaves and Fishes
	6:00 p.m.	Men’s Night at TBD

First English Lutheran Church

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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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