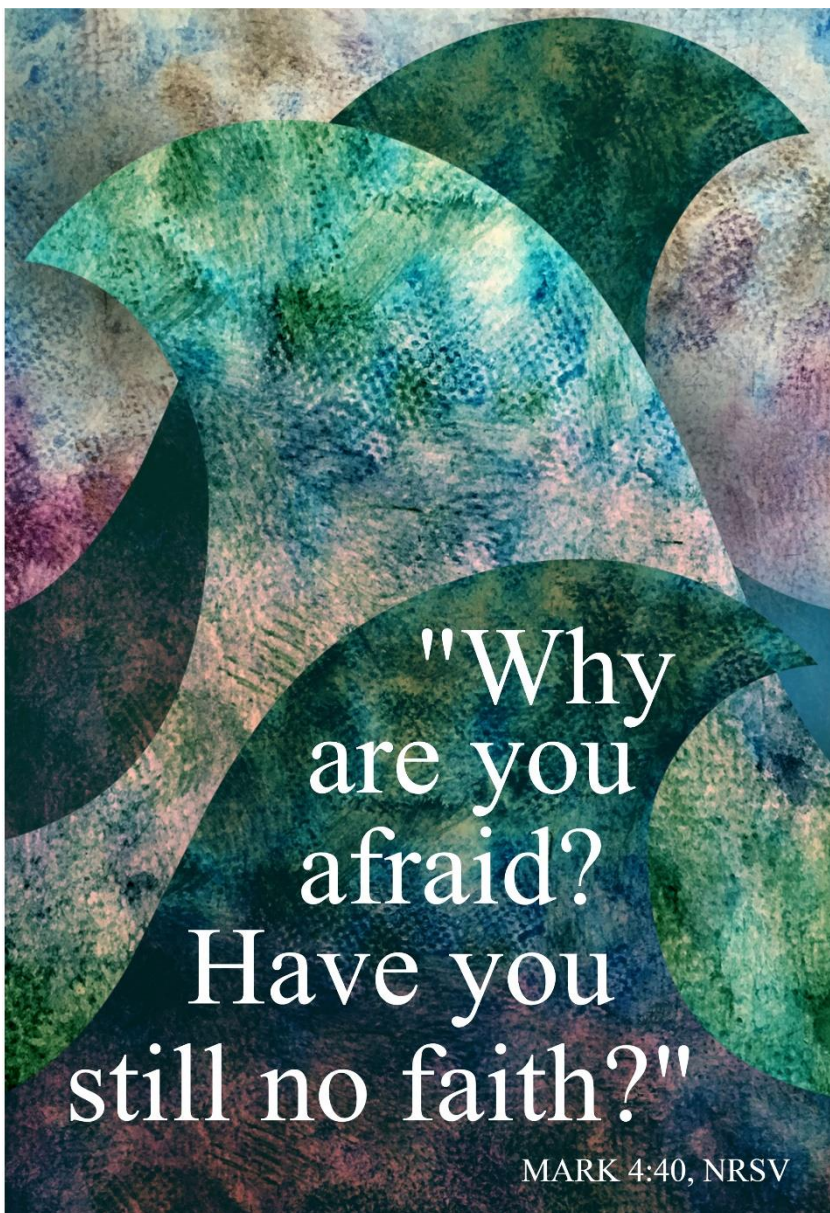


FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Wapakoneta, Ohio



"Why  
are you  
afraid?  
Have you  
still no faith?"

MARK 4:40, NRSV

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost**  
**June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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 encouraged to participate in worship.

**Sunday Schedule**

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

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 the people of God.

**MINISTERS for This Week**

Audio/Visual .....	Noah Kirby & Jeff Ritchie
Lectors .....	Susan Miller
Ushers .....	Luke Kline & Clayton Fisher
Worship Assistant.....	Ken Frame
Musician .....	recordings
Pastor .....	Pastor Bill Schultz
Greeter .....	Dave & Chris Clift
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

Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him, he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator. We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God's word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.

## GATHERING

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

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

## PRELUDE

### \* 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

*When Peace Like a River* (ELW 785)

### \* 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. **O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

*Rebecca Van Meter*

**WORD**

**FIRST READING: Job 38:1-11**

*A reading from Job.*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

<sup>2</sup>“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

<sup>3</sup>Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

<sup>4</sup>“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

<sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

<sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

<sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

<sup>8</sup>“Or who shut in the sea with doors

when it burst out from the womb?—

<sup>9</sup>when I made the clouds its garment,

and thick darkness its swaddling band,

<sup>10</sup>and prescribed bounds for it,

and set bars and doors,

<sup>11</sup>and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,

and here shall your proud waves be stopped?’”

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

## **PSALM: Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32**

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,  
for God's mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup>**Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim  
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**

<sup>3</sup>gathering them in from the lands;  
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

<sup>23</sup>**Some went down to the sea in ships,  
plying their trade in deep waters.**

<sup>24</sup>They beheld the works of the LORD,  
God's wonderful works in the deep.

<sup>25</sup>**Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose,  
which tossed high the waves of the sea.**

<sup>26</sup>They mounted up to the heavens and descended to the depths;  
their souls melted away in their peril.

<sup>27</sup>They staggered and reeled like drunkards,  
and all their skill was of no avail.

<sup>28</sup>Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD,  
and you delivered them from their distress.

<sup>29</sup>**You stilled the storm to a whisper  
and silenced the waves of the sea.**

<sup>30</sup>Then were they glad when it grew calm,  
when you guided them to the harbor they desired.

<sup>31</sup>**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love  
and your wonderful works for all people.**

<sup>32</sup>Let them exalt you in the assembly of the people;  
in the council of the elders, let them sing hallelujah!

## **SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13**

*A reading from 2 Corinthians.*

<sup>1</sup>As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,  
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! <sup>3</sup>We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup>truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying,

and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

<sup>11</sup>We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. <sup>12</sup>There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. <sup>13</sup>In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

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

**\* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil (ELW 512)*

**GOSPEL: Mark 4:35-41**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>35</sup>When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] “Let us go across to the other side.” <sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. <sup>38</sup>But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” <sup>39</sup>He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” <sup>41</sup>And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**MESSAGE**

Pastor Bill Schultz

**\* HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand (ELW 773)*

**\* 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**

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**

*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly (ELW 461)  
As The Deer (on screen)  
Eternal Father, Strong to Save (ELW 756)*

**\*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.

**\* PRAYER FOR COUNCIL**

**\* 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**

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past (ELW 632)*

**\* DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

**MINISTERS for Next Week**

Audio/Visual .....	Noah Kirby & Jeff Ritchie
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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, Janet Case, Dominic Cousins, Se'vie Daniel, Emily Fisher, Ted Gibson, Diane Hollingsworth, 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, Cindy Schwer, 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>
05/19/2024	12	80	\$2,905.52	\$50.00
05/26/2024	9	42	\$1,864.00	\$10.00
06/02/2024	20	60	\$2,794.00	\$45.00
06/09/2024	14	60	\$2,046.91	\$20.00
06/16/2024	15	38	\$826.61	\$25.00

2024 current budgeted expenses are \$128,507.08, or \$2,471.29 per week.

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Thank you for your support!



### ***What's Happening at First English....***

**Noisy Offering for JUNE: VBS Honduras Clean Water 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.

**Office Closed July 4<sup>th</sup>** The church office will be closed in observance of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

### **FELC Upcoming Calendar of Events**

<b>Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship – Pastor Bill Schultz</b> <b>Church Council Meeting after worship</b>
Thursday, June 27 <sup>th</sup>	4:30 p.m.	Loaves and Fishes
<b>Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship – Christian White</b>
Thursday, July 4 <sup>th</sup>		Happy 4 <sup>th</sup> of July – Office Closed

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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.

### **Church Staff & Volunteers**

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