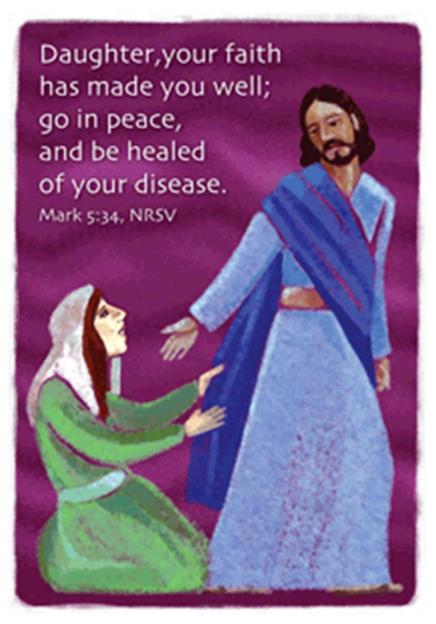
# FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH Wapakoneta, Ohio



6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost June 30<sup>th</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 in celebration of Hilary's birthday today from Mike, Amelia and Elanor Roeger.

# **MINISTERS for This Week**

Audio/Visual	Noah Kirby & Jeff Ritchie
Lectors	Joyce Brincefield
Ushers	Steve Stienecker & Jim Kantner
Worship Assistant	Makayla Frame
Musician	
Pastor	Pastor Mick Althouser
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

A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider.

# GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God. **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

PRELUDE The Unclouded Day by Josiah Kelley Alwood arr by Joel Raney

# \* 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

Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (ELW 886)

# \* 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 merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

Rebecca Van Meter

## WORD

# FIRST READING: Lamentations 3:22-33

A reading from Lamentations.

- <sup>22</sup> The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end;
- <sup>23</sup> they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
- <sup>24</sup> "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."
- <sup>25</sup> The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.
- <sup>26</sup> It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.
- <sup>27</sup> It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth,
- <sup>28</sup> to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it,
- <sup>29</sup> to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope),
- <sup>30</sup> to give one's cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults.

<sup>31</sup> For the Lord will not reject forever.

- <sup>32</sup> Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love;
- <sup>33</sup> for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

Word of God, word of life.

# Thanks be to God.

# PSALM: Psalm 30

- <sup>1</sup> I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
- <sup>2</sup> O LORD my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.
- <sup>3</sup> You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
- <sup>4</sup> Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful;
  - give thanks in holy remembrance.
- <sup>5</sup> God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime. Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.
- <sup>6</sup> While I felt secure, I said,
  - "I shall never be disturbed.
- <sup>7</sup> You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains." Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.
- <sup>8</sup>I cried to you, O LORD;
  - I pleaded with my Lord, saying,
- <sup>9</sup> "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?
- <sup>10</sup> Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; O LORD, be my helper."
- <sup>11</sup> You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.
- <sup>12</sup> Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.

# SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

A reading from 2 Corinthians.

<sup>7</sup> Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

<sup>8</sup> I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. <sup>9</sup> For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus

Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. <sup>10</sup> And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—<sup>11</sup> now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. <sup>12</sup> For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. <sup>13</sup> I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between <sup>14</sup> your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. <sup>15</sup> As it is written,

"The one who had much did not have too much,

and the one who had little did not have too little." Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.** 

#### \* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil (ELW 512)

#### GOSPEL: Mark 5:21-43

The holy gospel according to Mark.

#### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>21</sup> When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. <sup>22</sup> Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet <sup>23</sup> and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." <sup>24</sup> So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. <sup>25</sup> Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. <sup>26</sup> She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup> She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup> for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." <sup>29</sup> Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. <sup>30</sup> Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" <sup>31</sup> And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" <sup>32</sup> He looked all around to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup> But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup> He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

<sup>35</sup> While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" <sup>36</sup> But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." <sup>37</sup> He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. <sup>38</sup> When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. <sup>39</sup> When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." <sup>40</sup> And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. <sup>41</sup> He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" <sup>42</sup> And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. <sup>43</sup> He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Praise to you, O Christ.

## MESSAGE

Pastor Mick Althouser

\* HYMN OF THE DAY

Great Is Thy Faithfulness (ELW 733)

## \* 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.

\* **OFFERATORY** For the Beauty of the Earth by Conrad Kocher arr Mark Hayes

## \* 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

What Feast of Love (ELW 487) I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me (ELW 860) Healer of Our Every III (ELW 612)

#### \*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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (ELW 858)

## \* DISMISSAL

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

#### **MINISTERS for Next Week**

Audio/Visual	Noah Kirby & Jeff Ritchie
Lectors	Chris Nagel
Ushers	Ken Frame & Richard Yocum
Worship Assistant	Jon Schmidt
Musician	recordings
Pastor	
Greeter	
Altar Guild	Cari Frame & Hilarv Roeger
Fellowship Cleanup	Cari Frame & Hilary Roeger
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#### **OUR PRAYER CORNER**

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

Otterbein at CridersvilleSharon BilliterOtterbein at St. MarysDorothy DickmanThe GardensBetty Hague, Mary Ann Thomas, Betty Lietz

#### We especially remember in our prayers...

James Benshoff, 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, Jenny Oliver, Charleigh Pangle, 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>	Attendance	Current Giving	NWOS Benevolence
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
06/23/2024	36	77	\$1,765.61	\$110.00

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

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## 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!

<u>Collection for the Women's Crisis Center</u> 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 office will be closed in observance of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.

<u>No Loaves and Fishes meals July 4th</u> Loaves and Fishes will not be serving meals on Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup> in observance of the holiday.

Men's Night is Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at The Inn Between.

**Ladies' Lunch** is Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am at The Whaling Knife, next to the theater in downtown Wapakoneta.

FELC Upcoming Calendar of Events				
Sunday, June 30 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 a.m.	Worship – Pastor Mick Althouser		
Thursday, July 4th		Happy 4 <sup>th</sup> of July – Office Closed		
		No Loaves & Fishes Meal		
Sunday, July 7 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 a.m.	Worship – Christian White		
Thursday, July 11 <sup>th</sup>	4:30 p.m.	Loaves and Fishes		
	6:00 p.m.	Men's Night @ The Inn Between		

#### 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.

## **Church Staff & Volunteers**

Office Administrator	Chuck Curry; wapakelc@bright.net; 763-312-9217
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