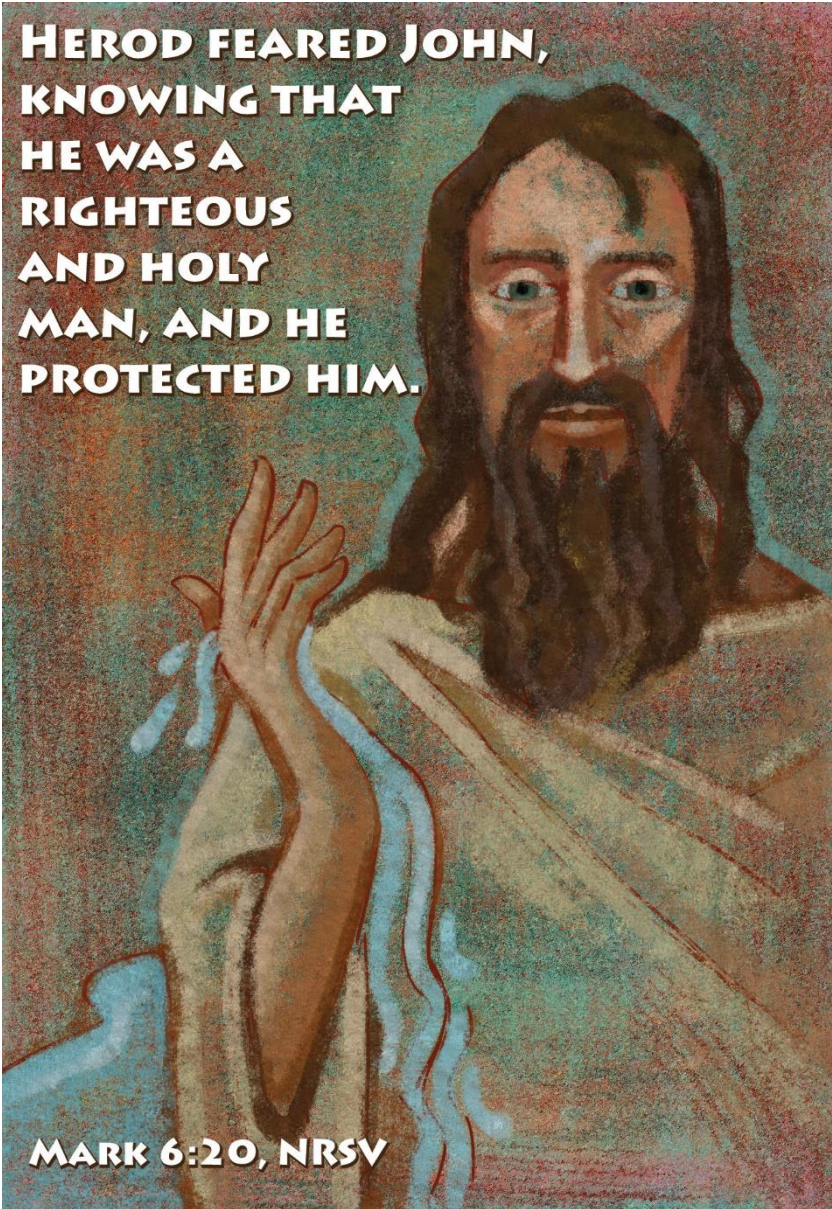


**FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH
Wapakoneta, Ohio**

**HEROD FEARED JOHN,
KNOWING THAT
HE WAS A
RIGHTEOUS
AND HOLY
MAN, AND HE
PROTECTED HIM.**



MARK 6:20, NRSV

**8th Sunday of Pentecost
July 14th, 2024**

WELCOME TO FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

We invite all baptized Christians who believe that Christ is truly present
in the meal to join us for Holy Communion when served.

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 Marsha Jackson
in loving memory of Charles and Mabel Jackson.

The **Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God by Jason and Jennie Grundey
in celebration of their 9th wedding anniversary.

MINISTERS for This Week

Audio/Visual	Noah Kirby & Jeff Ritchie
Lectors	Connie Krites
Ushers	Dave Krites & Brian Van Meter
Worship Assistant	Susan Miller
Musician.....	Darla Frame
Pastor	Pastor Bill Schultz
Greeter.....	Dave & Chris Cliff
Altar Guild.....	Cari Frame & Hilary Roeger
Fellowship Cleanup.....	Cari Frame & Hilary Roeger

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

* Please rise if able.

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

When Amos reports his vision of God judging Israel for its mistreatment of the poor, he becomes a threat to the power of the priests and the king. John the Baptist also speaks truth to power, and Herod has him killed. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them, and to proclaim God's saving love.

GATHERING

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Soon and Very Soon by Andrea Crouch arr Jack Schrader

* **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**

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound (ELW 779)

* 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, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rebecca Van Meter

WORD

FIRST READING: Amos 7:7-15

A reading from Amos.

⁷ This is what [the Lord GOD] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸ And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line
in the midst of my people Israel;
I will never again pass them by;

⁹ the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

¹⁰ Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹ For thus Amos has said,
'Jeroboam shall die by the sword,

and Israel must go into exile
away from his land.’”

¹² And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³ but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

¹⁴ Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵ and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 23

The King of Love My Shepherd Is (ELW 502)

Each Sunday in our congregation we share a responsive reading of a Psalm.

One of the most beloved Psalms in scripture is Psalm 23. While there are a number of Psalms which have been set to music as hymns, one of the most well-known Psalm Hymns is The King of Love My Shepherd Is, based on Psalm 23.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

A reading from Ephesians.

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵ He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹ he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s own people, to the praise of his glory.

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

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

This Is My Father’s World (vs 1&3)(ELW 824)

GOSPEL: Mark 6:1-13

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴ King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵ But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶ But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

¹⁷ For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸ For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹ And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹ But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²² When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³ And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴ She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵ Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶ The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷ Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸ brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹ When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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

THE SERMON IN SONG

Pastor Bill Schultz, Cari Frame, Hilary Roeger

HYMNS DURING THE SERMON

<i>Children of the Heavenly Father</i>	(ELW 781)	verses 1 & 3
<i>For the Bread Which You Have Broken</i>	(ELW 494)	verses 1 & 4
<i>I Love to Tell the Story</i>	(ELW 661)	verses 1 & 3
<i>O Master, Let Me Walk with You</i>	(ELW 818)	verses 1 & 4
<i>Abide with Me</i>	(ELW 629)	verses 1 & 5

*** HYMN OF THE DAY**

Faith of Our Fathers (ELW 812)

*** 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

All Things Bright and Beautiful traditional English melody 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.**

* 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.**

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, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (ELW 807)

* DISMISSAL

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

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WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Views</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Current Giving</u>	<u>Benevolence</u>
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
06/30/2024	14	57	\$1,415.00	\$110.00
07/07/2024	8	62	\$2,814.20	\$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!



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...

Concordia Ann Arbor, James Benshoff, Nancy Carter, Janet Case,
Dominic Cousins, Se'vie Daniel, Emily Fisher, Ted Gibson, Ben Jauert,
Connie Kantner, Bryan Katterhenry, Wayne & Judy Kentner, Carlene Koch,
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.

What's Happening at First English....

Noisy Offering for JULY: Servant's Day 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!

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

Red Cross Blood Drive FELC is hosting a Red Cross blood drive in the fellowship hall this Wednesday, July 17th, from noon to 6pm. The Red Cross is reporting very low blood supply levels, so please consider donating.

Summer Office Hours Starting June 2nd and ending August 9th, the Church Office hours will be Monday through Friday from 10am to 1pm.

Adjustments to Office Hours From July 15th to July 26th church office hours will shift. During the week of July 15th, office hours will be 1pm-4pm. During the week of July 22nd, office hours will be 10:30am-12:30pm. This is a change from what was published in the newsletter. If you need to access the church outside of these times, please contact Brenda Shoffstall.

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. July's theme is BBQ. 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.

FELC Upcoming Calendar of Events

Sunday, July 14th	10:00 a.m.	Worship – Pastor Bill Schultz Worship and Music Committee Meeting after Worship
Tuesday, July 16 th	11:30 a.m.	Ladies Lunch @ The Whaling Knife
Wednesday, July 17 th	10:00 a.m.	Quilting
	12pm-6pm	Red Cross Blood Drive
Thursday, July 18 th	4:30 p.m.	Loaves and Fishes
Sunday, July 21st	10:00 a.m.	Worship – Bailey Van Meter Council Meeting after Worship
Thursday, July 25 th	4:30 p.m.	Loaves and Fishes

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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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