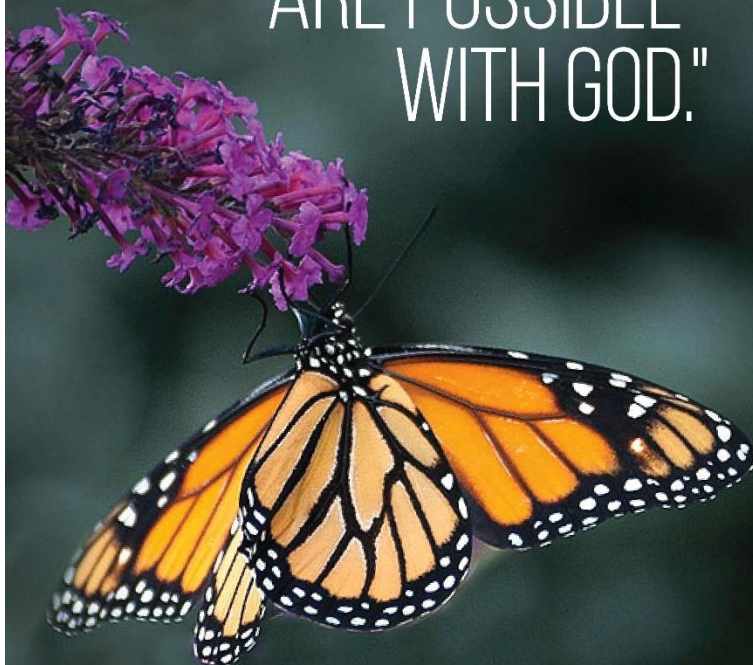


**FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH
Wapakoneta, Ohio**

**MARK
10:27,
NIV**

**“WITH MAN THIS
IS IMPOSSIBLE,
BUT NOT WITH GOD;**

**ALL THINGS
ARE POSSIBLE
WITH GOD.”**



**21st Sunday of Pentecost
October 13th, 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 & Youth Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

The **Altar Candles** are given to the Glory of God by
Chris & Mark Nagel in memory of Chris' sister, Lorna Piper.

The **Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God by
Ronan's family in celebration of their Anniversary.

MINISTERS for This Week

Audio/Visual	Noah Kirby & Jeff Ritchie
Lector	Connie Krites
Ushers	Dave Krites & Brian Van Meter
Worship Assistant	Ken Frame
Musician.....	Darla Frame
Pastor	Pastor Bill Schultz
Greeter.....	Needed
Acolyte	Kadience Schmidt
Fellowship Cleanup.....	Marsha Jackson & Char Curry
Altar Guild	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

The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

GATHERING

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Hallelujah! by Louis Bourgeois & Geistliche Kirchengesange*

* **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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**

God of Grace and God of Glory (ELW 705)

*** 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**

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**

Glory be to God (ELW p. 204)

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. **Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rebecca VanMeter

WORD

FIRST READING: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

A reading from Amos.

⁶Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. ⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. ¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine.

¹²For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. ¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.

¹⁴Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. ¹⁵Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

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

PSALM: 90: 12-17

¹²So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

¹³**Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry?
Be gracious to your servants.**

¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning;
so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

¹⁵**Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us
and as many years as we suffered adversity.**

¹⁶Show your servants your works,
and your splendor to their children.

¹⁷**May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:12-16

A reading from Hebrews.

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

* GOSPEL: Mark 10:17-31

The holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

²⁸Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Bill Schultz

* HYMN OF THE DAY

Son of God, Eternal Savior (ELW 655)

* 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

Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

Compassionate God, embolden the church to seek all who are lost, clothe those who are naked, and mend what is broken. May we be generous bearers of your eternal love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Sustaining God, as we approach harvest time, we pray for farmers, field workers, and those who process crops. Keep us mindful of environmental threats to the nourishing food that feeds the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Steadfast God, inspire world leaders to share resources and work collectively to end global poverty, starvation, and preventable disease. Direct us to seek justice and equity, that all may live in peace. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for those who are afflicted, tormented, grieving, oppressed, and lonely *especially* the family of Alice Cox, Sharon Billiter, Dorothy Dickman, Betty Hague, Mary Ann Thomas, Betty Lietz, Staff and Students at Concordia University at Ann Arbor, Lee Albright, James Benshoff, Nancy Carter, Janet Case, Dominic Cousins, Se'vie Daniel, Emily Fisher, Ted Gibson, Ben Jauert, Bryan Katterhenry, Wayne & Judy Kentner, Lauren Makuh, Sasha Maslov, Jenny Oliver, Nixon Palte, Pam Schulz, Alex Shirey, Hunter Smith, Evelyn Sprague, Seth Thuman, Norma Wachauf, Harold Wallace, Jim Zwiebel, Jacob Schlosser, Simar, Brett Eley and Eloise Katterhenry. Work through medical professionals to diagnose, ease pain, and give life to all who seek their wisdom and experience. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Renewing God, you bring life out of death. Help us part with those things that are no longer beneficial to us and open our hearts to see where new life is budding in this congregation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Ever-living God, we rejoice to be heirs of the eternal life made real in Jesus' death and resurrection. We give thanks for saints of all times and places, first and last, who still inspire us to faithful living. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever. **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.

OFFERTORY

Peaceful Piano #1 by Mark Hayes

*** OFFERING HYMN**

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful (ELW 182)

*** OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, 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,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the
resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
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

We Are Called (ELW 720)
Shout to the Lord x2 (ELW 821)
Gather Us In (ELW 532)

*** 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.

***CALL COMMITTEE PRAYER**

Heavenly Father, as we gather together and pray in this time of uncertainty, we humbly seek your wisdom and guidance to show us the way. Almighty God, grant us the strength and peace as we continue through this call process. We know that this is all in your hands and in your time. Lead us, united together that we pray for our future pastor and their family and that they may hear your call to join and serve our faithful congregation. Gracious Lord, help us to prepare our hearts and minds to make the necessary changes to embrace the pastor that you send to us. Dear Lord, we lift up our hearts in praise to you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*** 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**

Rise Up, O Saints of God! (ELW 669)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

MINISTERS for Next Week 10-20-24

Audio/Visual	Noah Kirby & Jeff Ritchie
Lector	Georgeann Stienecker
Ushers	Ken Frame & Jon Schmidt
Worship Assistant	Darla Frame
Musician	Recordings
Pastor	Christian White
Greeter	Needed
Acolyte	Nolan Roode
Fellowship Cleanup.....	Marsha Jackson & Char Curry
Altar Guild	Marsha Jackson & Char Curry

OUR PRAYER CORNER

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

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

Prayer from Call Committee

Please pray throughout the week:

Heavenly Father, as we gather together and pray in this time of uncertainty, we humbly seek your wisdom and guidance to show us the way. Almighty God, grant us the strength and peace as we continue through this call process. We know that this is all in your hands and in your time. Lead us, united together that we pray for our future pastor and their family and that they may hear your call to join and serve our faithful congregation. Gracious Lord, help us to prepare our hearts and minds to make the necessary changes to embrace the pastor that you send to us. Dear Lord, we lift up our hearts in praise to you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.



Call Committee Checklist for seeking a Pastor:

- ✘ At the time of learned pastoral vacancy, the congregation council arranges for regular supply or interim, working with the Mission District dean.
- ✘ Form a call committee in accordance with congregational constitution – uneven # of persons with a cross-section of the congregation is helpful-elect Chair of the Committee.
- ✘ Call Committee downloads NALC Call Process Manual for call committee members.
- ✘ Call Committee chair contacts the NALC Call Process Coordinator to schedule a conference call for orientation/training. Met on September 15th.
- ✘ Call Committee engages in Bible Study in the Call Process Manual. Meeting on Wednesdays at 6:45pm.
- ✘ Call Committee chair will contact Mission District dean to arrange and complete The Congregational Workshop in preparation for the Call Process.
- ✘ Chair contacts their Mission District dean to arrange and complete the **Congregational Workshop – November 2, 9am-2:00/2:30pm.**
- Call Committee completes the Congregational Profile and emails it to the Call Process office.

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Congregational Workshop – November 2, 9am-2:00/2:30pm

This workshop is for the **whole congregation** to give the Call Committee their input. It is an invaluable time for our congregation to come together and prayerfully seek our next pastor. The church council and Call Committee cannot do this on their own, they need the congregation to show up and participate in the next step of the Call Process.

The Call Committee also asks that as a congregation, we are praying for our next pastor and their family; for our own congregation in this time of uncertainty; and for our congregation to give it to God in his time and plan.

We are a church that needs a pastor, but we are a church together, each with our own gifts/talents to make up a congregation that supports one another together. No one person is left alone to work alone in our church.

Please look at your calendars and add the Congregational Workshop to it, many have busy schedules, but FELC needs you on November 2, 9:00am-2:00/2:30pm. Lunch will be carry-in meal; main dish provided, GFC's pulled pork; asking those attending to bring a side dish or dessert.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Views</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Benevolence</u>
09/08/2024	13	49	\$1,827.00	\$35.00
09/15/2024	12	55	\$3,329.62	\$125.00
09/22/2024	11	50	\$2,788.00	\$10.00
09/29/2024	13	90	\$1,878.20	\$10.00
10/06/2024	14	56	\$4,648.24	\$110.00

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 OCTOBER: Loaves & Fishes 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. October's theme is items for soups. 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.

Ladies' Night: Tuesday, October 15th at El Azteca. All are welcome!

Youth Quake: Inviting all youth 6th grade and older to Youth Quake in Cincinnati, OH on January 3-5, 2025. Early bird registration is due by THIS TUESDAY, October 15th! Contact the office if your youth are interested. It is always a fun time!

Offering for Hurricane Relief: We will be taking an offering for the next 2 (two) weeks (10/6 & 10/13) for those affected by Hurricane Helene. NALC has a Disaster Relief program and we will send the offering through them. We will be passing the offering plates at beginning of service or mail offering to the office (make checks out to FELC and put in memo line: Hurricane Helene Relief).

Morgan's Place Event: For the third year running, Soul'd Out, a Christian music group will perform a benefit for Morgan's Place. Event is Saturday evening, October 19th. The event will be held at Winner Family Harvest Barn, 7317 State Route 47, DeGraff, OH. Doors open at 5:00pm and activities include a quilt auction, raffle, and 50/50 drawing. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for children (12yrs & under). For more information, please call (937) 726-998 or (937) 497-8118.

Fall Event is TODAY, October 13th: We are inviting FELC members on an outing together to VanDemark Farms in Sidney, OH. We will gather back at church by 1:00pm and then head to VanDemark by 1:30pm for corn maze, inflatables, mini golf, and more! Or bring a bag lunch and stay until 1pm. Youth (Sunday School age) are paid for by church. When 10+ people attend, admission is \$9! If interested, please let the office know, 419-738-3911 or wapakelc@bright.net.



VanDemark Farm Sidney, Ohio Exit 90

NOW OPEN WEEKENDS!
Admission \$12 (5 & under are free)

Friday 6-11pm
Saturday 12-11pm
Sunday 12-7pm

Paid Admission Includes
Corn Maze
Petting Zoo
Mini Golf
Hay Ride
Play Zone
Large Inflatables
Bonfires

FALL FUN!

FELC Upcoming Calendar of Events

Sunday, Oct 13th	9:00am	Adult & Youth Sunday School
	10:00am	Worship – Pastor Bill Schultz
	1:00pm	Fall Event–VanDemark Farms -Sidney
Monday, Oct 14 th		OFFICE CLOSED-Columbus Day
Tuesday, Oct 15 th	6:00pm	Ladies’ Night at El Azteca
		Youth Quake Registration DUE!
Wed, Oct 16 th	10:00am	Quilting
	5:30pm	Confirmation
	6:00pm	Bell Choir
	7:00pm	Women’s Choir
Thurs, Oct 17 th	4:30pm	Loaves & Fishes
Sunday, Oct 20th	9:00am	Adult & Youth Sunday School
	10:00am	Worship – Christian White
Wed, Oct 23 rd	5:30pm	Confirmation
Thurs, Oct 24 th	4:30pm	Loaves & Fishes
	6:00pm	Wapakoneta Halloween Parade

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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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