

**FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Wapakoneta, Ohio**



“The  
**Son of Man**  
came  
not to  
be served but  
**to serve,**  
and to  
**give his life**  
as a ransom  
**for many.”**

MARK 10:45, ESV

**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Pentecost**  
**October 20<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 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  
Mark & Chris Nagel in celebration of  
granddaughters Falyn Nagel and Nora Nagel birthdays.

## MINISTERS for This Week

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

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

\* Please rise if able.

## **Introduction to the day**

Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who will be closest to Jesus, leading to Jesus teaching his followers about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.

## **GATHERING**

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

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRELUDE**

### **\* 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**      *Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak* (ELW 676)

\* **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. **Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**NEW CONFIRMAND BLESSING**      Hilary Roeger & Cari Frame

**WOMEN'S CHOIR**      *Give Me Oil in My Lamp* By Joseph M. Martin

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**      Hilary Roeger

## WORD

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 53:4-12

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup>But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

<sup>6</sup>All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

<sup>7</sup>He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. <sup>8</sup>By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people.

<sup>9</sup>They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

<sup>10</sup>Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. <sup>11</sup>Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. <sup>12</sup>Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;

because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

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

### PSALM: 91: 9-16

<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the | LORD your refuge,  
and the Most High your | habitation,

<sup>10</sup>**no evil | will befall you,  
nor shall affliction come | near your dwelling.**

<sup>11</sup>For God will give the angels charge | over you,  
to guard you in | all your ways.

<sup>12</sup>**Upon their hands they will | bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.**

<sup>13</sup>You will tread upon the lion | cub and viper;  
you will trample down the lion | and the serpent.

<sup>14</sup>**I will deliver those who | cling to me;  
I will uphold them, because they | know my name.**

<sup>15</sup>They will call me, and I will | answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and | honor them.

<sup>16</sup>**With long life will I | satisfy them,  
and show them | my salvation.**

## **SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:1-10**

A reading from Hebrews.

<sup>1</sup>Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup>He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; <sup>3</sup>and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. <sup>4</sup>And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

<sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; <sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

**\* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Lord let my Heart be Good Soil (ELW 512)*

**\* GOSPEL : Mark 10:35-45**

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

<sup>35</sup>James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." <sup>36</sup>And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, "Grant us to

sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.”<sup>38</sup> But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?”<sup>39</sup> They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; <sup>40</sup>but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

<sup>41</sup>When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup>So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>43</sup>But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

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

## MESSAGE

Christian White

### \* HYMN OF THE DAY

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

### \* 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.

Holy One, we give thanks for all servant leaders of the church. Bless bishops, pastors, and deacons with humble wisdom and ground them in your love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Creative One, we give thanks for the delicate balance of the natural world. Kindle in us a spirit of caring strength in the preservation of habitats, food availability, and centers of refuge, that all wildlife may thrive. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Empowering One, fill the leaders of governments with a spirit of service that prioritizes those on the margins due to job loss, underemployment, unsafe working conditions, and immigration status. May economic equity be achieved for all people. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Restoring One, send your angels to watch over, rescue, and protect those who are injured or ill. Nurse those who suffer hardship, disease, injury, or difficulty with your comfort and peace especially Sharon Billiter, Dorothy Dickman, Betty Hague, Mary Ann Thomas, Betty Lietz, Staff and Students at Concordia University at Ann Arbor, Lee Albright, James Benschhoff, 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, Simar, Brett Eley, Tasha McPeek and Eloise Katterhenry. And those we name silently or out loud. (Brief silence). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Abiding One, you call pastors to shepherd the congregation toward faithful living as servants and followers of Jesus. Inspire all ordained ministers and seminarians to ministry that challenges, engages, and comforts those in their care. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**



Saving One, we give thanks for the disciples James and John and all saints who have faithfully served you. We rejoice in a promised place at the feast of victory that we receive by your grace alone. 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**

**\* 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.**

**\* 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.

**\*CALL COMMITTEE PRAYER**

Heavenly Father, **as we continue in the process of searching for a new pastor to lead our congregation, we ask for you to grant us wisdom and patience during the process. Guide us and help us make decisions that will be good for First English in the future, so that we may continue to do your work in the world. We ask this in Jesus' name. 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**

*You Servants of God (ELW 825)*

**DISMISSAL**

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

## MINISTERS for Next Week 10-27-24

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Lector .....	Joyce Brincefield
Ushers .....	Luke Kline & Chad Sterner
Worship Assistant .....	Jon Schmidt
Musician .....	Darla Frame
Pastor .....	Pastor Bill Schultz
Greeter .....	Brenda Shoffstall
Acolyte .....	Faith Whetstone
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:  
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## **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 15<sup>th</sup>.
- × 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>
09/22/2024	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
10/13/2024	10	58	\$2,218.91	\$110.00
Hurricane Helene Donations (2 weeks total)			\$2,054.15	

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](http://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.

**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 19<sup>th</sup>. 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 last week at VanDemark:** We had 23 youth/adults attend the event. Thank you to those that attended. It was a beautiful day enjoyed by all. If you weren't able to attend, they are open Friday 6-11pm, Saturday 12-11pm and Sunday 12-7pm; admission is \$12; Sidney, OH Exit 90.

**WEAR RED:** Next Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> is Reformation Sunday. In celebration of Reformation Sunday, we ask everyone to wear Red. Thanks in advance!

## FELC Upcoming Calendar of Events

<b>Sunday, Oct 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Adult &amp; Youth Sunday School</b>
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Worship – Christian White</b>
Wed, Oct 23 <sup>rd</sup>	5:30pm	Confirmation
Thurs, Oct 24 <sup>th</sup>	4:30pm	Loaves & Fishes
	6:00pm	Wapakoneta Halloween Parade
<b>Sunday, Oct 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Adult &amp; Youth Sunday School</b>
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Worship – Pastor Bill Schultz</b>
		<b>Wear RED, Reformation Sunday</b>
Wed, Oct 30 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm	Confirmation
	6:00pm	Bell Choir
Thurs, Oct 31 <sup>st</sup>	4:30pm	Loaves & Fishes
	6:00pm	Wapakoneta Trick-or-Treat Night
<b>Saturday, Nov 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>9am-2/2:30pm</b>	<b>CALL COMMITTEE WORKSHOP</b>





### **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**

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Treasurer

Music Director

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