

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH
Wapakoneta, Ohio

For I know that my
Redeemer lives.



Christ the King Sunday
November 24th, 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
Sharon Veit in memory of her son, Michael and her sister, Connie.

The **Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God by
Brian and Rebecca Van Meter in loving memory of their grandparents
and in thanksgiving of the lives they lived.

MINISTERS for This Week

Audio/Visual	Noah Kirby & Jeff Ritchie
Lector	Joyce Brincefield
Ushers	Luke Kline & Chad Sterner
Worship Assistant	Marsha Jackson
Musician	Darla Frame
Pastor	Pastor Bill Schultz
Greeter	Chris Nagel
Acolyte	Nolan Roode
Fellowship Cleanup.....	Denise Kantner & Joy Kantner
Altar Guild	Denise Kantner & Joy Kantner

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

* Please rise if able.

Introduction to the day

Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.

GATHERING

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF QUILTS

PRELUDE Give Thanks/Now Thank We All Our God by Henry Smith Arr Joel Raney

*** 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** *Crown Him with Many Crowns* (ELW 855 ver. 1,3,5)

* **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, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rebecca VanMeter

WORD

FIRST READING: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

A reading from Daniel.

⁹As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. ¹⁰A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence.

A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. ¹³As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. ¹⁴To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

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

PSALM: 93

¹ The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and ¹ armed with strength.

The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- ¹ not be moved.

² **Ever since the world began, your throne has ¹ been established; you are from ¹ everlasting.**

³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted ¹ up their voice; the waters have lifted up their ¹ pounding waves.

⁴ **Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers ¹ of the sea, mightier is the LORD who ¹ dwells on high.**

⁵ Your testimonies are ¹ very sure, and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- ¹ evermore.

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4b-8

A reading from Revelation.

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. ⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

*** GOSPEL: John 18:33-37**

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

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Bill Schultz

*** HYMN OF THE DAY**

Lift High the Cross (ELW 660)



HOLY BAPTISM

Madelyn Rae Wohn

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father ... of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

Through Baptism God has made this new sister a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.



*** PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

Revive our congregations and national church body to reflect the love, justice, and kinship of your kingdom. Raise up diverse leaders who teach and serve your people. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Nourish parched lands and bring relief to flooded places. Protect wildlife habitats and endangered species, that the chorus of creation's praise resounds with joy. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Grant wisdom to the leaders who govern, legislate, and deliberate on our behalf. Advance your nonviolent reign of justice-seeking love through their work. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Draw near to those who are unable to join worship in person and for all who are sick and suffering especially Sharon Billiter, Dorothy Dickman, Betty Hague, Mary Ann Thomas, Betty Lietz, Marty Rostorfer, Eloise Katterhenry, Staff and Students at Concordia University at Ann Arbor, Lee Albright, James Benshoff, Janet Case, Dominic Cousins, 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, Tasha McPeek, and Kathi. And those that we name out loud or in our hearts. (Brief silence). Join their prayers with ours and unite them with us in the body of Christ. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Remind us of your enduring love in all seasons. Guide the planning efforts of worship leaders and volunteers who usher our congregation into a meaningful Advent. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

In your eternal presence the saints who sing of your majesty. Join our voices with theirs in praise to the one who loves us and frees us from sin. Merciful God, **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.

OFFERTORY Come, Ye Thankful People, Come by George E. Elevey Arr 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, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending song of praise.

* **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

(ELW p. 207)

* **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*** 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

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God (Screen)
Beautiful Savior (ELW 838)
Come, Thou Almighty King (ELW 408)

*** 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, **we come before You as Your people, united in faith and hope. We thank you for the blessings You have poured upon our congregation and for the faithfulness of those who have gone before us, building this church upon the foundation of Christ.**

Lord, in this season of transition, we seek Your guidance. As we search for a new pastor, we ask that You lead us to the shepherd You have already prepared for us – someone who will preach Your Word faithfully, administer the sacraments with joy and guide us with wisdom and love. Open our hearts to Your will and grant us patience as we await Your perfect timing.

Father, we also ask for clarity and courage as we reflect on our identity as Your church. Show us how to live out Your mission in this community. Help us discern our unique calling and equip us to share the Gospel in word and deed. May our unity in Christ shine brightly and may our love for one another be a testament to Your grace.

We place our trust in You, knowing that You hold our church in Your hands. Fill us with Your Spirit and let Your peace and hope sustain us in the days ahead. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*** BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
Amen.

*** SENDING SONG**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor (ELW 344)

DISMISSAL

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

MINISTERS for Next Week 12-1-24

Audio/Visual	Noah Kirby & Jeff Ritchie
Lector	Carly Craft
Ushers	Ken Frame &
Worship Assistant	Darla Frame
Musician	Karen Luginbuhl
Pastor	Pastor Mick Althaus
Greeter	NEEDED
Acolyte	Kadience Schmidt
Altar Guild	Brenda Shoffstall & Darla Frame
Fellowship Cleanup	Brenda Shoffstall & Darla Frame

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
Homebound	Eloise Katterhenry, Marty Rostorfer

We especially remember in our prayers...

Sharon Billiter, Dorothy Dickman, Betty Hague, Mary Ann Thomas, Betty Lietz, Eloise Katterhenry, Marty Rostorfer, Staff and Students at Concordia University at Ann Arbor, Lee Albright, James Benschoff, Janet Case, Dominic Cousins, 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, Tasha McPeek, and Kathi.

We remember in our prayers our military serving at home and abroad, underrepresented 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</u>	<u>Benevolence</u>
10/27/2024	10	66	\$1,385.91	\$10.00
11/03/2024	11	75	\$5,149.69	\$175.00
11/10/2024	10	73	\$1,552.00	\$20.00
11/17/2024	09	63	\$1,383.06	\$15.00

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 NOVEMBER: Lutheran Military Veterans & Families

Ministries, Inc. 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. November's theme is Thanksgiving Items. 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.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be on **December 8th** following worship. Please be sure to attend. Information/agenda will be emailed/mailed soon, be on the lookout!

Christmas Decorating Following worship service TODAY, November 24th. Please stay and help decorate the sanctuary, many hands make light work.

FELC Family Fun Night: Youth, family and friends are invited to join November 25th, 6:00pm-8:30pm, at Grand Lake Skate USA. All youth admission and skate rental paid for by FELC.

Community Dinner at St. Joe's on November 28th, 11am-1pm. Carry-out meals will be served from 12:30pm-1pm only. Use the Blackhoof St. entrance.

Operation Christmas Child 2024 Operation Christmas Child 2024 Our mission at FELC is... "To spread the gospel of Jesus Christ, and to love one another as He has loved us." One rather wonderful way to do this is through Operation Christmas Child. Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts lead to evangelism, discipleship, and the multiplication of believers and churches around the world.

To think that just filling a shoebox with goodies for a child and then with the addition of a discipleship book with/classes included, that we play a part in saving souls who are many times inspired to go further to minister to others is beyond comprehension.

This year there are self-stick labels for the boxes which are on a table in the back of the Chapel area. They have a code which you can scan to follow your box(es) after paying the \$10.00 shipping cost online. This is optional, you can use the label without scanning. The shipping fee for each box is again \$10.00. If you do more than one box, you can put the cost of shipping for as many boxes as you fill in just one box. If you cannot cover the cost of shipping, but still want the privilege and fun of filling a box, please let Hilary know and we will take care of the shipping.

As always, there are suggestions as to what to fill the boxes with, and what is not allowed in your boxes, on a list on the table in the Chapel.

Lastly, I know that these boxes are prayed over at Church and also when we deliver them to the drop-off location, but what a wonderful feeling to be able to pray over them as a family or an individual before you bring them to Church. What a blessing this is in the lives of the receivers and more important, as we the givers. Thank you.

Cookie Donations for Cookie Plate Fundraiser Needed We will be selling cookie plates at Brunch with Santa again this year. The proceeds will benefit the Wapak Ministerial Association and County EMA to help with efforts to combat food and housing insecurity. We are hoping to make and sell 30 cookie plates at \$10 each. We are in dire need of volunteers to bake and donate cookies to fill plates. Please contact Brenda Shoffstall if you are interested in donating cookies.

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 NALC Call Process. ...

CALL COMMITTEE PRAYER: Please pray throughout the week.

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FELC Upcoming Calendar of Events

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	10:00am	Worship – Pastor Bill Schultz
		Christmas Decorating after church
Mon, Nov 25 th	6:00pm	Skate Night at Grand Lake Skate USA Youth are paid for by FELC!
Wed, Nov 27 th		NO Confirmation December Newsletter available; mailed/emailed.
Thurs, Nov 28 th		HAPPY THANKSGIVING! Office Closed NO Loaves & Fishes 11am-1pm Community Dinner at St. Joe's
Friday, Nov 29 th		Office Closed
Sunday, Dec 1st	9:00am	Adult & Youth Sunday School
	10:00am	Worship – Pastor Mick Althaus
Wed, Dec 4 th		No Confirmation 5:30pm Bell Choir 6:00pm Let's Do Advent Together 7:00pm Women's Choir
Thurs, Dec 5 th	4:30pm	Loaves & Fishes
Sunday, Dec 8th		CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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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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