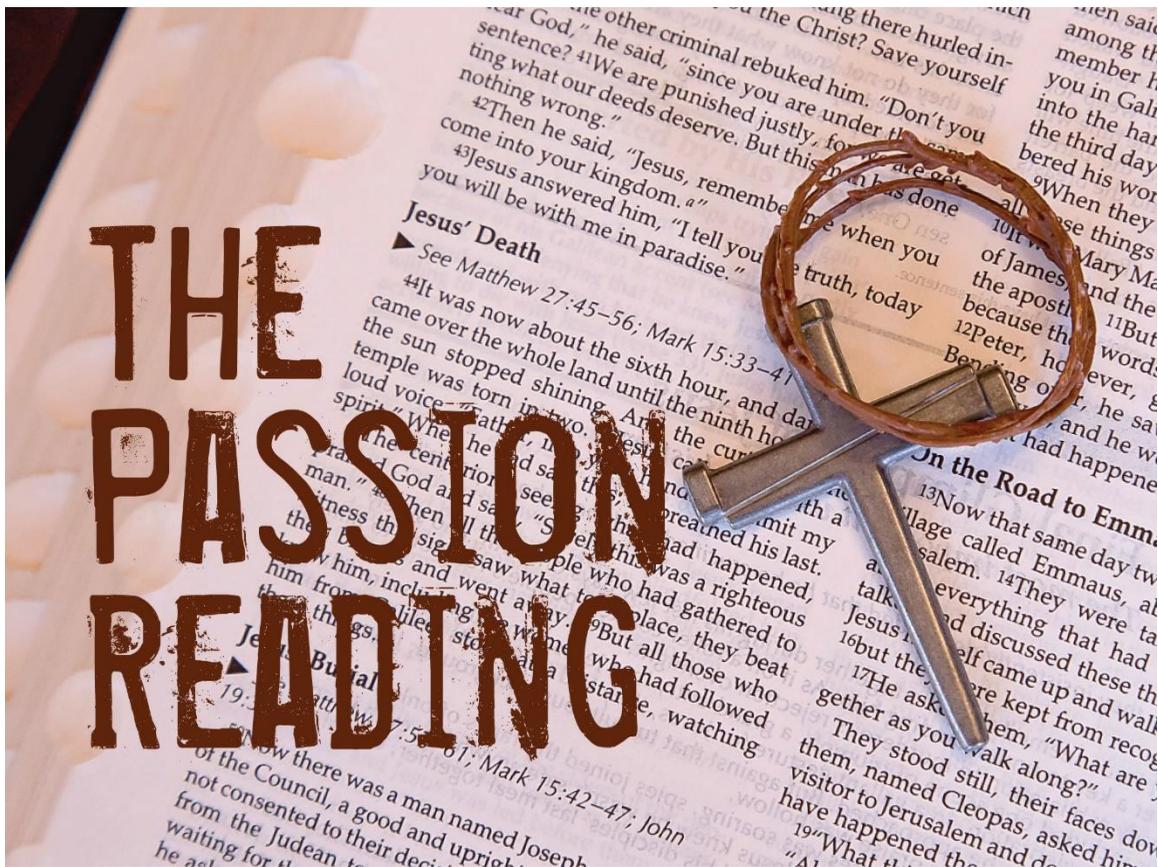


**FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH
Wapakoneta, Ohio**



**Palm Sunday
March 29, 2026**

WELCOME TO FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Your presence today makes us more complete.

Thank you for being here and worshipping with us.

Children of all ages are encouraged to participate in worship.

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

* Please rise if able.

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 Dave & Char Curry for answered prayers.

The **Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God
by Chad & Amelia Sterner in celebration of
Catherine Fisher's birthday (March 27th).

MINISTERS for TODAY

Audio/Visual.....	Noah Kirby & Jeff Ritchie
Reader.....	Nancy Heffner
Ushers.....	Steve Stienecker & Jim Kantner
Worship Assistant.....	Marsha Jackson
Musician.....	Darla Frame
Pastor.....	Vicar Michelle Kouse
Greeter.....	Needed
Acolyte.....	Faith Whetstone
Altar Guild.....	Marsha Jackson & Char Curry
Fellowship Cleanup.....	Fellowship Committee & Volunteers

GATHERING

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Hosanna! arr Ruth Elaine Schram

ACCLAMATION

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna in the highest.**

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: John 12:12-19

¹²The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord — the King of Israel!" ¹⁴Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: ¹⁵"Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" ¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. ¹⁷So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. ¹⁸It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him. ¹⁹The Pharisees then said to one another, "You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!"

*PROCESSIONAL SONG

All Glory, Laud & Honor (ELW 344)

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Hosanna! **Hosanna!**

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Hosanna! **Hosanna!**

Let us pray. **We praise you O God, as our great king and redeemer. Just as you received the palm branches as you entered the holy city in triumph, bless now these palm crosses and all who wave them today. Grant us grace to follow you Lord to the cross, trusting that through your death and resurrection we too may receive new life. Amen.**

LADIES' CHOIR

Shout! Shout Hosanna! by Charles McCartha

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 50:4-9a

A reading from Isaiah. ⁴The LORD God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. ⁵The LORD God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. ⁷But the LORD God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. ⁸He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. ^{9a} Behold, the LORD God helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

A reading from Philippians. ⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

MESSAGE

The Passion

The Passion of Our Lord

A. The Preparation and the Eating of the Last Supper

Narrator: Now, the feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called the Passover. And the Temple priests were seeking how to put Jesus to death; for they feared the people.

I. Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve; he went away and conferred with the temple priests and officers how he might betray Jesus to them. And they were glad and engaged to give him money. So, Judas agreed, and sought an opportunity to betray Jesus to them in the absence of the multitude.

N: Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So, Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it."

People: "**But where, Lord? Where will you have us prepare it, and what are we to do?"**

N: He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house which he enters, and tell the householder, 'The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I am to eat the Passover with my disciples?' And he will show you a large upper room furnished; there make ready." And they went and found it as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover. And when the hour came, Jesus sat at the table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I shall not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." And he took the bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them saying, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And likewise, he took the cup after supper saying, "This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But behold the hand of him who betrays me is with me at the table. For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!"

People: **And they began to question, “Who, Lord? Who is to betray you? Is it I? Is it I?”**

N: He answered, “He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. Oh, it would have been better for that man if he had not been born.”

I: Judas, who betrayed him said, “Is it I, Master?”

N: Jesus said to him, “You have said so.”

II: Simon Peter was indignant. But not in he said. And he declared, “Though they all fall away from you, I will never leave you.”

N: “Peter, truly I say to you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.”

II: Peter said to him, “Even if I must die with you, I will never deny you!”

People: **And so said all the disciples, over and over again.**

B. The Agony in the Garden

Go to Dark Gethsemane (one verse only)

(ELW 347)

People: (sing):

**Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter’s power;
Your Redeemer’s conflict see. Watch with him one bitter hour;
Turn not from his grief’s away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.**

N: And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. And when he came to the place he said to them, “Pray that you may not enter into temptation.”

People: **Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us, deliver us.**

N: And he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, and knelt down and prayed, “Father, if thou are willing, remove this cup from me; never the less, not my will, but thine be done.”

People: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done. Thy will be done. Thy will be done-

N: And when he rose from prayer he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, and he said to them, “Why do you sleep? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation.”

People: Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, even the evil within ourselves.

I: While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him.

N: But Jesus said to him, “Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?”

I: Judas said, “Hail, Master.”

People: When the disciples saw what would follow, they said, “Lord, shall we strike with the sword?”

II: And one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear.

N: But Jesus said, “No more of this!” And he touched his ear and healed him.

People: Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

N: Jesus said to those who had come out against him, “When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour and the power of darkness.” Then they seized him-

C. The Judgment

Go to Dark Gethsemane (second verse only)

(ELW 347)

People: (sing):

Follow to the judgment hall, view the Lord of life arraigned;

Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!

Shun not suffering, shame or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.

N: Then they seized Jesus and led him away, bringing him to the High Priest's house.

II: Peter followed at a distance; and when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them.

People: **Then a maid, seeing him sit in the light, said, "This man also was with him."**

II: But Peter denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him."

People: **And a little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them."**

II. But Peter said, "Man, I am not."

People: **An hour later someone insisted, saying, "Certainly this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean."**

II: But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are saying!"

N: And immediately, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. And the Lord turned and looked at Peter.

II: And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." And he went out and he wept bitterly.

N: Now the men who were holding Jesus mocked him and beat him; they blindfolded him and demanded:

People: **"Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?"**

N: And they spoke many other words against him, reviling him. When the day came, the assembly of the elders of the people gathered together and led him to their council;

People: **And they said, "If you are the Christ, tell us."**

N: But he said to them, “If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I ask you now, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man shall be seated at the right hand of the power of God-“

People: **And they said, “Are you the Son of God, then?”**

N: And he said to them, “You say that I am.”

People: **And they said, “Blasphemy! What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips. Blasphemy! Oh, blasphemy!”**

D. Dawn Friday: Jesus Before Pilate

N: Then the whole company of them arose, and brought Jesus before Pontius Pilate.

People: **And they began to curse him saying, “We found this man perverting our nation, and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ the King!”**

III: And Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?”

N: And he answered him, “You have said so.”

III: And Pilate said to the Chief Priests and the multitudes, “I find no crime in this man.”

People: **But they were urgent, saying, “He stirs up the people, teaching throughout Galilee even to this place.”**

III: And when Pilate heard that he was a Galilean, of Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod.

N: Where he was violently accused, and treated with contempt and mocked, and arrayed in gorgeous purple, and then sent back again.

III: Pilate said to the rulers of the people, “You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and after examining him, behold, I did not find him

guilty of any of the charges against him. Behold, nothing deserving death has been done by him. I will therefore chastise him and release him-

People: **But they all cried out together, “Away with this man! Away! Away! Release to us Barabbas-“**

N: Barabbas! – A man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and for murder-

III: Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus-

People: **But they shouted out, “Crucify Him! Crucify Him!”**

III: Why? What evil has he done? I’ve found no crime in him deserving death. I’ll chastise him. I’ll release him-

People: **But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified!**

N: And their voices prevailed.

III: So Pilate gave sentence that their demand should be granted. He released the man who had been jailed for murder. But Jesus he delivered up to their will.

E. Friday Morning: Crucifixion

Go to Dark Gethsemane (third verse only)

(ELW 347)

People: (sing):

Calvary’s mournful mountain climb; there adoring at his feet,

Mark that miracle of time, God’s own sacrifice complete.

“It is finished!” hear him cry; learn from Jesus Christ to die.

All Men: And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus.

All Women: And there followed him a great multitude of women who bewailed and lamented him-

N: But Jesus, turning to them, said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breast that never gave suck!’ for if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it dries!”

Solo: Darla Frame

Were You There

N: Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. And when they came to the place which is called the Skull, there they crucified him and the criminals, one on the right and one on the left.

Solo: Darla Frame

Were You There

N: And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.”

All Women: **Forgive us our trespasses.**

All Men: **And they cast lots to divide his garments.**

All Women: **Forgive us our trespasses.**

All Men: **And the people stood by, watching. But the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; Let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God!”**

All Women: **Forgive us our trespasses.**

All Men: **The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him vinegar.**

All Women: **There was an inscription over him: “This is the King of the Jews.”**

All Men: **Forgive us our trespasses. Forgive us, O Lord, our trespasses!**

I: One of the criminals who hanged with him railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!”

II: But the other rebuked him saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence, and we justly? But this man has done nothing wrong.” And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

People: Forgive us our trespasses, deliver us from Evil. Thine is the kingdom-

N: And Jesus said to him:

People: And the power-

N: “Truly, truly I say to you;”

People: And the glory-

N: “Today you will be with me in Paradise.”

People: Forever and ever. Amen!

Solo: Darla Frame

Were You There

N: It was now about the sixth hour and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun’s light failed... And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from the top to the bottom... Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, “Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit!” And having said this, he breathed his last. And all the multitudes who had assembled to see the sight...

People: ...when they saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts.

All Women: And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance and saw these things-

F. Late Friday Afternoon: Burial

Solo: Darla Frame

Were You There

III: Now there was a man named Joseph from the town of Arimathea, a righteous man, one looking for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb. Where no one had ever yet been laid.

N: It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning.

All Women: **The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments-**

N: On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

Tolling of the Bell

***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,
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to hell.**

**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 again 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.**

***PRAYER OF INTERCESSION**

Let us lift our hearts and voices to the Lord in prayer, that he would be merciful to his people.

Holy Spirit, you are the Lord and giver of life. We thank you for filling us with your strength. Empower our witness so that we boldly share the truth with others in Christian love and service, at every time and in every place we are given the opportunity. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, inspire your church to lives of faithfulness, boldness, and compassion; so that, through its witness, many may join it in singing, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!" Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of goodness, all creation proclaims your glory; open our eyes to see your power and majesty in the detailed beauty of our world and open our hearts to be gentle caretakers of the earth. Let the glory of creation be a testimony to your power and greatness, that we may live in praise and awe each day. This day we pray especially for Mary Ann Thomas, Betty Lietz, Marty Rostorfer, Eloise Katterhenry, Marsha Henderson, Judy Metz, Ted Gibson, Bryan Katterhenry, Judy Kentner, Lauren Makuh, Sasha Maslov, Jenny Oliver, Alex Shirey, Hunter Smith, Seth Thuman, Harold Wallace, Jim Zwiebel, JJ Truesdale, Sue Bartlett, Roman Schlegel, Sue Hughes, Dan Havens, Jason Schneider, Bennett Douglas, Norma Jarrells, Jeanie Schnell, Michelle Kouse, Elaine Carlson, Wanda Nuss, Tom Meyer, Todd Sawmiller, George Anderson, Jerry Dicus, Pastor Lorenzo & Anastasia Thomas, Pastor Tom, Rick Curry, Teresa Fisher, Ed Mornston, Kingdom Harvest Ministries, and WHS-Fellowship of Christian Athletes. And anyone that we name out loud or quietly in our hearts. (Brief silence). Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks, everlasting Father, for your servants who have departed this life in faith and now share the joys of your heavenly kingdom. We humbly ask that, with them, we may live in Christ and die in him, and at the last awaken in his likeness in the resurrection to life everlasting. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. **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 provided, and for the gifts you share.

OFFERTORY

***OFFERING HYMN**

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful (ELW p. 182)

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our 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. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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 hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

(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

As we come to this time of Holy Communion, please let me extend to you an invitation to come forward and share in this Holy supper. You do not need to be member of this church or any Lutheran church to participate. If you have been baptized and profess faith in Christ Jesus, you are welcome. Jesus is extending this invitation and that is His only requirement. The bread and wine we share today has already been consecrated by an ordained pastor for this meal. Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God (ELW p. 191)

SONGS DURING COMMUNION

Here is Bread (ELW 483)
They Crucified My Lord (ELW 350)
O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (ELW 351)
Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross (ELW 335)

***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**

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of 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 make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace **Amen.**

***SENDING SONG**

Beneath the Cross of Jesus (ELW 338)

DISMISSAL

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Views</u>	<u>Weekly Attendance and Offerings</u> <u>Attendance</u>	<u>Current Giving</u>	<u>Benevolence</u>
03/01/2026	16	69	\$3,291.00	\$130.00
03/08/2026	17	60	\$5,791.00	\$230.00
03/15/2026	12	80	\$2,450.00	\$125.00
03/22/2026	13	75	\$1,590.00	\$35.00

MINISTERS for Next Week 4-5-26

Audio/Visual	Noah Kirby & Jeff Ritchie
Reader	Richard Yocum
Ushers	Ken Frame & Richard Yocum
Worship Assistant	Makayla Frame
Musician.....	Darla Frame
Pastor	Vicar Michelle Kouse
Greeter.....	Needed
Acolyte	Jacob Schlosser
Altar Guild.....	Brenda Shoffstall & Darla Frame
Fellowship Cleanup.....	Georgeann Stienecker & Connie Krites

OUR PRAYER CORNER

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

The Gardens	Mary Ann Thomas, Betty Lietz
Shawnee Manor	Judy Kentner
Homebound	Marty Rostorfer, Eloise Katterhenry, Marsha Henderson, Judy Metz

We especially remember in our prayers...

Family & Friends of Todd Sawmiller, Mary Ann Thomas, Betty Lietz, Marty Rostorfer, Eloise Katterhenry, Marsha Henderson, Judy Metz, Ted Gibson, Bryan Katterhenry, Judy Kentner, Lauren Makuh, Sasha Maslov, Jenny Oliver, Alex Shirey, Hunter Smith, Seth Thuman, Harold Wallace, Jim Zwiebel, JJ Truesdale, Sue Bartlett, Roman Schlegel, Sue Hughes, Dan Havens, Jason Schneider, Bennett Douglas, Norma Jarrells, Jeanie Schnell, Michelle Kouse, Elaine Carlson, Wanda Nuss, Tom Meyer, George Anderson, Jerry Dicus, Pastor Lorenzo & Anastasia Thomas, Pastor Tom, Rick Curry, Teresa Fisher, Ed Mornston, Kingdom Harvest Ministries and WHS-Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

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.

What's Happening at First English....

Noisy Offering for the month of MARCH: CAMP KNO-KOMA Offering pans are located in the chapel and at the back of the church. Donations are accepted during the entire month.

Loaves and Fishes: Meals need to be reserved by calling 567-204-6708 and can be picked up in the alley behind the Fellowship Hall from 4:30 to 5:30 pm.

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. March Items-Taco kits, Salsa, Brownie mix, cooking soups & Pringles. 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.

Plastic Bag Ministry FELC will be collecting clean empty plastic grocery bags for our Prison Ministry. Allen/Oakwood Correctional incarcerated persons are making mats for the homeless. There is a collection container located at the back door.

Easter Celebration with Luncheon & Egg Hunt is TODAY, **Palm Sunday, March 29th** following worship service in the Fellowship Hall. The Luncheon will be a carry-in meal, the fellowship committee will provide the meat. There will be Bible Time, 9-Square, & *Egg Hunt.

Lenten Tri-Congregational Worship Services We will be joining St. Mark's Lutheran Church and St. Paul's UCC for our Lenten Services:

Maundy Thursday will be on **April 2nd** at **St. Mark's Lutheran Church with St. Paul's preaching at 7pm.** Readings will be Exodus 12: 1-4, 11-14; Psalm 116: 1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26; John 13: 1-17, 31b-35

Good Friday will be on **April 3rd** at **First English Lutheran Church at 7pm.** Readings will be Isaiah 52: 13 – 53: 12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10: 16-25; John 18: 1 – 19: 42

9-Square Monthly It will be a time for Middle/High Schoolers to come together and play 9-Square while learning about God's word. We encourage youth to invite friends from other churches, school, dance class, sports teammates and any other place they feel called to invite someone. **We will meet once a month, 1pm-2:30pm, see flyer for all dates.** We will have a 15-minute Bible Time to learn about God's Love & Good News. Adults are also welcome to join! No need to RSVP, just come! Any questions, contact office/Hilary.

Book Club We will be starting on Monday, April 6th at 6:30pm, every Monday until May 4th. We will be reading *An Altar in World* by Barbara Brown. If you need a book let the office know. Please join us!

FELC Upcoming Calendar of Events

Sun, Mar 29th		PALM SUNDAY
	9:00am	Council Meeting
	9:00am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00am	Worship – Vicar Michelle Kouse Acolyte-Faith Whetstone
		EASTER CARRY-IN CELEBRATION LUNCHEON following service
Mon, Mar 30 th	5:15pm	Spiritual Movement Class
Tues, Mar 31 st		April Newsletter Available
Wed, Apr 1 st	12:00pm	Noon Lenten Lunch/Service @ St. Joe's
	5:15pm	Spiritual Movement Class
	6:00pm	Confirmation Class
Thurs, April 2nd	9-11:30am	God's Store House NO Loaves & Fishes
	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday @ St. Mark's Lutheran Church
Fri, Apr 3rd	9-11:30am	God's Store House
	7:00pm	Good Friday @ FELC Ladies' Choir
Sat, Apr 4 th	8:15am	Spiritual Movement Class
	9-11:30am	God's Store House
Sun, Apr 5th	9:00am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00am	Worship – Vicar Michelle Kouse Acolyte-Jacob Schlosser Ladies' Choir
Mon, Apr 6 th	5:15pm	Spiritual Movement Class
	6:30pm	Book Club
Wed, Apr 8 th	5:15pm	Spiritual Movement Class
	6:00pm	Confirmation Class Bell Choir
Thurs, Apr 9 th	9-11:30am	God's Store House
	4:30pm	Community Loaves & Fishes
	6:00pm	Men's Night at Inn Between in Botkins
Fri, Apr 10 th	9-11:30am	God's Store House
Sat, Apr 11 th	8:15am	Spiritual Movement Class
	9-11:30am	God's Store House