

# FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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October 13, 2013

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

### PRELUDE

*“Thou Shalt Bring Them In”* -G. F. Handel

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God: the only Sovereign, who dwells in light; Christ Jesus, who came to save sinners; the Holy Spirit, who lives within us. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. God of overflowing grace, **we come to you with repentant hearts. Forgive us for shallow thankfulness. Forgive us for passing by the ones in need. Forgive us for setting our hopes on fleeting treasures. Forgive us our neglect and thoughtlessness. Bring us home from the wilderness of sin, and strengthen us to serve you in all that we do and say; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

There is joy in heaven over every sinner who repents. By the grace of God in + Christ Jesus, who gave himself up for us all, your sins are forgiven and you are made free. Rejoice with the angels and with one another! We are home in God's mercy, now and forever. **Amen.**

### SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

### GATHERING SONG #556

*“Morning has Broken:”*

### GREETING

Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God: grace, mercy, and peace be with you all. **And also with you.**

### THE KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

## GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray, **Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## ADULT CHOIR

## CHILDREN'S TIME

## FIRST READING

**2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c**

The First Reading is from the Fifth chapter of Second Kings,

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean. Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Here ends the reading.

## SECOND READING

### 2 Timothy 2:8-15

The Second Reading is from the Second chapter of Second Timothy:

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David — that is my gospel, <sup>9</sup>for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained.

<sup>10</sup>Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup>The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; <sup>12</sup>if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; <sup>13</sup>if we are faithless, he remains faithful — for he cannot deny himself.

<sup>14</sup>Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. <sup>15</sup>Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Here ends the reading.

## ALLELUIA GOSPEL RESPONSE



## GOSPEL

### Luke 17:11-19

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the Seventeenth chapter:

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup>they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" <sup>14</sup>When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup>Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup>He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup>Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?" <sup>18</sup>Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup>Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY #759

*"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"*

## CREED

Together, let us profess our faith:

**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.**

## PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray as our Lord taught us,

**Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**OFFERING** "Abide, O Dearest Jesus" -Paul Manz

**OFFERING RESPONSE** "Create in me a Clean Heart" page 187  
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit  
from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free  
Spirit.

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray,

**Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day  
you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in  
Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to  
respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

**BLESSING**

God Almighty send you light and truth to keep you all the days of  
your life. The hand of God protect you; the holy angels accompany you; and  
the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be  
with you now and forever. **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG #807** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Remember the poor.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** "Voluntary VI" -Richard Peek

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**Interim Pastor**

**Organist**

**Lay Reader**

**Acolytes for October**

**Communion Assistants** (October 20<sup>th</sup> – Richard, Melanie & Diane  
Yocum)

*Debra Domeier*

*Karen Luginbuhl*

*Marsha Jackson*

*Rob Gerstner & Mitchel Apple*

**OUR STEWARDS FOR THIS MORNING**

**Mechanic St. Greeter(s)** – *Bonnie Davidson*

**Melching Hall Greeter(s)** – *Matt, Carrie, Maeson & Nolan Roode*

**Ushers** – *Dale Thomas, Frank Heffner, Phil Valentine & Matt Roode*

**Nursery Volunteer** – *Rebecca Van Meter*

**Altar Guild** – *Marisa & Diane Yocum*

**Pew Straightener** – *Brenda Shoffstall*

**Fellowship Time Clean-up** – *Brenda Shoffstall*

**Fellowship Refreshments** – *Brenda Shoffstall*

**THOSE TO BE REMEMBERED IN OUR PRAYERS:**

*Family & Friends of Clark Gilbert Jean Chenoweth Susan Nichols*

*Gene Williams Mabel Jackson Joan Albright Don Regula*

*Steven Hall & Family Tom Stachler & Family Jackie Thuman & Family*

*Russ White Shirley Denig Richard Katterhenry Dale Thomas Nancy Ainsworth*

*Seth Thuman Rita Barrera (Marisa Yocum's sister) Judy Briley John Wills*

*Nichole Havens Jake Braun Brenda Lippincott Arley Taylor Kate Harris*

*Sally Moellenkamp & Family Our Troops & their families*

**Please let us know when someone needs to be put on the prayer list & please let  
us know when to take their name off.**

**IF YOU HAVE NEED FOR A PRAYER CHAIN REQUEST**, Chris Nagel can be  
contacted by calling (419) 657-2554. *If an urgent need arises during the morning, you  
can reach Becky @ the church office @ (419) 738-3911 Monday thru Friday from 8  
a.m. to 11:30 a.m.*

**This morning's altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God by *Matt & Deanna  
Ronan* in celebration of their 21<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>.  
Congratulations Matt & Deanna!

**The October Altar Candles** are given to the Glory of God by *Patti Braun &  
Family* in memory of her dad, Ferd Heller, on the 88<sup>th</sup> Annversary of his birth, October  
12<sup>th</sup>.

**Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, Mel Schroeder celebrated his 89<sup>th</sup> birthday and on  
October 20<sup>th</sup>, Don Klock will be celebrating his 86<sup>th</sup> birthday.** Mel's address is 210  
Cheyenne Dr., Wapakoneta, OH 45895 & Don's address is 848 Kelley Dr.,  
Wapakoenta, OH 45895. Many wishes of Happy Birthday to Mel & Don!

**Congratulations to Brett & Megan (Frame) Schroeder** on the birth of their  
first baby, daughter, Sopie Mae Schroeder. Sophie was born on October 1<sup>st</sup>. She is  
also the granddaughter of Ken & Darla Frame and great-granddaughter of Paul  
Rickert and the late Norma Rickert.

**If I've missed anyone's 80+ birthday**, please know that it definitely is  
unintentional & I would very much want to have your info so that you aren't missed

again! I've tried to send info sheets out to anyone that I was still missing a date of birth for in the database, so that we don't lose track of anyone. If you have been missed since the end of August, please call me at the Church office @ (419) 738-3911. Thanks!

**Council-persons for October**

*Matt Ronan & Dale Dicus*

If anyone has questions or concerns this month, please see *Matt &/or Dale*, as representatives of church council. If they don't have the answer at that very moment, they as council members, they will be glad to obtain the details from you & inquire with the appropriate person(s) for an answer to the question or concern.

**Please also remember our FELC family members who are both suffering and/or homebound.** Please let them know we are thinking of them daily & keeping them in our prayers. Expressions of love & concern are very much appreciated and needed for healing and our general overall health & well-being.

**Auglaize Acres** – *Ruby Kinninger, Bob Bogart*

**Otterbein, Cridersville** – *Leo Chiles*

**The Garden's** – *Millie Yocum, Jean Maxine Doseck*

**Wapak Manor** – *Sally Moellenkamp, Ruby Nichols*

**Roselawn, Spencerville** – *Anna Binkley*

**Brookdale Place @ Finneytown, Cincinnati, OH** – *Eloise Garrod*

**The Meadows, Leipsic** – *Kate Harris*

**Homebound** – *Richard Wisener*

***If "Everyone" could please sign our attendance books this morning!***

***Children of all ages are welcome in our worship services and are encouraged to participate, as they are able. The ability and desire to participate in worship comes in different stages and at different ages for each child. To assist parents as their children learn about worship, we have the following options:***

***The nursery is available for children 3 years old and younger. We have children's activity sheets & bags available in the back of the sanctuary, to occupy children age 4 thru elementary during worship.***

***Also, at our Worship service following Children's Time, children age 4 thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade can go to Jr. Church (during summer) & Sunday School (during school year).***

***Mercy Unlimited is in need of shampoo & conditioner for their pantry throughout 2013. Please drop off your shampoo &/or conditioner at their lower parking lot entrance behind their store. Thank you for your support of Mercy Unlimited!***

**There were NO items in the cart & \$2.00 in the pantry jar from last Sunday.**

Thank you everyone for sharing of your gifts with others much less fortunate than yourselves!! Our Attendance for Worship Service last Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> – 137.

**OUR 2013 total Current giving as of last Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> is \$122,046.22.**

At this time, 40 weeks into the new-year, our 2013 giving/budget of \$188,345.00 should be at \$144,880.80, a difference of \$22,834.58 year-to-date.

**As of last Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, our Benevolence giving as our Benevolence pledge to the Northwest Ohio Synod is currently at \$10,687.00.** Our TOTAL Benevolence pledge for 2013 is \$18,200, so we still owe \$7,7513.00 yet by the end of 2013. Imagine what we could accomplish for Benevolence/Synod-giving, if each family were to designate at least *an additional* \$5 per week to go to Benevolence/Synod-giving.

**The Good-News +Amen committee has now started a "God - Sighting" bulletin-board in Melching Hall area near the drinking fountain.** Everyone is invited to use the pink post-it notes and tell of their special moments during the week where you have had a God - moment.

**Everyone** – we are looking for volunteer individuals or families to step forward to be a "Secret Pal" to a college student. If interested, please by all means, contact the church office. Please read your newsletter for details or sample suggestions, please keep in mind, being a Secret Pal doesn't have to be expensive, simple items given with love can mean a lot to these students away at college, it is a sign to them that they are being thought of while they are away. To save on postage, you are welcome to drop off your wrapped or bagged items at FELC, with a note telling us which college student's family to contact, to let them know they have an item or package to pick up at FELC.

**College Students & Parents of**, there are papers also on the table in the Chapel area for you to take home, fill out & drop-off or mail to FELC, so that you can be matched up with a FELC "Secret Pal or Secret Family".

**Today will be Pastor Deb Domeier's last service with our congregation.** Pastor Deb has taken a permanent full-time call with First Lutheran Church in Paxton, Illinois. As I wish her much success in her new adventure, it has once again left us in a void. I have been in contact with the synod office and we are working on another interim pastor. With that said, you might see some changes in our Sunday services. We have compiled a small list of possible fill-ins in the case that the synod office comes up empty-handed. In addition to the possible fill-ins, the council has talked about the possibility of using some lay services, if needed. If you have any concerns or questions, please ask me or any council member and we will do our best to give you an answer. Please remember this is going to be a long and sometimes stressful transition for our church, but if we stand together and keep our faith, everything will turn out just fine. Thanks, Brian Van Meter

**Today is the Quarter Auction to Benefit “Breakfast with Santa”, Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> beginning at 2:00 p.m.** The doors open at 12:30 p.m. at FELC, lunch items will be available for purchase. Cost is \$5 per person, seating is limited. Call (937) 638-1642 to pre-purchase your tickets. All pre-sale tickets will be entered into a drawing. Over 100 items up for bid with 9 local vendors participating. The proceeds will benefit “Breakfast with Santa”.

**The Allen County Museum is presenting “Night at the Museum”** on Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 p.m. When History Comes to Life – Family Fun – Kid’s Souvenirs and be careful... you might just learn something! Over 40 Costumed Characters bring History to Life.

Admission is: \$5 for Adults, \$3 for Kids (12 & under) They encourage you to dress up as your favorite historical figure. Kids in Halloween costumes are welcome! All proceeds will benefit the Allen County Historical Society. If any questions, please call the museum @ (419) 222-9426.

**We are looking for volunteers to provide cookies for the Bloodmobile** on Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, they would need to be dropped off at St. Paul UCC on that morning between 10 & 10:30 a.m. If you are interested & willing to share of your time, talents and gifts that way, there is a sign-up sheet going around the sanctuary this morning to sign up to provide those cookies for October 31<sup>st</sup>.

#### **FELC Calendar of Events**

Today – 9:00 a.m. Bible Study in the Parlor, Jennie Kline leading  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service w/ Pastor Deb Domeier

Tuesday - 6:00 p.m. Women of the Word Bible Study in Parlor

Wednesday – 5:30 p.m. Faithweavers & Confirmation Class  
5:30 p.m. Bell Choir  
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

Next Sunday – 9:00 a.m. Bible Study in the Parlor, Jennie Kline leading  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service w/ Holy Communion

*Welcome*

*to*

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*Wapakoneta, Ohio*

*Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service*