

01/14/2024
Traditional Worship
10 AM



First Evangelical Lutheran Church
19419 Royalton Road
Strongsville, Ohio

Mission Statement

*Living God's love through our devotion to
service, worship, and one another.*

Good Morning!

If you are a visitor today,

Welcome!

Sunday Schedule for Next Week, 01/21/2024

Contemporary Worship at 9:00 AM

Sunday School at 10:15

Traditional Worship at 11:15 AM

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Setting 4

* Please *turn off all electronic devices* during our time of worship.

PRELUDE

"Pastel #4"

David Gooding

Morgan Allen

PRAYER of PREPARATION

Gracious God, open our ears to your call. Amen

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
creator of darkness and light,
word of truth,
wind sweeping over the waters.

C Amen

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God, our rock and refuge,
C **we pour out our hearts before you.**
We have known you but have not always loved you.
We have wounded one another
and sinned against you.
We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit
dwelling in each of us.
Remember your covenant.
Renew your creation.
Restore us,
that we might proclaim your good news to all.
Amen

P The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.
God has spoken:
The time of grace is now.
In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.
By the authority of † Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven.
You are God's beloved.

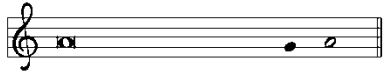
C **Amen**

GATHERING SONG **ELW #676** *"Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak"*

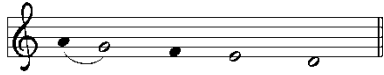
GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C **And also with you.**

Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



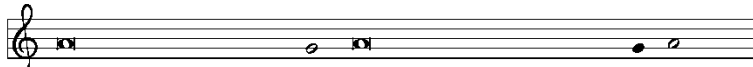
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



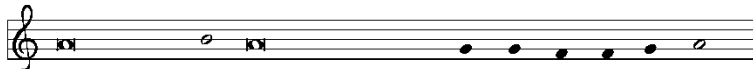
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 wor-ship and praise,



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



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

Glory to God



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



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

P Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Sit

FIRST READING: 1 SAMUEL 3:1-10 [11-20]

At a time when visions are rare and unexpected, the Lord comes to Samuel and calls him to speak the divine word. Though just a boy, Samuel responds to God obediently, as Eli the priest has taught him to respond. This marks the beginning of Samuel's prophetic ministry.

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone

who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him."

As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.]

After the reading: R The Word of the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 6:12-20

Paul helps the Corinthians understand that God has claimed the entirety of their lives through the death of Christ. Hence Christian relationships and conduct, including areas of human sexuality, are to reflect the reality that we belong to Christ and that the Holy Spirit lives within us.

“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

After the reading: **R** The Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Stand

GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to John.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: JOHN 1:43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth."⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

After the reading:

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

CHILDREN'S SHARING TIME

SERMON

"He's Calling"

Pastor Kluck

Stand

HYMN of the DAY

ELW #520

"Dearest Jesus, At Your Word"

Sit

PRESENTATION of the GIFTS

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

MUSIC

"Pastel #7"

David Gooding

Morgan Allen

Stand

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Offering Song



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble



with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

P As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

After each portion of the prayers:

P God of grace.

C receive our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen

BLESSING

P God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ✚ bless you and remain with you always.

C Amen

SENDING SONG **ELW #802** *"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"*

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

"Joyful"

David Gooding

Mark Cayley

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PRAYERS

Hospitalized/Home and Recuperating

Sheryl Clark, Gene Knaack, Rob Shoens, Adrian Woods, Dennis Bailey, Darlene Cassidy, Audie Kiplinger, Carrie Deal, Karil Piskur, Carol Rosenblum, Debbie Giles, Kendra King, Steve Sarbry, Linda Walker, John Duhn, Jim Cochran, Eleanor Preston

On-going Prayers

Natalie David, Peter Mazzeo, Linda Stanley, Abbey Uline, Nighman Family, Heidi Balicki, Dianne Mosley, Pat Sauernheimer, Tia (Simpson) Russell, Ron and Mary Jane Warzel, The Fox Family, Millie Webb, Paula McKee, Ron and Joanne Cvelbar, Cheryl Mooney, Jerry Neumann, Deb Wise, Elaine, Jim Cochran, Mary Barnes, Thomas Lloyd, Rob Shoens, Randy and Emma Smith, Sue Naypauer, Ron Shorts, Curt Kowalewski

Homebound

Gene and Mary Jane Knaack, Thelma Taylor, June Beck, Marj Wilder

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2024 ALTAR FLOWERS AND BULLETIN DONATIONS

Sign-up sheets are on The Welcome Center, there are still vase spots for February.

2024 GIVING ENVELOPES

2024 Giving Envelopes are located in the Welcome Center. Please be sure to stop by and get yours.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

On Sunday, January 21st at 6 PM, we will be having a new member class for anyone wishing to join our Church.

BOOK CLUB

Join us on Saturday 1/20/2024 at 9 AM at the Grounded Bean in Brunswick for our discussion on "The Last House on the Street" by Diane Chamberlin

REMINDER

The office is closed on Monday in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

YOUTH GATHERING PANCAKE BREAKFAST

During the Call Discernment Dialogue Meeting on 01/28/2024, the youth will be sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast. There will be a free will offering collected to support the youth that will be traveling to the National Gathering in July. Please plan to join us.

STRONGSVILLE FOOD BANK

The Strongsville Food Bank is in need of cereal donations.

HAPPY
Birthday



The Altar Flowers are given to the
Glory Of God by
Barb & Jerry Krueger in celebration
of Gayle's Birthday
and by
Beth & Pierre David in celebration
of Natalie's Birthday

Last Week's Attendance
9 AM – 73
11:15 AM -56
Online – 2

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday 01/15

Office Closed

AA at 7:30

Tuesday, 01/16

Al Anon at 7 PM

Toastmasters at 7 PM

Council at 6:30 PM