

June 30th, 2024

Worship

10:00 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, 07/07/2024

Worship at 10:00 AM

To contact the Church, call the office at 440-238-7890

or email firstchurchalive@hotmail.com

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Setting 4

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

MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand

HYMN **ELW #617, VERSE 1,2,3 & 5** *“We Come to You for Healing, Lord”*

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.**

PRAYER of the DAY

P Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

Sit

FIRST READING: LAMENTATIONS 3:22-33

The book of Lamentations is one of our most important sources of information about the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians in 587 BCE. Though the people admit that God's judgment was just, today's reading declares a fervent trust that God will not leave them forever.

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
"The Lord is my portion," says my soul,
"therefore I will hope in him."

The Lord is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.
It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the Lord.
It is good for one to bear
the yoke in youth,
to sit alone in silence
when the Lord has imposed it,
to put one's mouth to the dust
(there may yet be hope),
to give one's cheek to the smiter,
and be filled with insults.

For the Lord will not
reject forever.
Although he causes grief, he will have compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;
³³for he does not willingly afflict
or grieve anyone.

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

SONG

“Battle Belongs To You”

PRAISE BAND

SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 8:7-15

Paul encourages the Corinthians to honor their commitment to participate in the collection his churches are organizing for the Christians in Jerusalem. He presents Jesus as an example of selfless stewardship and reminds them that Christians have received abundantly so that they can share abundantly.

Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written,

“The one who had much did not have too much,
and the one who had little did not have too little.”

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

Stand

who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

After the reading:

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

CHILDREN'S SHARING TIME

SERMON

"The Unexpected"

Stand

SONG

"What Faith Can Do"

Praise Band

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**

Sit

PRESENTATION of the GIFTS

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

SOLOIST

"The Lord Is My Light"

Stephen F. diLauro

Frances Allitsen

Stand

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Offering Song



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



bles-sing. 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

SONG

"The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)"

Praise Band

BLESSING

P The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, † be upon you now and forever.

C Amen

SENDING SONG

ELW #678

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Partita XI”

David Gooding

Johann Sebastian Bach

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PRAYERS

Hospitalized/Home and Recuperating

Sheryl Clark, Adrian Woods, Dennis Bailey, Darlene Cassidy, Audie Kiplinger, Carrie Deal, Karil Piskur, Linda Walker, John Duhn, Eleanor Preston, Jamie Mewhinney, Norma Cubano, Kevin Duffy, Ron Shorts, Curt Kowalewski, Bob Schulz

Military Members

Austin Holley

On-going Prayers

Natalie David, Peter Mazzeo, Linda Stanley, Abbey Uline, Nighman Family, Heidi Balicki, Dianne Mosley, Tia (Simpson) Russell, Ron and Mary Jane Warzel, The Fox Family, Millie Webb, Ron and Joanne Cvelbar, Cheryl Mooney, Jerry Neumann, Deb Wise, Elaine, Jim Cochran, Thomas Lloyd, Rob Shoens, Sue Naypauer, Connie, Michael Otto, Jessica Walsh, Sue Widdows, Wanda Woods, Stephania, Susan Bodovetz, George Richards, Mike and Jaci Rini

Homebound

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2024 GRADUATE CELEBRATION

On Sunday, July 28th we will be celebrating all our graduating seniors. Please email to firstchurchalive@hotmail.com, a photo and a brief summary of their future plans by Monday, July 8th.

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH – TALENT COORDINATOR, PAID ROLE

We are looking for a Talents Coordinator to work with our congregation to identify their talents, gifts, skills and interests for various volunteer positions and actives for the Church and greater community. A detailed description of the role is available in the Welcome Center. Resumes and/or questions should be sent to Dzima@cox.net

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, FAITH BUILD – 8 VOLUNTEERS PER SHIFT NEEDED

There are two days for our Habitat Faith Build,
each day is a 9 AM – 3 PM Shift

Thursday, July 18th

Thursday, Sept. 12th

Scan the QR code or enter the link

<https://bit.ly/flc2024faithbuild> to register



SCAN ME

STRONGSVILLE FOOD BANK

The Strongsville Food Bank is in need of Spaghetti Noodles and/or canned tuna.

MILITARY PRAYER REQUESTS

If you know someone in the military serving our country, we want to include them in prayer. Please scan the QR code or go to bit.ly/FLCMilitaryPrayers to add them to the list



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH APP

We officially have a church app for Android and Apple devices. Be sure to download the app and allow notifications to get updates on all the happenings here at First Church.

Scan the QR code for your device or use the bitly link to download

Apple Store

Android App



<https://apple.co/44JPiUc>

<https://bit.ly/flcgoogleapp>

2024 ALTAR FLOWERS AND BULLETIN DONATIONS

Sign-up sheets are on The Welcome Center, there are still vase spots for the rest of 2024

SUMMER POTLUCK PICNIC – SAVE THE DATE -08/11/2024

Nurture and Support is planning a GOOD OLD FASHIONED LUTHERAN POTLUCK PICNIC on Sunday, August 11, immediately following our worship service. More details will follow, but SAVE THE DATE!!!

HELP WANTED - SUMMER PICNIC

We are currently seeking help for the Church Picnic on Sunday, August 11th. No experience necessary, willing to train for positions in Set up, Servers, Clean-Up and Activity Assistants. If you would be interested please contact Maureen Shorts via text or call at 440-725-0445 OR at shortsstuff3@gmail.com

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If you know someone in the military serving our country, we want to include them in prayer. Please scan the QR code or go to bit.ly/FLCMilitaryPrayers to add them to the list



MEALS ON WHEELS – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Strongsville's Meals On Wheels driver coordinator, Chris Foell, is looking for volunteers to deliver meals to those in need.

The pick up is at 10:50am at The Altenheim and usually takes about an hour to deliver the meals. The hot box and bucket are then returned to Altenheim. There are openings for drivers on each day, T-F, however, even volunteering one day, one hour, each week would be of great help. Chris could also use substitute drivers.

If you are interested in being a Meals On Wheels driver or just wanting more information, please call Chris Foell: 440-823-8590, or email her: foellfamily5@gmail.com

There will also be information on the table in the Welcome area.

Helping the Strongsville community on behalf of First Lutheran Church is putting our mission statement to work!

JULY BOOK CLUB

Join our book club 10 AM on Saturday, July 13th at Fox Meadow Club House as they discuss *The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell*, by Robert Dugoni.

WOMEN'S HEALTH RETREAT SURVEY

We are looking at bringing women of faith in our community together to rekindle their mind, body and spirits. We would like your thoughts as we put this venture together as we wish to be inclusive of our community.

Our goal is to have a community women's health retreat... A time together to share and learn from experts and one another; to become our best selves. We would like to gather a list of the most relevant topics so we can develop a program or series based on what our community wants and needs.

Please scan the QR code or use the <https://bit.ly/FLC24WMNSRETREAT> link to complete this survey through Sunday, July 21st.





**The Altar Flowers are given to the
Glory Of God by
The David Family in celebration of
Caroline's Birthday
And
Rhonda Fox in memory of
Ruth Ellis**

**Last Week's Attendance
10 AM - 89
Online - 20**

Thank you to the following volunteers:

Reader

Claudia Lenarz

Ushers

Barb and Jerry Krueger

Counters

Daphne Leon, Gladys Otto,
Pat Sauernheimer

Altar Guild

Barb Krueger, Jackquie McLemore,
Shelley Hoffman

Donut Fellowship

Maureen Shorts

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday, 07/01

AA at 7:30

Tuesday, 07/02

Al Anon at 7 PM

Toastmasters at 7 PM

Thursday 07/04

Happy Fourth of July, Office Closed