

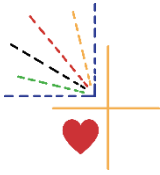
**March 29, 2026**  
**Palm Sunday Worship**  
**9:00 AM**



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



# WELCOME TO FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH



First Lutheran Church has been serving Strongsville, Ohio for nearly 70 years, ministering to its members and friends and supporting community, as well as regional and world ministries.

First Lutheran is a part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The ELCA pursues God's work in the world with 3 million members in more than 8700 congregations across the United States and in the Caribbean region. The ELCA works with Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran World Relief, Global Refugee, Lutheran World Federation, World Council of Churches, schools and colleges, seminaries, camps, and ecumenical and interreligious companions, as well as numerous global church partners and organizations across the world.

We invite you to our website, [firstchurchalive.org](http://firstchurchalive.org) for more information about First Church.

In addition, we also invite you to download our app by searching for FLC Strongsville in the Apple App Store and Google Play Store.

And please don't forget to scan the QR code to view our Connections Page where you will quickly find all of our current news and ministry sign-ups.



Music

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Processional Gospel

Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

“Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you,

humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is

this?” The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

## Blessing of the Palms

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray. We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen**

Song

*“Hosanna”*

*All are invited to process and lay their palms at the chancel steps.*

Children’s Sermon

Lesson

Philippians 2:5-11

Song

*“Come to the Table”*

## **THE PASSION NARRATIVE ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW**

**Part One**

Matthew 26: 14-35

Tom Newbould

The Lord’s Supper

**Part Two**

Matthew 26: 36-46

Josie McNamara

The Prayers of the Faithful

**Part Three**      Matthew 26: 47-75      Laurie Uline

**Part Four**      Matthew 27: 1-31      Jeanine Kowalewski

Song      *“At The Cross (Love Ran Red)”*

**Part Five**      Matthew 27: 32-56      Bob Strong

**Part Six**      Matthew 27: 57-66      Mike McNamara

Song      *“Jesus What a Beautiful Name”*

Blessing

Dismissal

Music

# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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