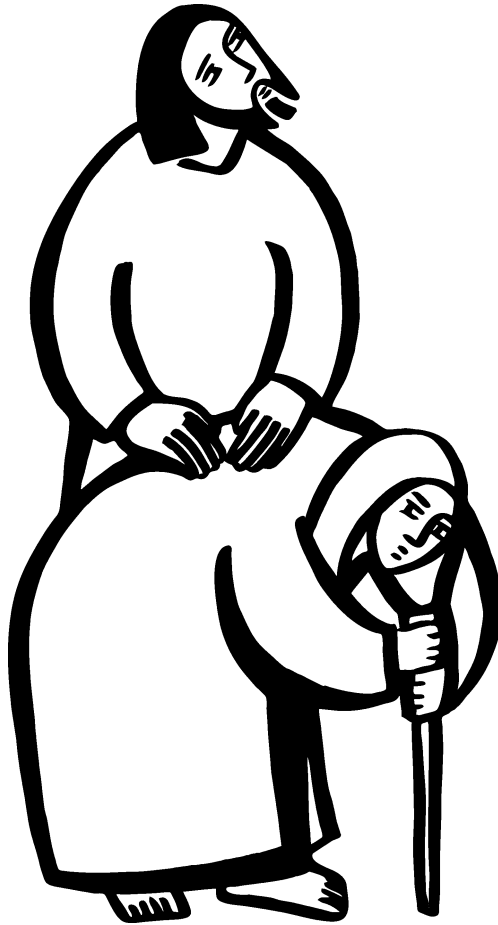


**August 24, 2025
Worship
10 AM**



**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, 08/31/2025

Worship 10 AM

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Setting 4

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

SONG

"Today is the Day"

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

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

P In the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful God,

**C you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.
Amen.**

P You belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of ✙ Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C **Amen**

GATHERING SONG ELW #521

"O Day Of Rest And Gladness"

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.**

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 O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

Sit

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:9b-14

God promises those who have returned from exile that where justice and mercy prevail, the ruins will be rebuilt and light will rise in the darkness. It is a day for new beginnings.

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

The Lord will guide you continually
and satisfy your needs in parched places
and make your bones strong,
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water
whose waters never fail.

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath,
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;
if you call the Sabbath a delight

and the holy day of the Lord honorable;
if you honor it, not going your own ways,
serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs;
then you shall take delight in the Lord,
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

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

SONG:

“With Every Act Of Love”

SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:18-29

Using images of Moses, the writer presents a striking vision of the new covenant of God made possible in Christ. There is no longer fear; only awe in the new promise in Christ into which we are invited.

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.” Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”) But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking, for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.” This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal

of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe, for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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

Stand

Gospel Acclamation



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GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 13th Chapter

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Luke 13:10-17

Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and

began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

After the reading:

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

CHILDREN'S SHARING TIME

SERMON

"No Time Like The Present"

Stand

HYMN of the DAY

ELW #864

"Praise, My Soul, The God Of Heaven"

INSTALLATION OF THE FIRST LUTHERAN GOVERNING BOARD AND ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

Sit

PRESENTATION of the GIFTS

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

MUSIC

"Pavan"

David Gooding

Robert Willers

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 Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

After each portion of the prayers:

P Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

The prayers conclude:

P Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.

C **Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

**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**

BLESSING

P The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit
✠ bless you and give you peace.

C **Amen**

SENDING SONG

“I Refuse”

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Joyfully”

David Gooding

Robert Willers

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PRAYERS

Death in the Family

The Treiber and Barnes Family as they mourn the loss of Alice.

Hospitalized/Home and Recuperating

Rhonda Fox, Bob Jacob

Military Members

Austin Holley, Deacon Nemet, Matthew and Teresa Dittman, Haley Uline

Stephen Ministry Team

Maureen Harris, Sam Reichert, Becky Piper, Beth David, Pat Sauernheimer, Pam Simpson, Marsha Ginley, Phil King, and Bob Strong

On-going Prayers

Linda Stanley, Nighman Family, Heidi Balicki, Tia (Simpson) Russell, Ron and Joanne Cvelbar, Cheryl Mooney, Elaine, Rob Shoens, Jessica Walsh, Sue Widdows, Wanda Woods, Stephania, Susan & George Bodovetz, Carol Rosenblum, Bonnie Bailey, Darlene and Jim Cassidy, Carrie Deal, Curt Kowalewski, Sarah Franko, Jim Taylor, Sue Sutton, Erica Kaminski, Jeanette Paus, Matt & Pat, Kevin, Zach Russell, Ryan Kuchta, Morgan Popple, Trish Nolder, Peter Duffy, Salay Family, Richard, Scott Hurley, John Walker, Don McKelvey, Karil Piskur, Clark Buckley, Laura Evangelista, Dennis Bailey, Eleanor Preston, Isabella, Amelia, Melina, Bob Jacob

Homebound

Mary Jane Knaack, June Beck, Marj Wilder, Audie Kiplinger, Sheryl Clark, Ron & Mary Jane Warzel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RALLY DAY/GODS WORK, OUR HANDS – SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

Save the date! Sunday, September 7th is Rally Day. We will have a single worship service at 10 AM, immediately followed by lunch and our Gods Work, Our Hands Service project. Details will be coming soon!

STEPHEN MINISTRY – JOIN US AFTER CHURCH TODAY

We are growing and are in need of more Stephen Ministers. Please contact Maureen Harris for more information. She can be reached at (440)376-1506. Join us today! There will be an informational meeting following the service.

Please continue to pray for our Stephen Ministers and their care receivers. Thank you.

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



ONLINE GIVING OPTION

Due to requests for people to have the option to give their offering electronically, we are providing a QR code to allow anyone who would like to give electronically.



SCAN ME

STEWARDSHIP PHOTO REQUEST

Stewardship is in need of photos that highlight our mission, outreach and fellowship. They are looking for photos of people interacting, working and enjoying our church and all that we do. Please send any photos to firstchurchalive@hotmail.com

CHAIR YOGA – MONDAY, 09/15, 1:30 PM

Sign up for Chair Yoga, beginning Monday, 09/15 at 1:30 PM. Contact Maureen Shorts at shortstuff3@gmail.com for additional information.

STRONGSVILLE EMERGENCY FOOD BANK - DONATIONS

The Strongsville Food Bank is in need of the following items: Cereal, (All types and Sizes), Oatmeal – (Cylinders any/all sizes), Mac and Cheese, Tuna Fish - (all sizes) Peanut Butter – All Sizes, Jelly – All Sizes, Ramen Noodles

Urgent need to Hygiene products: Bars of Soap, Shampoo & Conditioner, Band-Aids, Antibacterial Ointment, Rubbing Alcohol (any size or wipes), Peroxide (any size), Body Wash, Body Lotion, Toothpaste & Toothbrushes

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH APP

First Lutheran Church has an app in both the Apple App Store (search FLC Strongsville) and the Google Play Store! (search FLC Strongsville) This communication option will help us stay connected and give us new and exciting tools to use. We continue to fine tune the options available on the app to best suit our congregation. If you see something that needs to be fixed, please reach out to the office and let us know.

Be sure to allow notifications when you download the app to get important updates!





**The Altar Flowers are given to the
Glory Of God by
Alan & Dawn Evangelista in
celebration of their
45th Anniversary
and Rhonda Fox in memory of the
passing of Adrian Woods**

**Last Week's Attendance
10 AM - 135
Online – 28**

**Upcoming Worship Times
Dates – Times
August
08/31 – 10 AM
September
09/07 – RALLY DAY – 10 AM
09/14 – 9 AM & 11:15 AM
09/21 – 9 AM & 11:15 AM**

**Thank you to the following
volunteers:**

Reader

Paul Schlact

Ushers

The McNamara's

Counters

Terri Mosley, Wade Zwinger,
Jeff Stanley

Altar Guild

Pat Saurenheimer, Janet Kaiser,
Maureen Harris

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday, August 24th

Stephen Ministry Meeting – 11:15 AM

Monday, August 25th

AA at 7:30 PM

Tuesday, August 26th

Toastmaster's at 7:00 PM

AI Anon at 7:00 PM