

July 14th, 2024
Blended 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, 07/21/2024

Worship 10 AM

To contact the Church, call the office at 440-238-7890
or email firstchurchalive@hotmail.com

Secretary Office Hours are Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 to 12:00 PM

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Joy Blankenship will be in the office this week on Wednesday and Friday.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

MUSIC

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Stand

SONGS

“Greater”
“Less Like Me”

PRAISE BAND

PRAYER of the DAY

P O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

Sit

FIRST READING: AMOS 7:7-15

Amos is not the kind of prophet attached to temples or royal courts. Rather, he is an ordinary farmer from Judah (the southern kingdom) called by God to speak to Israel (the northern kingdom). God's word of judgment through Amos conflicts with the king's court prophet Amaziah, whom Amos encounters at Bethel.

This is what [the Lord God] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line
in the midst of my people Israel;
I will never again pass them by;
the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,

'Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
and Israel must go into exile
away from his land.'

And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

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

CHILDREN'S SHARING TIME

SERMON

"God's Call To Action"

Stand

HYMN of the DAY **ELW #717**

"Let Justice Flow like Streams"

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.

MUSIC
"Andante"

David Gooding
Lawrence Hill

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.

The musical score is written in a single system on a grand staff (treble clef). The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo is marked "Andante". The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927
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**SERVICE OF COMMISSIONING
ELCA YOUTH GATHERING**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION TO “OUR FATHER”

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 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 #864

“Praise, My Soul, The God Of Heaven”

DISMISSAL

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

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Title"

David Gooding

Composer

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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, John Thomas

Military Members

Austin Holley

Stephen Ministry Leaders

Maureen Harris, Sam Reichert, Becky Piper, Beth David

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, Paula McKee, Carol Rosenblum, Dennis Beckman

Homebound

Mary Jane Knaack, Thelma Taylor, June Beck, Marj Wilder, Audie Kiplinger, Sheryl Clark, Ron and Mary Jane Warzel

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.

NEW COVENANT PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION – SATURDAY, JULY 27

New Covenant Lutheran Church in East Cleveland has resumed its fresh produce distribution. The next date for produce distribution is Saturday, July 27. Anyone interested in participating can contact Bruce Holderead at vancepack@breezelieohio.net or call or text him at 440-655-1523.

STEPHEN MINISTRY UPDATE

Please pray for our Stephen Ministry Leaders - Sam Reichert, Becky Piper, Beth David, and Maureen Harris - as they begin their training next week. Also, prayerfully consider becoming a Stephen Minister who provides Christian care for those experiencing life's difficulties. We will be having an informational meeting on Sunday, August 25th after worship. More details to come. Contact Maureen Harris at (440)376-1506 for more information.

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 activities 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

2024 ALTAR FLOWERS AND BULLETIN DONATIONS

Sign-up sheets are on The Welcome Center, there are still vase spots for July, September, October and December.

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

2024 BACKPACK BLESSING

Join us Sunday, August 11th for our 3rd Annual Backpack Blessing to begin the school year. We encourage all students, teachers and support staff to bring their backpacks to be blessed for the upcoming school year.

SCHOOL SUPPLY/BACKPACK DRIVE – NOW THRU 08/11/2024

We will be collecting school supplies and backpacks for 40 students. Items needed include: Backpacks, #2 pencils, blue and black pens, glue sticks, 24 pack washable crayons, 12 pack markers, pencil sharpeners, extra erasers, note books-single subject, scissors, rulers, index cards, hand sanitizer, box of tissue, container of Clorox wipes, highlighter, ruled paper college and wide, and folders.

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

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>

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 Bailey Family in celebration of
Collin's 8th Birthday
And
The Nalette Family in memory of
Stephen Nalette**

**Last Week's Attendance
TIME OF SERVICE - 93
Online – 28**

Thank you to the following volunteers:

Reader

Kristine Gilbert

Ushers

Linda Browning, Maureen Shorts

Counters

Reiner Mueller, Pierre David,
Ray and Sandy Treudler

Altar Guild

Trish Nolder, Sheri Gist & Beth David

Donut Fellowship

Bonnie Bailey

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday, 07/15

Confirmation 7 PM – 9 PM

AA at 7:30

Tuesday, 07/16

Al Anon at 7 PM

Toastmasters at 7 PM

Tuesday, 07/16 – Saturday 07/20

Youth Gathering Trip – New Orleans

Thursday, 07/18

Habitat for Humanity Faith Build, 9 AM – 3 PM