

**June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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, 06/31/2024**

Worship at 10:00 AM

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

or email [firstchurchalive@hotmail.com](mailto:firstchurchalive@hotmail.com)

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### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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**Evangelical Lutheran Worship**  
**Setting 4**

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**PRELUDE**

*“All the People Said Amen”*

**Praise Band**

**PRAYER of PREPARATION**

**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,  
the God of manna,  
the God of miracles,  
the God of mercy.

**C Amen**

P Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P God, our provider,

**C help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways  
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding  
rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**

**Turn us again to you.**

**Where else can we turn?  
Share with us the words of eternal life  
and feed us for life in the world.  
Amen.**

- P** Beloved people of God:  
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,  
you are fed and nourished.  
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,  
there is always more than enough.  
Through Jesus, ✝ the bread of life,  
you are shown God's mercy:  
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.
- C** **Amen**

**GATHERING SONG**      **ELW #761**      *"Evening and Morning"*

**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** O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine  
and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your  
wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our  
Savior and Lord.
- C** **Amen**

*Sit*

## **FIRST READING: JOB 38:1-11**

*At the end of the book of Job, after Job and his companions have argued about the cause of the great suffering Job endures, God finally speaks. These verses begin that speech, which is a grand vision of creation, describing God's ordering of the cosmos and inviting Job to marvel at its beauty.*

The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

“Or who shut in the sea with doors

when it burst out from the womb?—

when I made the clouds its garment,

and thick darkness its swaddling band,

and prescribed bounds for it,

and set bars and doors,

and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,

and here shall your proud waves be stopped’?”

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

## **SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 6:1-13**

*Paul and his fellow workers experience great hardships and even rejection while carrying out their missionary work. Nevertheless, Paul continuously proclaims that God has not rejected us but is graciously working for our salvation.*

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,  
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. <sup>13</sup>In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

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

*Stand*

## 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.

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### **GOSPEL**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 4<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

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

### **GOSPEL: Mark 4:35-41**

When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] “Let us go across to the other side.” And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

*After the reading:*

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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



*Sit*

## **CHILDREN'S SHARING TIME**

### **SERMON**

*"Peace"*

*Stand*

### **SONG**

*"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"*

**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.*

**MUSIC**  
"Chorale"

**David Gooding**  
**Robert Furman**

*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** We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

*After each portion of the prayers:*

**P** Merciful God,

**C** **receive our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

**P** Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of 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** The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, † be upon you now and forever.

**C** **Amen**

**HYMN**

**ELW #756**

*“Eternal Father, Strong To Save”*

**DISMISSAL**

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*“Allegro”*

**David Gooding**

**Hans Zimmer**

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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 28<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating all our graduating seniors. Please email to [firstchurchalive@hotmail.com](mailto:firstchurchalive@hotmail.com), a photo and a brief summary of their future plans by Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup>.

## 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](mailto: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 18<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>

Scan the QR code or enter the link

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



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## 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](https://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>

## **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 11<sup>th</sup>. 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 440-725-0225 OR at shortsstuff3@gmail.com

## **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](https://bit.ly/FLCMilitaryPrayers) to add them to the list



## **SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

There will be a single worship service every Sunday at 10 AM. The first week of the month will be Contemporary, the third week of the month will be traditional and all other weeks will be blended. It is wonderful to worship together!

## **2024 ALTAR FLOWERS AND BULLETIN DONATIONS**

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

## **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 13<sup>th</sup> at Fox Meadow Club House as they discuss The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell, by Robert Dugoni.

HAPPY  
*Birthday*



The Altar Flowers are given to the  
Glory Of God by  
The Bailey Family  
in celebration of Asher Chapman's  
4<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
& The Paine Family  
In celebration of Elise's 12<sup>th</sup>  
Birthday

Last Week's Attendance  
10 AM - 87  
Online - 40

**Thank you to the following volunteers:**

**Reader**

Alli Thellman

**Ushers**

Wayne Mosley & Curt Dean

**Counters**

Terri Mosley, Wade Zwingler, Jeff Stanley

**Altar Guild**

Pat Sauernheimer, Janet Kaiser,

Maureen Harris

**Donut Pick Up**

Linda Browning

## **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

**Sunday, 06/23**

ELCA Gathering Meeting at 7 PM

**Monday, 06/24**

AA at 7:30

**Tuesday, 06/25**

Al Anon at 7 PM

Toastmasters at 7 PM