

**July 13, 2025  
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, 07/20/2025**

Single Summer Worship 10 AM

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

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

**SONG**

*“Come to the Cross”*

**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 #712      "Lord, Whose Love In Humble Service"**

### **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 Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care.  
Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors  
with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen**

*Sit*

### **READING: COLOSSIANS 1:1-14**

*The letter to the Colossians was written to warn its readers of various false teachings. The first part of the letter is an expression of thanks for the faith, hope, and love that mark this community, including a prayer for strength and courage.*

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,  
To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

*Stand*

**SONG**

*"Hallelujah Feeling"*

**GOSPEL**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

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

**GOSPEL: LUKE 10:25-37**

An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to

inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

*After the reading:*

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Sit*

## **CHILDREN'S SHARING TIME**

### **SERMON**

*"Healing In Christ"*

*Stand*

**HYMN of the DAY**

**ELW #805**

*"Lead On, O King Eternal!"*

## **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**

*"Amazing Grace"*

## **Bell Trio**

arr. Ben Roundtree

*Stand*

## **PRAYERS of INTERCESSION**

**P** In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.



*After each portion of the prayers:*

**P** God of grace,  
**C** **hear our prayer**

*The prayers conclude:*

**P** Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name 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 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**

### **SONG**

*“No Chains on Me!”*

## **DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **POSTLUDE**

*“Largo”*

**David Gooding**

**Maurice Greene**

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# **PRAYERS**

## **Death in the Family**

Prayers to Gladys Otto and family on the death of Michael Otto

## **Hospitalized/Home and Recuperating**

Mary Jane Warzel, Rhonda Fox, Sheryl Clark, Reagan Kolman, Mary Ellen Nolder

## **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, The Fox Family, Ron and Joanne Cvelbar, Cheryl Mooney, Elaine, Rob Shoens, Michael Otto, Jessica Walsh, Sue Widdows, Wanda Woods, Stephania, Susan & George Bodovetz, Carol Rosenblum, Bonnie Bailey, Darlene and Jim Cassidy, Carrie Deal, Curt Kowalewski, Sarah Franko, Bill Bartkus, 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

## **Homebound**

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **KIDS HOPE NEXT – DIRECTOR NEEDED**

Kids Hope Next, the middle school version of our Kids Hope Program is in need of a director. The job description is on the Welcome Center. If you are interested, please reach out to Dawn Zima ([dzima@cox.net](mailto:dzima@cox.net)) or Pastor Kathy ([revklk@gmail.com](mailto:revklk@gmail.com))

## **SCHOOL SUPPLY DONATION COLLECTION**

Once again, we will be collecting school supplies and backpacks for students in need through 8/3. We will fill the backpacks and place them on the altar during our Blessing of the Backpacks during service on 8/10. Please drop your donations in the boxes by the Welcome Center.

## **BACKPACK BLESSING SUNDAY – 08/10/2025**

Students, Teachers and Support Staff- Please join us on Sunday, August 10 for our annual Blessing of the Backpacks/school bag as you prepare for the start of the 2025-2026 school year. Join us for the church picnic immediately following this service.

## **CHURCH PICNIC – SUNDAY 08/10/2025**

Our church picnic will be held on Sunday, August 10, immediately following the service in the social hall.

Last names A-M are asked to provide sides and/or a salad; N-Z appetizers and/or desserts; we will provide the main course. In addition to great food and games, we will have a free CHAIR YOGA demonstration, by Lisa Wittman. This will be an introduction to the chair yoga she will be teaching at First Church this Fall on Monday afternoons....more information will follow regarding the yoga classes.

Please use the link, <https://bit.ly/FLCPicnic25> or scan the QR Code to sign up and join us for what promises to be a fabulous afternoon!



## **FIRST CHURCH WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB – JULY**

We are reading the book *Eternal* by Lisa Scottoline. We will meet at 10:00 AM on July 19<sup>TH</sup> at 88 Fox Hollow in Brunswick! Happy Reading!

## **STEPHEN MINISTRY UPDATE**

We are growing and are in need of an additional Stephen Leader and more Stephen Ministers. Please contact Maureen Harris for more information. She can be reached at (440)376-1506. On August 24, there will be an informational meeting following the service.

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

## **SERVICE OPPORTUNITY – CHURCH NURSERY - UPDATE**

We still need a few volunteers in order to open the nursery!

If you are interested in serving in the nursery, please contact Barb Nalette 216-970-4131 [mistylakenalette@gmail.com](mailto:mistylakenalette@gmail.com) or click the button below to sign up for more information.

Due to the requirements of our insurance carrier and the new standard set by the National ELCA Church, we must meet the following to care for children: **all** volunteers over 18 must pass a fingerprint background screening and at least two people will need to be in the nursery, teens are eligible to volunteer along with one adult when the nursery is in operation. The fingerprinting is quick and easy and is provided for by the church.

## **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



## **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.



## **BICYCLE RELOCATION PROGRAM**

Do you have a bicycle (adult- or child-size) that could use a second life? Please contact Pierre David and he will pick it up, repair it so that it is “like new” (if necessary), and then take to the Redeemer Crisis Center on W. 30th Street in Cleveland. Pierre can be contacted at [pdavid@bw.edu](mailto:pdavid@bw.edu) or 216-213-8386

## **STRONGSVILLE EMERGENCY FOOD BANK - DONATIONS**

The Strongsville Food Bank is in need of the following items: Cereal, (All types and Sizes), Syrup - (all sizes), Pancake Mix - (all sizes), Mac and Cheese, Pasta - (all types/sizes), Tuna Fish - (all sizes), Dinty Moore Beef Stew - 20 oz, Peanut Butter – All Sizes, Jelly – All Sizes, Snacks (all kinds and sizes)

## **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  
The Gilbert Family in celebration of  
Keila's Birthday  
And  
The Bailey Family in celebration of  
Collin's Birthday!  
The Bulletins are given in  
celebration of Nathan's  
16<sup>th</sup> Birthday!**

**Thank you to the following  
volunteers:**

**Reader**

Chris Hamel

**Ushers**

Dawn & Alan Evangelista

**Counters**

Brenda Jacob, Terri Mosley,  
Paul Nalette

**Altar Guild**

Ellen Kolman, Deb Brighter

**Last Week's Attendance  
TIME OF SERVICE - 86  
Online – 24**

### **Upcoming Worship Times**

**Dates – Times**

**July**

**07/20 – 10 AM**

**07/27 – 10 AM**

**August**

**08/03 – 10 AM**

**08/03 – 10 AM**

### **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

**Monday, July 14th**

AA at 7:30 PM

**Tuesday, July 15th**

Stephen Ministry Continuing  
Education Meeting – 6:30 PM

Toastmaster's at 7:00 PM

Al Anon at 7:00 PM

