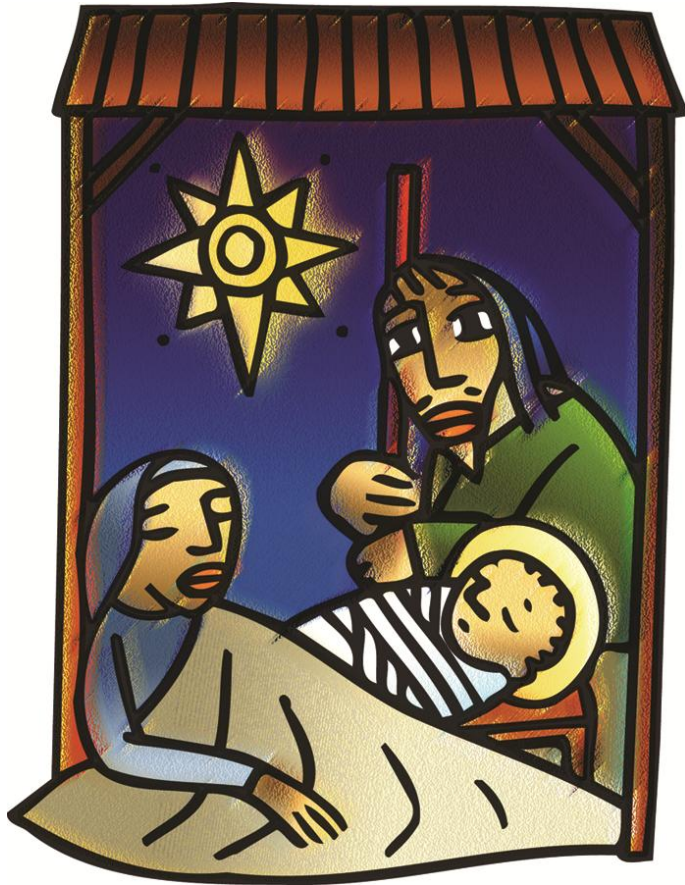


**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
**December 24, 2025**  
**4:00 PM**



**First Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**19419 Royalton Road**  
**Strongsville, Ohio**

**Christmas Eve Service 4:00 PM**  
**December 24, 2025**

**GATHERING MUSIC**

*"He Shall Reign Forevermore"*

*"Long Expected"*

*"Because Of Bethlehem"*

*"Hallelujah Our King"*

Chris Tomlin

Brandon Heath

Matthew West

Jordan Feliz

**WELCOME**

*Stand*

**OPENING SONG**

*"What a Glorious Night"*

Sidewalk Prophets

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**SONG**

*"Hope was Born This Night"*

Sidewalk Prophets

**GREETING**

**P** The grace of the child born for us and the joy of the Son given to us be with you all.

**C** **And also with you.**

**PRAYER of the DAY**

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen**

## **LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

L The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**C The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

L Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has a light shined.

**C We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.**

L For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

**C In him was life, and the life was the light of all.**

## **PRAYER**

Let us pray. Gracious God, You have called us from darkness to the manger of your Son. As we stand before the miracle of His birth may we find ourselves longing for your love, and the light of your Hope that together we might proclaim the news of His birth; the promise of our salvation.

## **FIRST LESSON**

*Isaiah 9: 2-7*

R This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **SONG**

*"Do You Hear What I Hear"*

**Lexie Gilbert**

Traditional

## **SECOND LESSON**

*Titus 2: 11-14*

R This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

*Luke 2: 1-20*

## CHILDREN'S SHARING TIME

### SERMON

*"Making God Known"*

*Pastor Kluck*

### SONG

*"Because of Bethlehem"*

Matthew West

### OFFERING

*Our loose offering this evening will be used to support Haven of Rest*

*Stand*

### PRAYERS of the FAITHFUL

P Hear us, O God,

C your mercy is great.

### HOLY COMMUNION

#### 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

## MUSIC

*"Manger Throne"*

*"Give This Christmas Away"*

*"Go On And Tell It"*

Phil Wickham

Matthew West

Jeremy Camp

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**P** Merciful God, we thank you for Jesus, who is our heavenly food. Strengthened by this goodness, send us forth to announce your peace, comfort the afflicted, and share the good news of great joy.

**C** Amen

## HYMN

*"Silent Night, Holy Night!"*

Silent night, holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright  
round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight;  
glories stream from heaven afar,  
heav'nly hosts sing, alleluia!  
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night!  
Son of God, love's pure light  
radiant beams from your holy face,  
with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

## BLESSING

P The God of love, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, lavish you with grace, illumine your path, and increase your joy, today and always.

C Amen

## SENDING SONG

*"Joy" (Unspeakable Joy)"*

P Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly.

C Thanks be to God.

## MUSIC

*"Comfort And Joy"*

Jason Gray & Point of Grace

## SHARING of the PEACE

*Please return candles to ushers or  
deposit them in the baskets at the rear of the sanctuary.*





## **DEDICATION of POINSETTIAS**

**Christmas Poinsettias are dedicated in adoration of the  
Christ Child and in honor and memory of loved ones by:**

Monica Berens

In loving memory of Mary Homenik and Suzanne Berens

Judy Peach

In loving memory of John, Dolores, Jeff Elasky, Harry Peach

Ron and Maureen Shorts

In honor of our children and grandchildren

Ron and Maureen Shorts

In loving memory of our parents

Mark and Janine Schultz

In loving memory of Edward & June Schultz and John & Eleanor Sanders

Bob Strong

In loving memory of Barb Strong

Sue Ludwig

In honor of Steve Gall

Sue Ludwig

In loving memory of Peg Gall & Brian Ludwig

The Rade Family

In honor of Family and Friends

Curt Dean

In loving memory of Larrye Lue

Chris and Rick Gonzalez

In loving memory of Hedda Gonzalez, George and Doris Vanecko

Chris and Rick Gonzalez

Heavenly peace to all our family and friends, especially the family gathered with us tonight.

Nancy Lucas Wurch

In loving memory of my dear parents, Elda and Ed Lucas

Cindy Shoens

In loving memory of Rob Shoens

Cindy Shoens

In honor of Stephen Ministers Beth David & Phil King

The Wojciehowski Family

In loving memory of Gertrude and Larry Dale

Barb and Paul Nalette

In loving memory of our son, Stephen Nalette, Barbara's mother, Nancy Soper and Paul's father, Dennis Nalette

Barb and Paul Nalette

In honor of our children and grandchildren

Dawn Zima and Clark Buckley

In loving memory of Madge Buckley & Sharon Madunicky

The Jenkins Family

In honor of Nolan Jenkins



The Jenkins Family

In loving memory of Dylan & Nash Jenkins & Dan Lenarz

Mary Barnes and Tyler Treiber

In loving memory of Alice Treiber and Mary & Steve Zatzko

Jerry and Barb Krueger

In loving memory of Hattie and Wayne Krueger, Marvin and Phyllis  
Damschroder

Jerry and Barb Krueger

In honor of Colin & Wesley Kovach & Vivian Tricola

Nathan & Elise Paine

In honor of our loving grandparents

The Mueller Family

In honor of our family and our Lord's birth

The Snyder and Hartman Families

In loving memory of Charles Snyder

Bruce Holdread

In loving memory of Janice & Kristen Holdread

The Holda/Gilbert/Naso Family

In loving memory of Fr. Joseph Mokrzycki and Mary Holzworth

Jeff and Ellen Kolman

In loving memory of Fred and Shirley Kolman

Jeff and Ellen Kolman

In loving memory of Richard and Irene Geye

Kids Hope Prayer Partners & Mentors

In honor of Gloria Reichert and Madi Snyder, for all the work they do to make our KIDS HOPE USA and KIDS HOPE USA NEXT programs a success.

Marj Gray

In loving memory of John Gray, Bob & Katie Reese

Bob and Brenda Jacob

In loving memory of our Parents

The McKee Family

In loving memory of John Gray

Marj Wilder

In loving memory of John Wilder

Vicki Hughes and Bob Polly

In loving memory of loved ones.

Beth & Pierre David

In loving memory of James Browning

Mike Meyer

In loving memory of Del & Bunny Meyer

Marsha Ginley

In loving memory of Alice Mitchell

Claudia Lenarz

In loving memory of Den Lenarz

Dean and Karen Miller

In loving memory of loved ones.

The Kovach Family

In loving memory of Shawna Krueger Miller, Mary & Charles Kovach

Len & Margie Taylor

In honor of the Glory of God

Madi Snyder

In loving memory of Trey Martens

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In honor of KIDS HOPE NEXT students

Wayne and Terri Mosley

In loving memory of our deceased family and friends

The Kluck Family

In honor of our loved ones

Pat Sauernheimer

In loving memory of Howard and Ann Polonus

Craig and Janet Kaiser

In honor of their children and grandchildren

Ray and Sandy Treudler

In honor of loved ones on earth and in heaven

***A BLESSED CHRISTMAS TO ALL!***

*May your worship of the Christ child be filled with praise and joy! The entire staff of First Church wishes you a peaceful, joyful, and hopeful celebration of our Lord's birth.*

**Thank you to the following volunteers for this service:**

**Reader**

Brielle Rugar

**Communion Assistants**

Tony, Melina and Brielle Rugar

**Ushers**

Ron and Maureen Shorts

**Altar Guild**

Barb Kreuger, Jacquie McLemore, Shelley Hoffman,  
Ellen Kolman, Deb Brighter, Lynn Stenger

**Communion Bread Baker**

Ellen Kolman

**THANK YOU** to all who helped prepare for our Christmas Eve worship services!

**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** Thursday, December 25 and Friday, December 26.

**2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are in the Welcome Center. Please look for yours!

**REGULAR WORSHIP SERVICES** at First Church are Sunday at 9:00 AM (Contemporary) and 11:15 AM (Traditional). Sunday school for all ages is at 10:15 AM. *We invite you to worship and learn with us!*

**DEADLINE for ALL 2025 CONTRIBUTIONS is Wednesday, December 31st.** Any received in the office *after 12/31/2025 will be considered 2026 contributions.*

There will be **ONE TRADITIONAL SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS at 10:00 AM on Sunday, December 28th**

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