

**June 8, 2025
Blended 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, 06/15/2025
Single Summer Worship 10:00 AM

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Setting 1

* Please *turn off cell phones and pagers* during our time of worship.

WELCOME to you all this morning. May God bless us as we gather and raise our hearts and voices in thanks and praise to our God. We celebrate the Eucharist this morning. All baptized believers in Jesus Christ are welcome to come to the Lord's table. Those who have not yet been instructed are welcome to come for a blessing.

The center ring of cups in the trays contains non-alcoholic wine for those who desire it and the pedestal in the center contains gluten-free wafers

Communion is continuous at two stations.

PRELUDE

Zack Richards & Reiner Mueller

"Christians, Awake and All Creatures of Our God and King" arr. B. C. Dockery

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

ELW #400

"God Of Tempest, God Of Whirlwind"

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.

This Is the Feast

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and




blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



Refrain
hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



Refrain
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER of the DAY

P Let us pray.

God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Sit

FIRST READING Acts 2:1-21

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his disciples they would be filled with the Holy Spirit. Now, amid signs of fire, wind, and a variety of languages, the people were amazed and astonished at Jesus' promise coming true.

When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen

to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

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

SECOND READING: Romans 8:14-17

Here Paul speaks about the mystery of baptism: through the Holy Spirit we are claimed, gathered, and welcomed into Christ’s body, the church. And we receive a new name in our adoption: child of God.

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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

Stand

SONG

“Holy Spirit Rain Down”

GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to John the 14th Chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 14:8-17 [25-27]

Philip said to [Jesus,] “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. [

“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”]

After the reading:

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

CHILDREN'S SHARING TIME

SERMON

"Accepting God's Help"

Stand

SONG

"Father, Spirit, Jesus"

RECOGNITION OF OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

P God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

After each portion of the prayers:

P Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

The prayers conclude:

P We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C Amen

PRESENTATION of the GIFTS

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

MUSIC

"Elevation"

David Gooding

Gordon Wells

Stand

Create in Me

Offering Song

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

PRAYER

P Risen One,
you have gathered us around your table of grace
along with these gifts we bring.
Come among us again,
breathe your life into us,
and enliven us with this meal,
that we may live as your risen body in the world.

C Amen

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

Sit

COMMUNION

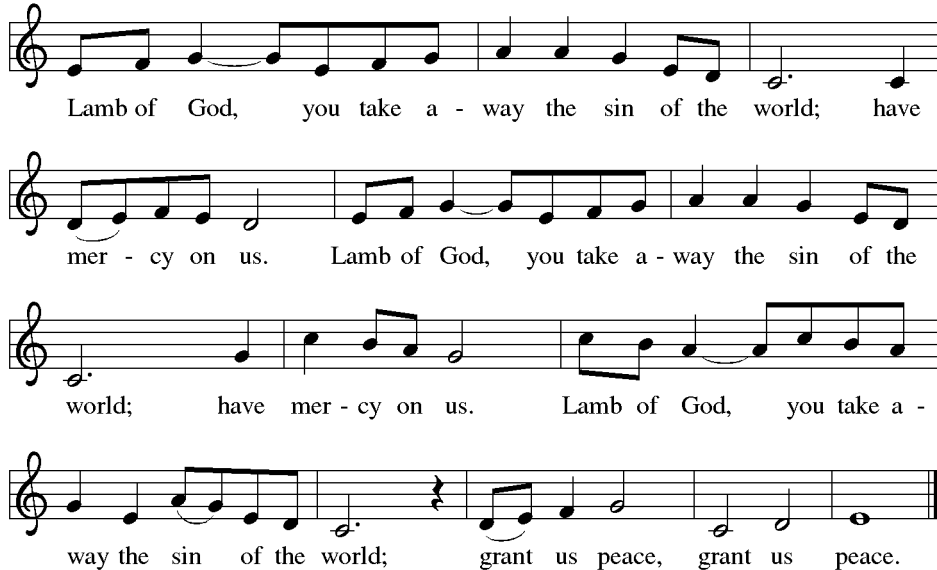
When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:

P The body of Christ, given for you.

P The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond: **Amen**

Lamb of God



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HYMN

ELW #627 (1,2,4)

“O Day Full of Grace”

Stand

P Living One,
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
Send us now to tell of your wonders,
sing of your glory,
and proclaim your risen life
to a wounded and weary world.

C Amen

BLESSING

P The triune God,
who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn,
now and always.

C Amen

SENDING SONG

“Deep Down”

DISMISSAL

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

“Finale ”

David Gooding

Gordon Wells

FLOWER DEDICATIONS FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY

Phil and Kendra King - *In honor of Mary Ann King and In loving memory of Karen & Daniel Hostetler and Darrel King*

The Holda Family - *In loving memory of Uno Pleer*

Bob and Brenda Jacob - *In loving memory of Richard & Thelma Jacob, Albert & Clara Kreger and Ruth Jacob*

Chris Thomas - *In loving memory of John Thomas*

Nancy Snyder- *In loving memory of Charles Snyder*

Jeff and Ellen Kolman - *In loving memory of Fred & Shirley Kolman and Richard & Irene Geye*

The Wojciehowski Family - *In loving memory of Iris Johnson*

Mark and Janine Schultz - *In loving memory of Edward & June Schultz and John & Eleanor Sanders*

Nora Mishey - *In honor of Patrick Larkins*

Beth and Luke Hartman - *In loving memory of Charles (PapPap) Snyder and Elizabeth Hartman*

Rick and Chris Gonzalez - *In honor of The Paine Family*

Reiner and Monika Mueller - *In honor of our children and parents*

Vicki Hughes and Bob Polly - *In loving memory of loved ones*

Pat Sauernheimer - *In loving memory of Howard & Ann Polonus*

Claudia Lenarz - *In loving memory of Dan Lenarz*

The Kovach Family - *On honor of our children and grandchildren*

Barb and Jerry Krueger - *In loving memory of Shawwna Miller, Marvin & Phyllis
Damschroder and Hattie & Wayne Krueger*

Dawn Zima - *In honor of Clark Buckley and In loving memory of Madge Buckley and
Sharon Madunicky*

Marj Gray – *In loving memory of John Gray*

PRAYERS

Hospitalized/Home and Recuperating

Mary Jane Warzel, Rhonda Fox

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

Homebound

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

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all of our Graduating Seniors!

Madelyn Fox, Samantha Hoffman, Petr Kowalewski, Owen Smith, TJ Salay & Luke Thellman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VBS REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Attention all Pre K- 5th grade students, please register to join us on our fun filled, faith Road Trip, June 23 - 26, 2025, 9 AM – 12 PM. The cost is \$30.00 per student and will include all activities, snacks and a t-shirt! We can't wait to see you there.



Use the QR code or link to register <https://vbspro.events/p/flcvbs2025>

VBS SUPPLY DONATIONS

No time to volunteer in person? You can still help by donating much needed supplies. There is a list on the Welcome Center or you can use the sign up genius link below.

Please use the link <https://bit.ly/2025VBSSupplies> or scan the QR for the sign up genius list of items



Please put them in the white laundry basket in the Welcome Center

VBS DECORATING – HELP NEEDED

Stop in anytime you're available to help us build our road. Even an hour can make a difference! No experience needed, all hands are appreciated!

Times are listed below:

Construction Sessions – June 11th at 10 AM and June 12th at 6:30 PM;

Set Up - June 18th 6:30 PM and June 19th at 10 AM

If you have any questions, please contact:

Vicki Hughes 216-559-4156 / VLHP829@gmail.com or

Barb Nalette 216-970-4131 / mistylakenalette@gmail.com

STEPHEN MINISTRY UPDATE

Please continue to prayer for our Stephen Ministry Team and their care receivers. order online

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

FIRST CHURCH WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB – JUNE

Hi Ladies! We really enjoyed our time with author, Angie Hockman! Many thanks to her for joining us.

Our book for June is None of this is True by Lisa Jewell. We'll meet at 10:00 at 88 Fox Hollow in Brunswick on June 14. Happy reading!

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



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 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), Oatmeal - (all Sizes/cylinder only), Syrup - (all sizes), Pancake Mix - (all sizes), Mac and Cheese, Pasta - (all types/sizes), Tuna Fish - (all sizes), Ramen Soup, Ravioli, Beef-a-Roni, Spagehetti O's, Dinty Moore Beef Stew - 20 oz, Peanut Butter – All Sizes, Jelly – All Sizes



**The Altar Flowers are given
to the Glory of God by
The Kovach Family in
celebration of Barb & Jerry's
67th Anniversary
&
The Nolder Family in
memory of Ellen Willet.**

**Last Week's Attendance
10 AM - 150
Online - 48**

**Upcoming Worship Times
Dates - Times
June
06/15 - 10 AM
06/22 - 10 AM
06/29 - 10 AM
July
07/06 - 10 AM**

**Thank you to the following
volunteers:**

Reader

Mike McNamara

Ushers

Jim and June Zakrajsek

Counters

Daphne Leon,
Pat Sauernheimer

Altar Guild

Barb Kreuger, Jackquie McLemore,
Shelley Hoffman

Communion Assistants

Mike & Stacey McNamara,
Gayle Kovach

Communion Bread Baker

Vanessa & Kendall Whitford

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday, June 9th

AA at 7:30 PM

Tuesday, June 10th

Toastmaster's at 7:00 PM

Al Anon at 7:00 PM

Wednesday, June 11th

VBS Decorating Session - 10:00 AM

Thursday, June 12th

VBS Decorating Session - 6:30 PM

Saturday, June 14th

Book Club, 10 AM - 88 Fox Hollow,
Brunswick

