



5th Sunday after Pentecost

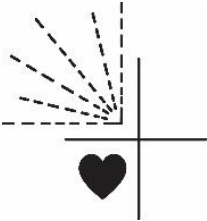
June 28, 2026



Mission Statement

*Living God's love through our devotion to
service, worship, and one another.*

WELCOME TO FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH



First Lutheran Church has been serving Strongsville, Ohio for nearly 70 years, ministering to its members and friends and supporting community, as well as regional and world ministries.

First Lutheran is a part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The ELCA pursues God's work in the world with 3 million members in more than 8700 congregations across the United States and in the Caribbean region. The ELCA works with Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran World Relief, Global Refuge, Lutheran World Federation, World Council of Churches, schools and colleges, seminaries, camps, and ecumenical and interreligious companions, as well as numerous global church partners and organizations across the world.

We invite you to our website, firstchurchalive.org for more information about First Church.

In addition, we also invite you to download our app by searching for FLC Strongsville in the Apple App Store and Google Play Store.

And please don't forget to scan the QR code to view our Connections Page where you will quickly find all of our current news and ministry sign-ups.



GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN

ELW #641

"All Are Welcome"

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, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy
reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve
one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

BOARD INSTALLATION

WORD

LESSON

Romans 6:12-23

Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. ¹No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SONG

Thrive

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 9th Chapter

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Matthew 10:40-42

[Jesus said to the twelve:] “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S SHARING TIME

SERMON

HYMN

ELW #802

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Please scan the QR code for the option to give online.



MUSIC

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”

Sean Cassidy

J.S. Bach

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Altar flowers are given by the David Family in celebration of Caroline’s birthday and the Mueller family in celebration of their 39th wedding anniversary. The bulletins are given by Pam & Herb Simpson in celebration of their 40th Wedding Anniversary.

SONG

“The Lord’s Prayer (It’s Yours)”

THE 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

SENDING

BLESSING

P Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C **Amen**

SONG

“Goodbye Yesterday”

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“Joy”

David Gooding

Alan Barton

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