

**July 21, 2024
Traditional 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, July 28

Single Summer Worship at 10:00 AM

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Setting 4

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 at 10:00 AM is continuous at two stations.

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

PRELUDE

"Liebster Jesu"

David Gooding

Richard Purvis

PRAYER of PREPARATION

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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 #526

"God is Here!"

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
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER of the DAY

P Let us pray. O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

Sit

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 23:1-6

Jeremiah prophesied before the exile in 587 BCE. In this passage, he uses the metaphor of a shepherd to describe the bad kings who have scattered the “flock” of Israel. God promises to gather the flock and to raise up a new king from David’s line to save Israel and Judah.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”

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

PSALM: PSALM 23

P The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

**C The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

P You restore my soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

**C Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

P You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**C Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 2:11-22

The author of this letter reminds his audience that originally, they were not part of God's chosen people. Through Jesus' death, however, they are included in God's household of faith, whose cornerstone is Jesus Christ.

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it.

So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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 St. Mark, the 6th Chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: MARK 6:30-34, 53-56

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

After the reading:

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

CHILDREN'S SHARING TIME

SERMON

Pastor David Connor

Stand

HYMN of the DAY

ELW #676

"Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak"

PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

P One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

After each portion of the prayers:

P In your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

P Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

Sit

PRESENTATION of the GIFTS

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

MUSIC

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Brass Choir

arr. Michael Raehpour

Stand

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Offering Song



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. 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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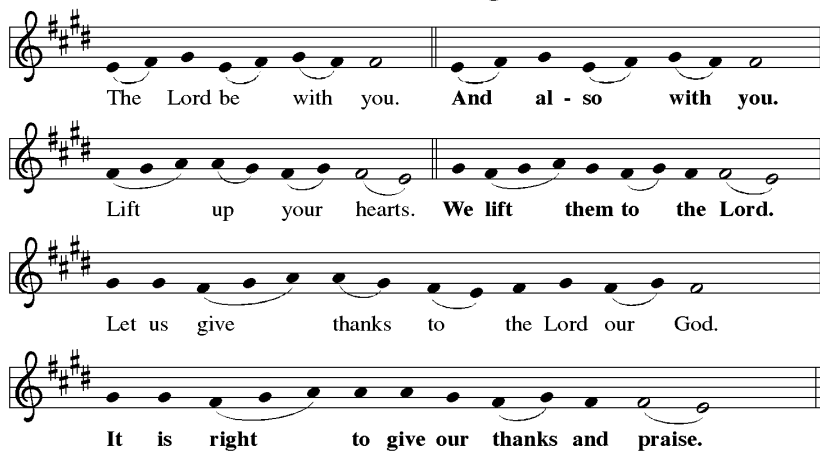
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P Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

C Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING

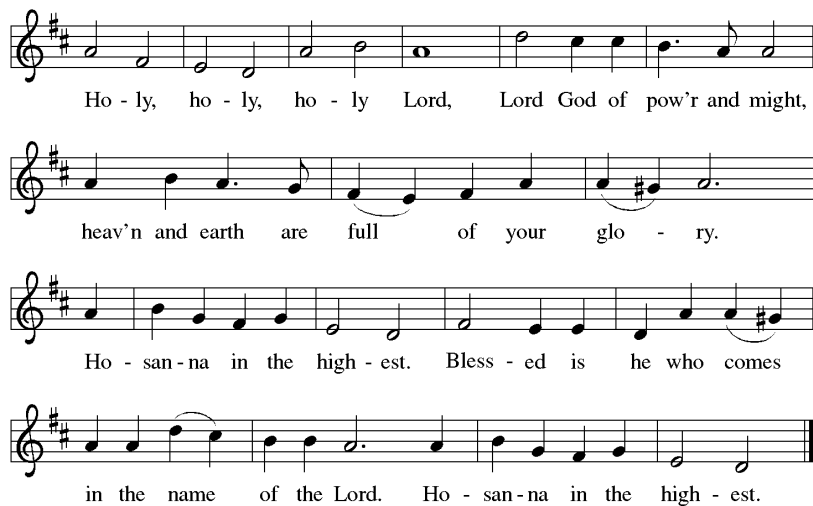
Preface Dialogue



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

Sit

COMMUNION

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

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*The communicant may respond: **Amen***

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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Stand

P Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

C 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

SENDING SONG

ELW #719 VERSE, 1,3,5 & 6

"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

DISMISSAL

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

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Dialogue"

David Gooding

Ando Bonda

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**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



**The Altar Flowers are given to the
Glory of God by
The Kolman family in celebration
of Zach's 30th Birthday!**

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday, 07/22

AA - 7:30

Tuesday, 07/23

Council Meeting - 6:30 PM

Al Anon - 7:00 PM

Toastmasters - 7:00 PM

Wednesday, 07/24

Ladies Night Out - Samurai - 6:00 PM

Thursday, 07/25

Kid's Hope Ice Cream Social -7:30 PM

Sunday, 07/28

2024 Graduate Celebration-10:00 AM

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, John Thomas

Military Members

Austin Holley

Stephen Ministry Leaders

Maureen Harris, Sam Reichert, Becky Piper, Beth David

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, Paula McKee, Carol Rosenblum, Dennis Beckman, Bonnie Bailey

Homebound

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME!

We are happy to welcome Pastor David Connor as he joins us for worship this morning.

LADIES NIGHT OUT – SAMURAI STRONGSVILLE

Join us Wednesday, July 24, at 6:00 PM for our next Ladies Night Out. It will be a night of fun and fellowship for the women of our congregation. If you have not had a chance to sign up, please contact the church office on Monday.

FIRST LUTHERN CHURCH SUMMER PICNIC!

Join us for a First Lutheran Church Summer Picnic, Sunday, August 11th, immediately following the 10:00 AM service! We'll be in the Fellowship Hall and outside, rain or shine! There will be food, Bingo, cornhole, golf tournaments, lawn games, fellowship and fun for all ages! **Please RSVP on Sign Up Genius as soon as possible by scanning the QR code below.** Bring your family and friends! The more the merrier! Burgers and hotdogs will be grilled fresh on site! We are also asking each family to bring a dish to share. Last names A-M: Appetizer or dessert, N-Z: Salad or side. Thank you! Questions? Please contact Maureen Shorts (440-725-0445) or Jennifer Paine (440-463-7769).



The summer picnic planners are looking for some game items: Volleyball net, Lawn games (cornhole, ladder ball, lawn darts, etc.), Inflatable, or Pop tents. If you have anything you're willing to share, please contact Jennifer Paine at jpaine05@hotmail.com or 440-463-7769.

Help is also needed for the church picnic. No experience necessary, willing to train for positions in Set up, Servers, Clean-Up and Activity Assistants. If interested contact Maureen Shorts via text or call at 440-725-0445 OR e-mail at shortsstuff3@gmail.com

NEW COVENANT PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION – SATURDAY, JULY 27

New Covenant Lutheran Church in East Cleveland has resumed its fresh produce distribution. The next date for produce distribution is Saturday, July 27. Anyone interested in participating can contact Bruce Holderead at vancepack@breezelieohio.net or call or text him at 440-655-1523.

2024 GRADUATE CELEBRATION

On Sunday, July 28, we will be celebrating all our graduating seniors. Please email to firstchurchalive@hotmail.com, a photo and a brief summary of their future plans by Monday, July 22.

2024 BACKPACK BLESSING

Join us Sunday, August 11th for our 3rd Annual Backpack Blessing to begin the school year. We encourage all students, teachers and support staff to bring their backpacks to be blessed for the upcoming school year.

SCHOOL SUPPLY/BACKPACK DRIVE – NOW THRU 08/11/2024

We will be collecting school supplies and backpacks for 40 students. Items needed include: backpacks, #2 pencils, blue and black pens, glue sticks, 24 pack washable crayons, 12 pack markers, pencil sharpeners, extra erasers, note books- single subject, scissors, rulers, index cards, hand sanitizer, box of tissues, container of Clorox wipes, highlighter, ruled paper college and wide, and folders.

STEPHEN MINISTRY UPDATE

Please pray for our Stephen Ministry Leaders - Sam Reichert, Becky Piper, Beth David, and Maureen Harris - as they begin their training next week.

Also, prayerfully consider becoming a Stephen Minister who provides Christian care for those experiencing life's difficulties. We will be having an informational meeting on Sunday, August 25th after worship. More details to come.

Contact Maureen Harris at (440)376-1506 for more information.

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 activities for the Church and greater community. A detailed description of the role is available on the Welcome Center. Resumes and/or questions should be sent to Dzima@cox.net

BOOK CLUB!

Our next Book Club meeting will take place on Saturday, August 24 at 10:00. We'll meet at 88 Fox Hollow Lane in Brunswick to discuss *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* by Kim Edwards. Happy reading!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, FAITH BUILD – 8 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Habitat Faith Build,

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Shift

Thursday, September 12

Scan the QR code or enter the link

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



SCAN ME

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 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



<https://apple.co/44JPiUc>

Android App



<https://bit.ly/flcgoogleapp>

2024 ALTAR FLOWERS AND BULLETIN DONATIONS

Sign-up sheets are on The Welcome Center, there are still vase spots for July, September, October and December.

WOMEN'S HEALTH RETREAT SURVEY

We are looking at bringing women of faith in our community together to rekindle their mind, body and spirits. We would like your thoughts as we put this venture together as we wish to be inclusive of our community.

Our goal is to have a community women's health retreat... A time together to share and learn from experts and one another; to become our best selves. We would like to gather a list of the most relevant topics so we can develop a program or series based on what our community wants and needs.

Please scan the QR code or use the <https://bit.ly/FLC24WMNSRETREAT> link to complete this survey through today, July 21st.



Thank you to the following volunteers:

Reader

Dawn Evangelista

Ushers

Bob and Brenda Jacob

Counters

Gayle Kovach, Rita Ross, Carol Paulini

Altar Guild

Pat Sauernheimer, Janet Kaiser,

Maureen Harris

Communion Assistants

Dawn and Alan Evangelista, Janet Kaiser

Communion Bread Baker

Laurie Uline

Last Week's Attendance

10 AM - 123

Online – 6