

**July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**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, August 4th**

Worship 10 AM

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or email [firstchurchalive@hotmail.com](mailto:firstchurchalive@hotmail.com)

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### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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

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

**PRELUDE**

**Praise Band**

*"I Am"*

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HYMN**

**ELW #515**

*"Break Now the Bread of Life"*

*Stand*

**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.

# Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



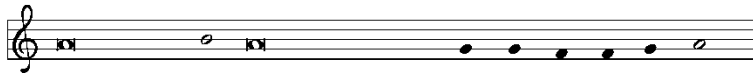
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

# Glory to God

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

## **PRAYER of the DAY**

**P** Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen**

*Sit*

## **LESSON: John 6:1-21**

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

*Sit*

## **CHILDREN'S SHARING TIME**

### **SERMON**

*"In Our Lord's Hands"*

*Stand*

### **HYMN of the DAY**

**ELW #618**

*"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"*

*Sit*

## **RECOGNITION OF THE 2024 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES**

### **PRESENTATION of the GIFTS**

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

### **MUSIC**

*"Forest Green"*

**David Gooding**

Richard Purvis



## Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

### *Offering Song*

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: 'Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless-ing. 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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with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927

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## PRAYERS of INTERCESSION TO “OUR FATHER”

## **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 blessing of God,

**who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,**

**✠ be upon you now and forever.**

**C** Amen

## **SENDING SONG**

## **PRAISE BAND**

*“Thrive”*

## **DISMISSAL**

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **MUSIC**

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# **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

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:shortsstuff3@gmail.com)

## **2024 CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES**

Congratulations to all our graduating seniors. Good luck to you with all of your future plans.

## **2024 BACKPACK BLESSING**

Join us Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup> for our 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 PRAYERS**

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.

## **STEPHEN MINISTRY INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

We will be having an informational meeting on Sunday, August 25th immediately following worship in the classroom next to the First Church library room. Please come see how you can serve in this amazing and fulfilling new ministry at First Church. Scan the QR Code or use <https://bit.ly/FELCSM> to RSVP. 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](mailto: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](https://bit.ly/FLCMilitaryPrayers) to add them to the list



## **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.

## **STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

First Lutheran Church is about to embark on a strategic planning activity. Using special brainstorming techniques and strategic planning methods we will develop several inspiring and meaningful initiatives that will lead us to an exciting and purposeful future. We are currently organizing a team representing a broad demographic of our congregation to participate in this planning activity. We will have Pastor Kathy and several representatives from council and cabinet on this team. It is also important that we have representatives from the congregation participate. We are looking for an additional two or three members of the congregation to join us in this activity. We will be meeting for two three-hour sessions. These sessions are currently planned for Sunday August 4th from 11:30 AM to 2:30 pm, and Saturday August 10th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

If you're interested in participating in this important endeavor for our church, please contact Pastor Kathy at [revklk@gmail.com](mailto:revklk@gmail.com) or Darren Whitford at [dgwhitford1114@gmail.com](mailto:dgwhitford1114@gmail.com)

## **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 21<sup>st</sup>.

## 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



Android App



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

<https://bit.ly/flcgoogleapp>

### Thank you to the following volunteers:

#### Reader

Gloria Reichert

#### Ushers

Dennis Beckman, Alan Evangelista

#### Counters

Rolf Gaab, Sam Reichert

#### Altar Guild

Barb Krueger

### Last Week's Attendance

10 AM - 80

Online – 12

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

**Monday, 07/22**

AA - 7:30

**Tuesday, 07/23**

Al Anon - 7:00 PM

Toastmasters - 7:00 PM