

June 15, 2025
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, 06/22/2025
Single Summer Worship at 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

“Come and Worship”

David Gooding

Erin Gould

PRAYER of PREPARATION

With voice and heart may we glorify you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen

GATHERING SONG

ELW #413

“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!”

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.

Glory to God

Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

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 alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace to God's people.

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PRAYER of the DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Sit

FIRST READING Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

In the Bible, wisdom is portrayed in terms sometimes human and sometimes divine. Often, wisdom is personified as feminine. In this passage, Woman Wisdom is depicted not only as the first creation of God, but also as God's helper, rejoicing in God's creation, especially in human beings.

Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?
On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;
beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
"To you, O people, I call,
and my cry is to all that live.

The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.
Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth—
when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world's first bits of soil.
When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
then I was beside him, like a master worker;
and I was daily his delight,

rejoicing before him always,
rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.”

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

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-5

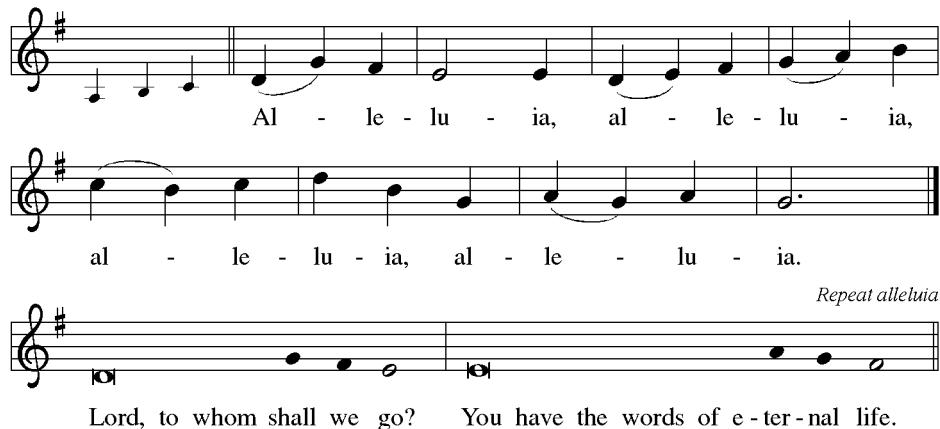
Paul describes the life of faith with reference to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Even now, we have peace with God through Jesus, and our hope for the future is grounded in the love of God that we experience through Christ’s Holy Spirit.

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

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

Stand

Gospel Acclamation



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

Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

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GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 16th Chapter
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: John 16:12-15

[Jesus said,] “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

After the reading:

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

CHILDREN'S SHARING TIME

SERMON

“Hope”

Stand

HYMN of the DAY

ELW #414

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

P Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

After each portion of the prayers:

P God of grace,
C **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

P Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our 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

“Reflection”

David Gooding
Erin Gould

Stand

Create in Me
Offering Song

Music score for 'Create in Me' offering song, featuring four staves of music with lyrics in German. The music is in common time, with a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are as follows:

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 Creator God,

in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good
and the harvest is plentiful.

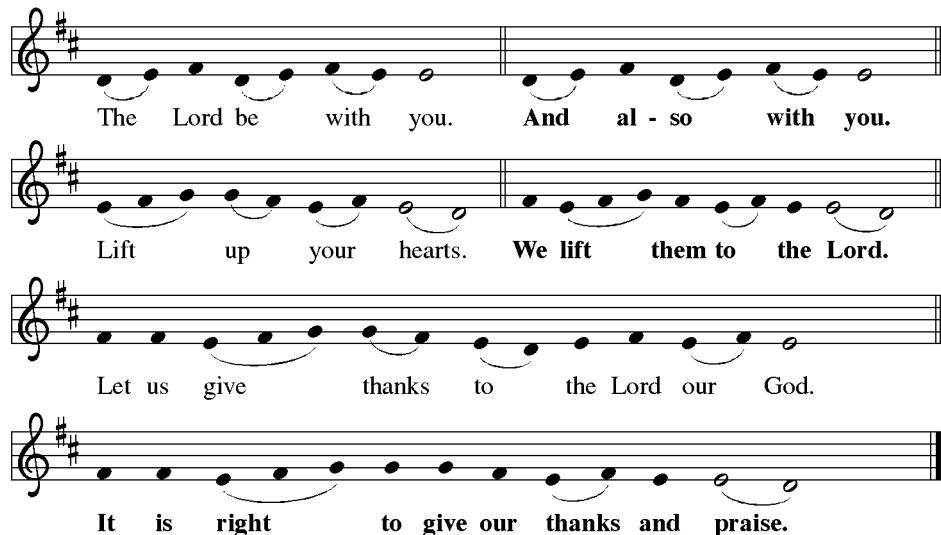
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth
and our labor,

that we may work for the good of all;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Preface Dialogue



The Lord be with you. And also with you.

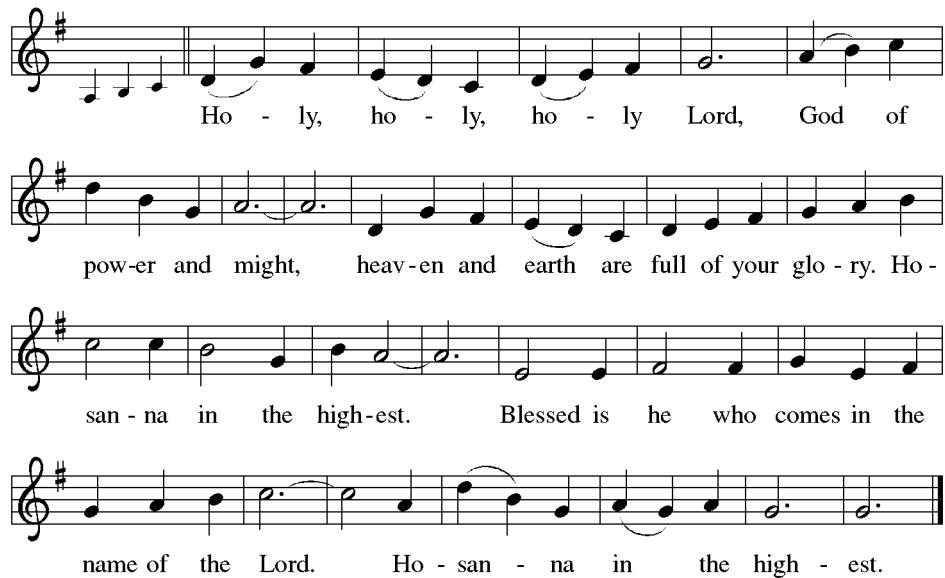
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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P 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 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

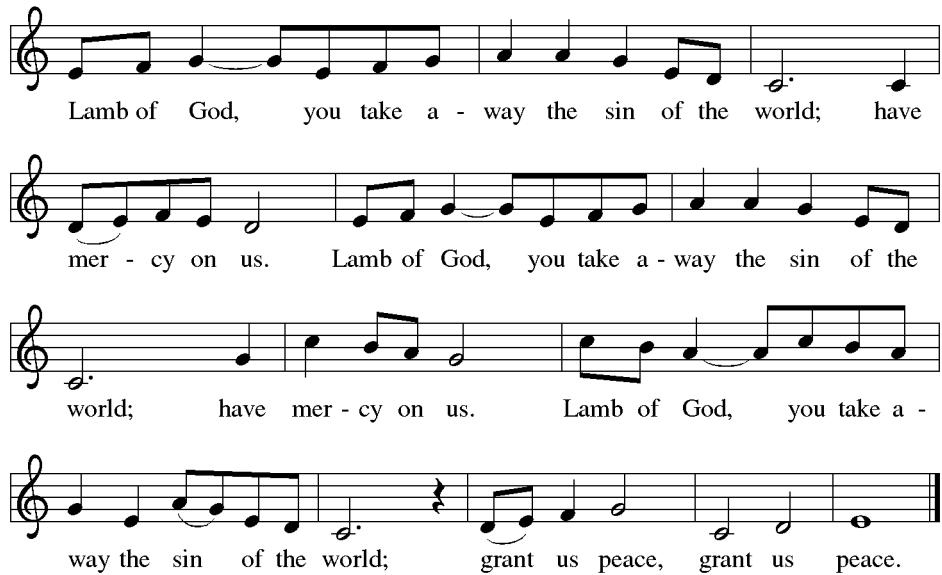
COMMUNION

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



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

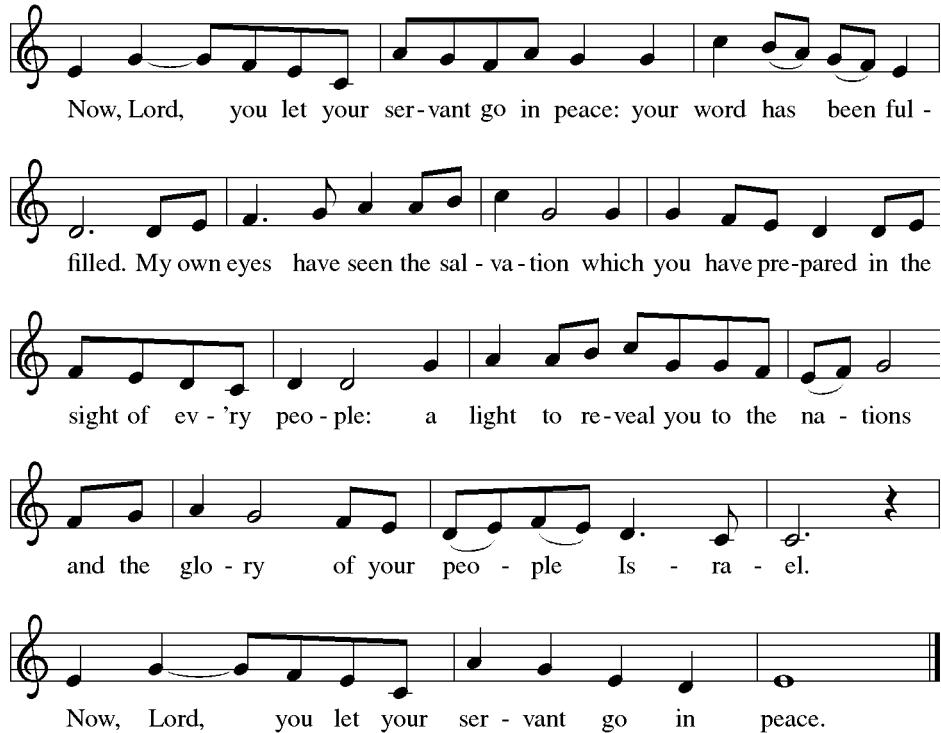
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Stand

P Mothering God,
you gathered us to your table
and we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit
to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

C Amen

Now, Lord



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace: your word has been ful -
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre - pared in the
sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re - veal you to the na - tions
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

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BLESSING

P The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit
☩ bless you and give you peace.

C Amen

SENDING SONG

ELW #879 (V. 1,2,4 & 5)

"For The Beauty Of The Earth"

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“Freely”

David Gooding

Dan Purdom

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PRAYERS

Death in the Family

The Gaab and Treudler Family as they mourn the loss of Ruth Treudler.

The Kaskey Family as they mourn the loss of Chuck.

Hospitalized/Home and Recuperating

Mary Jane Warzel, Rhonda Fox, Sheryl Clark

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, Ron Warzel

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:

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 – NEW, PLEASE READ!

We are growing and are in need of an additional Stephen Leader and more Stephen Ministers. Please contact Maureen Harris for more information. She can be reached at (440)376-1506. On August 24, there will be an informational meeting following the service.

Please continue to pray for our Stephen Ministers and their care receivers. Thank you.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY – CHURCH NURSERY

The need for the nursery has become apparent as we welcome families with young children. Our goal is to open the nursery as early as this July but we need volunteers for us to achieve this goal. If you have a heart for children and a desire to serve, the church nursery is the perfect place for you to make a meaningful impact. The nursery is a haven for children, a place where they feel safe and loved while their parents participate in worship. Your dedication will ensure that each child feels valued and cared for.

If you are interested in serving in the nursery, please contact Barb Nalette 216-970-4131 mistylakenalette@gmail.com

Due to the requirements of our insurance carrier and the new standard set by the National ELCA Church, we must meet the following to care for children: **all** volunteers must pass a fingerprint background screening and two adults will need to be present in the nursery when it is operational. The fingerprinting is quick and easy and is provided for by the church.

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

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 Holda Family in
celebration of Anne's
Birthday
And The Kreuger Family in
celebration of all the father's
and father figures in our
lives.**

Last Week's Attendance
10 AM - 95
Online – 38

Upcoming Worship Times
Dates – Times
June
06/22 – 10 AM
06/29 – 10 AM
July
07/06 – 10 AM
07/13 – 10 AM

Thank you to the following

volunteers:

Reader

Ellen Kolman

Ushers

Becky and Dale Piper

Counters

Sheri Gist, Mary & Gary Walters

Altar Guild

Ellen Kolman, Deb Brighter,

Lynn Stenger

Communion Assistants

Ellen Kolman, Eddie & Lori Forse

Communion Bread Baker

Sandy Treudler

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday, June 16th

AA at 7:30 PM

Tuesday, June 17th

Toastmaster's at 7:00 PM

Al Anon at 7:00 PM

Stephen Ministry Continuing Ed
6 PM – 8:30 PM

Wednesday, June 18th

VBS Decorating Session - 6:00 PM

Thursday, June 19th

Celebration Meeting – 6:30 PM

VBS Decorating Session - 10:00 AM

VBS Training – 6 PM

Saturday, June 21st

VBS Training - 10 AM

