

**June 9, 2024  
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, June 16th**

Single Worship Service at 10 AM

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

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**PRELUDE**

*Evocation*

**David Gooding**

Edmond Boutelle

**PRAYER of PREPARATION**

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Stand*

**CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**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 #825      *"You Servants of God"***

**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** All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen**

*Sit*

## **FIRST READING: GENESIS 3:8-15**

*Immediately after Adam and Eve eat the forbidden fruit, they hide from God. Neither takes responsibility for their sin, instead blaming each other, the snake, and even God. The curse on the snake was understood as a messianic prophecy by the early church, who associated Eve's "offspring" with Christ.*

[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,  
cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures;  
upon your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.  
I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and hers;  
he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

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

## **SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 4:13—5:1**

*Life in the present is transitory and cannot compare with the eternal home God has prepared for us. So we do not despair no matter what life might bring because we know that as God raised Jesus from the dead, God promises to bring us into eternal life.*

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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

*Stand*

## Gospel Acclamation



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### GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### GOSPEL: MARK 3:20-35

[Jesus went home;] and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.



“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”—for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

*After the reading:*

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Sit*

## **CHILDREN’S SHARING TIME**

**SERMON**

Pastor Jim Kulma

*Stand*

**HYMN of the DAY ELW #504** “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

*Sit*

## **OFFERING**

**SONG**

*"I Will Go"*

**Praise Band**

*Stand*

## **PRAYERS of INTERCESSION**

**P** We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

*After each portion of the prayers:*

**P** Merciful God,

**C** receive our prayer.

*The prayers conclude:*

**P** Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.

**C** Amen

## **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**

## **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**

*“Free to Dance”*

**Praise Band**

## **DISMISSAL**

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **POSTLUDE**

*Sortie*

**David Gooding**

**Edmond Boutelle**

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Mary Ellen and Trish Nolder in  
memory of Ellen Willet,  
Mom and Grandma  
and the Kovach Family in  
celebration of Barb and Jerry's 66<sup>th</sup>  
Wedding Anniversary.**

**Last Week's Attendance**  
**10 AM - 208**  
**Online – 10**

## **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

**Monday, 06/10**

AA at 7:30

**Tuesday, 06/11**

Al Anon at 7 PM

Toastmasters at 7 PM

**Thank you to the following volunteers:**

**Reader**

Judy Peach

**Ushers**

Dale & Becky Piper

**Counters**

Gayle Kovach, Rita Ross, Carol Paulini

**Altar Guild**

Ellen Kolman, Sheri Hurley, Lynn Stenger

**Donut Pick Up**

Bonnie Bailey

# **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, Curt Kowalewski, Bob Schulz, Mike and Jaci Rini

## **Military Members**

Austin Holley

## **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, 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, Pearl Marie Goddard, George Richards, Ken Cooke

## **Homebound**

Mary Jane Knaack, Thelma Taylor, June Beck, Marj Wilder

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **WELCOME**

Special Thanks to Pastor Jim Kulma for joining us today!

## **STAFF NEWS**

Pastor Kathy will be on vacation through June 12. She will be back in the office on Thursday, June 13. During her absence, if you need Pastoral Assistance, please contact the church office.

This week, Vanessa will be in the office on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

## **POOL NOODLES!!**

There are some pool noodles left over from the wonderful Confirmation service last week. If you would like one, please feel free to take one (or more!). They are located next to the Welcome Center. Happy Floating!

## **SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

There will be a single worship service every Sunday at 10 AM. The first week of the month will be Contemporary, the third week of the month will be traditional and all other weeks will be blended. It is wonderful to worship together!

## **PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION**

New Covenant Lutheran Church in East Cleveland has resumed its fresh produce distribution. The next date for produce distribution is Saturday, June 22. Anyone interested in participating can contact Bruce Holderead at [vancepack@breezelieohio.net](mailto:vancepack@breezelieohio.net) or call or text him at 440-655-1523.

## **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, FAITH BUILD – 8 VOLUNTEERS PER SHIFT NEEDED**

There are two days for our Habitat Faith Build, each day is a 9 AM – 3 PM Shift

Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>

Scan the QR code or enter the link

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



**SCAN ME**

## **2024 ALTAR FLOWERS AND BULLETIN DONATIONS**

Sign-up sheets are on The Welcome Center, there are still vase spots for the rest of 2024

## **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



## **STRONGSVILLE 2024 SHRED DAY**

Community Shred Day – Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup> – 9 AM – Noon, Strongsville Middle School. Please be patient, expect longer wait times

## **STRONGSVILLE FOOD BANK**

The Strongsville Food Bank is in need of Spaghetti Noodles and/or canned tuna.

## **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>

## **SUMMER POTLUCK PICNIC – SAVE THE DATE**

Nurture and Support is planning a GOOD OLD FASHIONED LUTHERAN POTLUCK PICNIC on Sunday, August 11, immediately following our worship service. More details will follow, but SAVE THE DATE!!!

We are currently seeking a Games and Activity Coordinator. If you would be interested in gathering some friends to oversee this portion of the picnic, please contact Maureen Shorts at [shortsstuff3@gmail.com](mailto:shortsstuff3@gmail.com) or Linda Browning at [ldbrowning@roadrunner.com](mailto:ldbrowning@roadrunner.com)