

**November 3, 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, 11/10/2024**

Contemporary Worship at 9:00 AM

Sunday School at 10:15 AM

Traditional Worship at 11:15 AM

To contact the Church, call the office at 440-238-7890

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Secretary Office Hours are Monday, Friday 9:00 to 12:00 PM

Thursday – 10 AM – 1 PM

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**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.

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

## **PRELUDE SONG**

"Oh, When The Saints"

**Praise Band**

arr. Zack Richards

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **STEWARDSHIP TEMPLE TALK**

**Len Taylor**

*Stand*

## **GATHERING SONG**

**ELW #422 (VS 1, 3, 4, 5, 6)**

*"For All the Saints"*

## **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.**

**P** In the new Jerusalem there will be no need of sun or moon,

**C for the glory of God will be its light.**

**P** Before the Lamb is a multitude from every nation,

**C and they worship God night and day.**

**P** Surely Christ is coming soon.

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

## **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

### **THE FIRST READING**     *Isaiah 25: 6-9*

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

### **THE SECOND READING**     *Revelation 21: 1-6a*

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then

he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

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

P   The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,

**C   and no torment will ever touch them.**

P   In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,

**C   and their departure was thought to be a disaster,**

P   and their going from us to be their destruction;

**C   but they are at peace.**

## **PRAYER FOR THE SAINTS**

**SONG**

*"Rise Up (Lazarus)"*

**Praise Band**

P   The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 11th chapter.

**C   Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **THE GOSPEL LESSON     *John 11: 32-44***

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said

this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” <sup>4</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **SERMON**

*“For the Saints”*

Pastor Kathy

## **HYMN OF THE DAY      ELW      #424**

*“Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”*

**P** The Lord is my light and my salvation;

**C** whom shall I fear?

**P** The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

**C** of whom shall I be afraid?

## **PRAYER FOR THE SAINTS**

## **OFFERING**

*“Sing Gently”*

## **Chancel Choir**

Eric Whitacre

## THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

P Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

P Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer**

P We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C Amen**

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

### LORD'S PRAYER

**SONG**

*"The Table"*

**PRAISE BAND**

**BLESSING**

**CLOSING SONG**

*"No Chains on Me"*

**PRAISE BAND**

### DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

Dedicace

**David Gooding**

**Douglas Bennet**

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# **PRAYERS**

## **Hospitalized/Home and Recuperating**

Susie Siebert, Mark Schultz. Don McKelvey, Karil Piskur, Claudia Lenarz

## **Military Members**

Austin Holley, Deacon Nemet

## **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, The Fox Family, Ron and Joanne Cvelbar, Cheryl Mooney, Elaine, Rob Shoens, Sue Naypauer, Connie, Michael Otto, Jessica Walsh, Sue Widdows, Wanda Woods, Stephania, Susan Bodovetz, Carol Rosenblum, Dennis Beckman, Bonnie Bailey, Bruce Piper, Josh, Cynthia, Sara, Dennis Bailey, Darlene Cassidy, Carrie Deal, Norma Cubano, Curt Kowalewski, Sarah Franko, Bill Bartkus, Jim Taylor, Sue Sutton, Chelsea, Erica Kaminski

## **Homebound**

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



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 2025 STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Living (and Giving) God's Love- can you think of a better way to show thanks for all of God's gifts? The 2025 Stewardship Campaign is a perfect reminder of the mission of First Lutheran as we find areas to demonstrate our devotion to living (and giving) God's love.

Next Sunday, November 10th is Stewardship Sunday! This coming week, you will receive a packet of materials in the mail, including a personalized letter, a summary of our 2025 goals and needs, and a 2025 Intent Card. Please review these materials closely and prayerfully consider how your giving can help us achieve our goals. We ask you to bring your Intent Card to church next Sunday as we celebrate and rejoice in God's generosity while living (and giving) God's love. If you are unable to attend church next Sunday, please return your Intent Card to the church office by November 10<sup>th</sup>. You can also complete your giving intent online by scanning the QR Code or using the link <http://bit.ly/32ThyWr> to



## GIVING STATEMENTS

You should have received an email last week with your Statement of Giving during the current year through September 30. Please take a close look at it to ensure that it agrees with your records and that it reflects your intentions. If you have any questions or corrections or didn't receive the email, please contact [firstELCAstewardship@gmail.com](mailto:firstELCAstewardship@gmail.com).

## 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

## **IT HELP NEEDED**

We are in need of someone to assist with troubleshooting some issues we are having with our printer and WIFI connection. If your day job is in the IT field and you can help, please contact the office at [firstchurchalive@hotmail.com](mailto:firstchurchalive@hotmail.com)

## **HARVEST MONTHS BEGINS TODAY!**

Please bring in donations of non-perishable food items for the Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets. The baskets will be donated to individuals and families in need within our community. We will also accept monetary donations to help fill the baskets with perishable items and provide a complete holiday meal for those less fortunate. Envelopes marked "Food Baskets" are available on the Welcome Center and can be placed in the basket or offering plate. Special Note: We need frozen turkeys for the Thanksgiving baskets. Turkeys can be dropped off in the freezer located in the Kitchen next to the fellowship hall. Volunteers will be needed to pack the food baskets on Tuesday, November 26st and at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet located on Welcome Center. Contact Reiner [reindogger@outlook.com](mailto:reindogger@outlook.com) Call or text: 440-724-8897. *Save the Date: The Christmas basket packing will be on December 19th.*

## **WATOTO HOSTING UPDATE – FAMILIES STILL NEEDED**

We still need 4 to 5 families to host the Watoto Children's Choir from Uganda overnight on Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. Watoto is a Christian organization that houses orphans and victims of violence in Uganda. They take many of the kids around the world to sing of God's works and love. The children will arrive on Tuesday November 19<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon and leave sometime Wednesday morning. All that is needed is transportation from and to the church, a warm shower and bed for each child, a healthy snack, breakfast, and sack lunch. If interested, sign up at the welcome center or contact Zack Richards at [zack87@zackrichards.com](mailto:zack87@zackrichards.com) or 330-689-6534 or the church office for more information.

## **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



## **NEW STEPHEN MINISTERS – CONTINUED PRAYERS REQUESTED**

We are excited and blessed to add Bob Strong, Phil King, Pat Sauernheimer, Marsha Ginley, and Pam Simpson to our Stephen Ministry team.

They are our new Stephen Ministers. They will be in training from the beginning of November 2024 through the beginning of April 2025. They, along with the Stephen Leader team who will be training them, need your prayers for guidance, patience, and confidence to move forward in this amazing ministry. Many thanks to Bob, Phil, Pat, Marsha, and Pam for their dedication to Stephen Ministry.

## **MEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE - 18 & OVER**

The First Church Men's Basketball will be starting up on October 10th for the Men over 18 at Kinsner Elementary School, Thursdays at 7:30pm beginning in October. If interested, please contact Ray Treudler, [raysort1@yahoo.com](mailto:raysort1@yahoo.com) or 440-829-5316

## **NEW COMMUNICATION TOOL COMING**

Texting directly from First Lutheran Church is coming soon! It will be a great way to share information, updates and possible severe weather or unforeseen circumstances. Please add phone number 833-235-4806 into your contacts as First Lutheran Church so you will know when First Church sends a text!

## **THRIVENT MEMBERS – YOUR HELP NEEDED**

Calling all Thrivent members! We are looking to compile a list of current Thrivent members. This will allow us to better utilize Thrivent Action Cards and to promote First Lutheran as a recipient of Thrivent Choice dollars. Please reach out to the office, if you own Thrivent products.



**The Altar Flowers are given to the  
Glory of God by  
The Bailey Family in celebration of  
Gabriel, Chase's Birthday and  
In Memory of Doug Dittman's  
And  
The McLemore Family in  
celebration of Sebastian's 7<sup>th</sup>  
Birthday!  
The Bulletins are donated in  
memory of Irene & Richard Geye**

**Last Week's Attendance  
9 AM – 71  
11:15 AM - 57  
Online – 32**

**Thank you to the following  
volunteers:**

**Reader**

Sandy Treudler

**Ushers**

Reiner Mueller, Rolf Gaab

**Counters**

Daphne Leon, Ingrid Naso,  
Pat Sauernheimer

**Altar Guild**

Trish Nolder, Sheri Gist

**Communion Assistants**

Sandy & Ray Treudler, Cindy Shoens

## **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

**Monday, 11/04**

AA – 8:00 PM

Confirmation – 7 PM – 9 PM

**Tuesday, 11/05**

Al Anon - 7:00 PM

Toastmasters - 7:00 PM

**Thursday, 11/7**

Stephen Ministry Training – 6 PM