

July 24, 2022
Blended Worship Service
10:00 AM



First Evangelical Lutheran Church
19419 Royalton Road
Strongsville, Ohio

MISSION STATEMENT

*To live in the powerful example of Jesus, and
to discover new pathways for spiritual growth.*

WELCOME

**If you are a visitor today, welcome to worship.
We hope to see you again soon!**

TODAY IS NAMETAG SUNDAY!!

**If you did not pick up a nametag at the Usher Table or Welcome Center,
please do so! Why not say “Good Morning” to someone new today!**

WEEKLY SERVICES AND MEETINGS

Monday, July 25

AA 7:30 PM

Tuesday, July 26

Al Anon at 7:00 PM

Sunday Schedule for Next Week July 31, 2022

One Worship Service at 10:00 AM

To contact the Church,

Call the office at 440-238-7890

or email firstchurchalive@hotmail.com

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

Pastor Kathy - 440-666-8758

Setting 10

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

MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand

GATHERING SONG

“Free To Dance”

Praise Band

PRAYER of the DAY

P Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

Sit

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:20-32

In today's reading, Abraham undertakes the role of a mediator between God and sinful humanity. Appealing to God's justice, Abraham boldly asks for mercy for the city of Sodom for the sake of the few righteous people there, including Abraham's nephew, Lot.

Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know." So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?" Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the LORD, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the LORD be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the LORD. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the LORD be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

After the reading:

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

SECOND READING: Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

The writer of this letter warns the congregation in Colossae about "the empty lure" of philosophies and traditions that compromise faith. Through the gift of faith, the church is mystically connected with Christ in his death and resurrection which is enacted in baptism.

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

[Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.]

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

Stand

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

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GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 11th Chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 11: 1-13

[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him,

Create in Me

Offering Song

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

The first system of music consists of a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal line begins with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords in the right hand.

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

The second system continues the vocal line with a quarter note D5, followed by quarter notes C5, Bb4, and A4. The piano accompaniment maintains its harmonic support.

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

The third system features a vocal line with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The piano accompaniment continues with its established pattern.

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

The fourth system shows the vocal line with a quarter note D5, followed by quarter notes C5, Bb4, and A4. The piano accompaniment provides a consistent accompaniment.

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The fifth and final system on this page shows the vocal line with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The piano accompaniment concludes the phrase.

PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

P Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

After each portion of the prayers:

P God of Grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

P Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

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 God of peace,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you, comfort you,
and show you the path of life this day and always.

C Amen.

HYMN **ELW #587** *"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"*

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Forth Into Light

David Gooding

Damon Harwell

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Hospitalized/Home and Recuperating

Sheryl Clark, Gene Knaack, Rob Shoens, Karil Piskur, Adrian Woods, Robin, Jeff and Dragana Knaack, Dennis Bailey, John Walker, Darlene Cassidy, Edward Forse, Linda Walker, Craig Kaiser, Audie Kiplinger, Mary Jane Warzel, Marj Gray, Thomas Lloyd, Bob Stephens

On-going Prayers

Natalie David, Peter Mazzeo, Roger Puls, Margaret Pavlechis, Linda Stanley, Abbey Uline, Nighman Family, Heidi Balicki, Holly Mulkerin, Helen Hartford, Harry Meinberg, Amy, Dianne Mosley, Pat Sauernheimer, Carla Kulka, Mick McGinnis, Michael, Tia (Simpson) Russell

Homebound

Dorothy Krenz, Gene and Mary Jane Knaack, Irene Urbansok, Thelma Taylor, June Beck, Pat Knerem, Marj Wilder

Thank you to the volunteers this week!

Reader

Anne Holda

Ushers

Curt Dean and Rolf Gaab

Counting Team

Daphne Leon, Mary Whitecar

Pat Sauernheimer

Altar Guild

Tricia Nolder, Sheri Gist, Beth David

Attendance Last Week

10:00 – 108

Online - 10

**Altar Flowers are given to
the Glory of God by
Marilyn Podracky in
Celebration of Natalie and
Emily MAU's birthdays.**



**Bulletins are given to the
Glory of God by
Claudia Lenarz in celebration
of the anniversary of
Debbie and Jeremy Jenkins.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR

On Sunday, August 7, our consultant from the Joshua Group, Pastor Jim, will be with us for a special informational session. This will be our opportunity to receive feedback from the survey and the interviews that were recently held. We hope that you will consider joining us for this important gathering as it will also be a time of questions and answers with not only Pastor Jim, but with our Assistant to the Bishop Pastor Mitch Phillips, as well. Please mark your calendars: Worship at 10:00 AM with lunch and the Transition Meeting in the Fellowship Hall immediately following. A Sign-Up Genius is available or you may call the office.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

A HUGE THANK YOU to the Gardening Angel who cleaned up all of the weeds along the sidewalk at the church last week. We so appreciate your hard work!

HELP NEEDED

CWWV (Children Who Witness Violence) is in need of diapers, formula and any baby products. We would also like to collect school supplies. Gently used book bags are okay plus paper, pens, pencils, glue, crayons, markers, erasers, glue, glue sticks, Kleenex, sanitizer, rulers etc. Thank you so much for your support!

DONUT SIGN UP

Every Wednesday, a Sign-Up Genius will be sent out for you to add your name to the Donut List! Please sign up so the appropriate number of donuts is ordered.

FOOD BANK NEEDS FOR JULY

The Food Bank is in need of SMALL jars of peanut butter, pasta and diced tomatoes. Thank you for your contributions. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY NEWS

We are still in need of people to participate in the Habitat for Humanity build for a few of our congregation's assigned dates:

Thursday, July 28 (2 people needed)

Saturday, August 13 (4 people needed)

If you are willing, please visit the Volunteer Hub on Habitat's Website and follow the instructions below to register. Contact Alli Thellman (agator817@yahoo.com, 440-263-9828)

Please join the First Lutheran of Strongsville team for the Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity "Walk Run Mosey" on Saturday, July 30th at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. It is a family-friendly event that includes games, activities, donuts, and a 5K route or 1-mile fun walk! This is a noncompetitive, non-timed event. Super inclusive and supportive. Registration is \$35 per adult and \$15 per child (age 2-12).

Register with the First Lutheran team at [2022 Habitat Walk/Run/Mosey!](#)

PRAYER OPPORTUNITY

Nurture and Support is looking to restart our Prayer Chain Committee. We are looking for folks in the congregation that would be interested in praying for our member needs or concerns, as they are requested. Please contact Maureen Shorts, (shortsstuff3@gmail.com) if interested!

BAKERS NEEDED

The Communion Bread Ministry Team is looking for bakers to bake loaves of bread for communion. It is not a complicated recipe and does not require any leavening or special bread baking skills. We provide the recipe. If you are interested, please e-mail Linda Lauschin at angls2u@cox.net or call 440-759-4196 or e-mail Ellen Kolman at cpn58@yahoo.com or call 440-785-5635. This is a small time commitment for a service that is appreciated by the congregation.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

- 1st Sunday of the Month – Traditional**
- 2nd Sunday of the Month – Blended**
- 3rd Sunday of the Month – Contemporary**
- 4th Sunday of the Month – Blended**
- 5th Sunday of the Month – Blended**