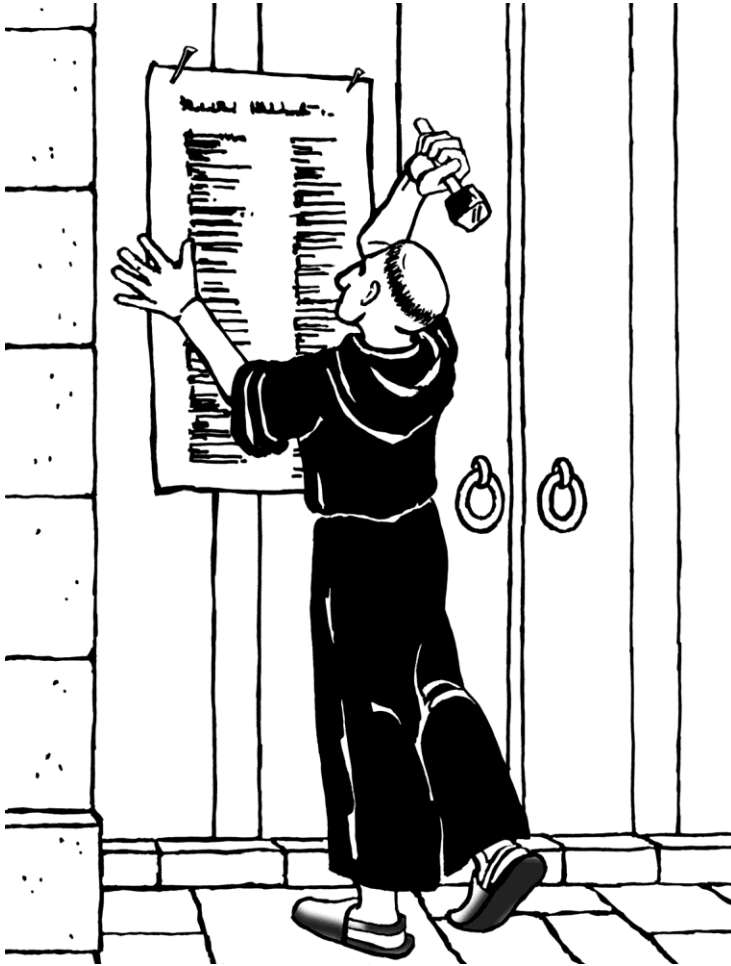


**October 26, 2025
Blended Worship
10:00 AM**



**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, 11/02/2025 – All Saints Sunday

Contemporary Worship – 9:00 AM

Christian Education – 10:15 AM

Traditional Worship – 11:15 AM

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

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Friday – 12:00 PM – 3 PM

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Setting 4

* Please *turn off all electronic devices* 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 at 10:00 AM is continuous at two stations.

PRELUDE

"Amazing Grace"

BELL TRIO

arr. Ben Roundtree

PRAYER of PREPARATION – (This Isn't Normally Read Aloud)

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace and those that share and teach us the good news, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

C Amen

P Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful and loving God,
**C we are your stiff-necked people.
We trample on the needy.
We grumble about your grace to others.
We turn away from the poor.
Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.
Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found.
Amen.**

P Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
You who were lost have been found.
In the name of ✠ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!
C Amen

GATHERING SONG

ELW #504

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our 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.

This Is the Feast

Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER of the DAY

P Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Sit

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 31:31-34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

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

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation.



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

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GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8th Chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

After the reading:

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

CHILDREN'S SHARING TIME

Jennifer Paine

SERMON

Pastor Kathy Kluck

Stand

SONG

"Voice Of Truth"

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 Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

After each portion of the prayers:

P God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

Sit

PRESENTATION of the GIFTS

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

MUSIC

"All Are Welcome"

First Church Musicians

Marty Haugen

Stand

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Offering Song



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.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927

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P Lord of the harvest,
we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,
but on you, who richly provides for us.
Multiply what we have gathered
to bless all who are suffering and in need,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Preface Dialogue

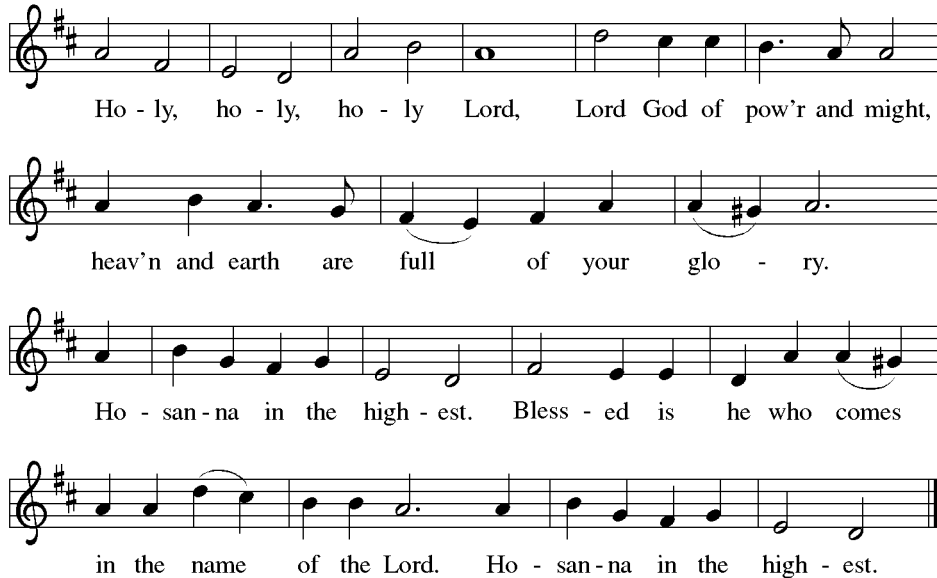
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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, 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

Sit

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*The communicant 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; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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Stand

P O God,
through this meal you have strengthened us
and appointed us to be your servants.
Send us to do good and to share our possessions
with all in need.
We ask this in Jesus' name.

C Amen

HYMN

ELW #579

"Lord, You Give The Great Commission"

CELEBRATION OF PASTOR KATHLEEN KLUCK

BLESSING

P The God of righteousness,
who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free,
✠ bless you now and forever.

C Amen

SENDING SONG

"This Is Amazing Grace"

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Exeunt"

David Gooding

Alan Carpenter

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PRAYERS

Hospitalized/Home and Recuperating

Rhonda Fox, Bob Jacob, Ron Shorts

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, Chris Hamel, Jen Kowalewski, Jim Zakrajsek, Steve Harris

On-going Prayers

Linda Stanley, Nighman Family, Heidi Balicki, Tia (Simpson) Russell, Ron and Joanne Cvelbar, Cheryl Mooney, Elaine, Jessica Walsh, Sue Widdows, Wanda Woods, Stephania, Susan & George Bodovetz, Carol Rosenblum, Bonnie Bailey, Darlene and Jim Cassidy, Carrie Deal, Curt Kowalewski, Sarah Franko, Jim Taylor, Sue Sutton, Erica Kaminski, Jeanette Paus, Matt & Pat, Kevin, 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, Melina, Cindy Walker, Ron Shorts, Jason Labay, Susie Siebert, Jeff Bodovetz, Carol Kovacs, Zealand & Stephanie

Homebound

Mary Jane Knaack, June Beck, Marj Wilder, Audie Kiplinger, Sheryl Clark, Ron & Mary Jane Warzel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2026 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN – ROOTED IN FAITH, GROWING OUR MISSIONS

Thanks to all who have completed and returned their 2026 Intent Cards. If you have not done so yet, we ask that you please complete one TODAY - blank Intnet cards are located in the pews and on the ushers table. Or, you can complete it online by using the link <http://bit.ly/32ThyWr> or scanning the QR Code. Thank you for your faithful giving - it truly makes a difference.



If you have any questions, contact firstELCAstewardship@gmail.com, or Wayne Mosley at 440-478-4736.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Whether you are new, just coming back or have been with us for years, there is a special place at First Church for you to share your talents and help make our church and community even stronger. Volunteering is a wonderful way to connect with others, experience the joy of serving, and grow in your faith. No matter your skills, interests, or time available we have a variety of opportunities for you to choose from. Use the link bit.ly/FLCservice2025 or scan the QR code to learn more or sign up!



STEPHEN MINISTRY – UPDATE

We are pleased to announce that Jen Kowalewski, Jim Zakrajsek, and Steve Harris will begin training to become Stephen Ministers on November 4. Chris Hamel has completed her leadership training and will be commissioned on November 2nd. Thank you for your continued prayers and support for this ministry.

TRANSPORTATION HELP NEEDED

We have two homebound parishioners that are in need of help getting to our 11:15 AM service. Please reach out to the office if you are able to assist.

CANNED FOOD DRIVE DONATIONS

All food donated in October, November and December will go to fill our Holiday Food Baskets!

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY – 11/02/2025

All Saints Sunday, is November 2nd. If you would like a deceased loved one remembered in the prayers, please use the list at the Welcome Center, or use the QR Code or link <https://bit.ly/ALLSAINTS25> to let us know who you would like to be remembered.



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



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

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH NURSERY

We are excited to announce the reopening of the nursery for children aged newborn to 3 yrs old. Information regarding the nursery and our volunteers will be provided to the parents/guardians upon registration. This week the nursery is at our 10 AM Service.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL – SERVICE PROJECT

Join us as we support our Holiday Food baskets by bringing in food each week to Sunday School. For the next several weeks, we will be requesting the following: 10/26 - jar of peanut butter, 11/02 – Jar of Jelly, 11/09 – Box of Cereal, 11/16 – Can of Soup

2026 ALTAR FLOWERS/BULLETIN DEDICATION

Sign ups for the 2026 Altar Flowers and Bulletins are in the Welcome Center. There is a QR code for online payment on the Altar flower sheet or you can wait to be billed by the office. When paying online, please indicate the week of your altar flower dedication.

SUNDAY SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITY

Join us on Sunday, 11/09 from 10 AM to Noon as we drop off bags in the neighborhood around the church to fill our Holiday Food Baskets. Then on Sunday, 11/16 from Noon to 2, as we return to the neighborhoods to pick up the food left out by our community.

FIRST CHURCH WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Next month we will be meeting on November 8 at 10:00. We'll meet at 88 Fox Hollow. Our book is The Mistletoe Promise by Richard Paul Evans. We will not meet in December. Happy reading!

MEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE - 18 & OVER

The First Church Men's Basketball has begun for the Men over 18 at Kinsner Elementary School, Thursdays at 7:30pm. If interested, please contact Ray Treudler, raysort1@yahoo.com or 440-829-5316

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH APP

First Lutheran Church has an app in both the Apple App Store (search FLC Strongsville) and the Google Play Store! (search FLC Strongsville) This communication option will help us stay connected and give us new and exciting tools to use. We continue to fine tune the options available on the app to best suit our congregation. If you see something that needs to be fixed, please reach out to the office and let us know.

Be sure to allow notifications when you download the app to get important updates!



CHAIR YOGA - UPDATE

The Monday afternoon Chair Yoga class is full and participants are encouraged to bring 3 to 5 lb handheld weights for the muscle strengthening goal. Please arrive early for the first session to make time to register, pay if necessary and sign waivers.

MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS

- *Outreach Ministry Leaders – Gayle Kovach & Monika Muller*

The Outreach Ministry Team is an outward focused ministry that reaches out to prospective members and spreads God's word and love by doing God's work to address critical needs of the community and world at large.

- *Congregation Ministry Leaders – Linda Browning & Maureen Shorts*

The Congregation Ministry Team conducts programs and activities that provide comfort and assistance to the members of FLC in various times of need. It is an inward focused ministry that includes fellowship activities as well as teams that provide services to FLC members.

- *Youth & Adult Enrichment Leaders – Beth Hartman & Carolyn Roman*

The Youth and Adult Enrichment Ministry Team covers all educational and special activities that enrich the mind and soul of congregation members at all stages of their life. This Ministry is especially focused on providing support and guidance to future members.

- *Dynamic Worship Ministry Leaders – Pat Sauernheimer & Sandy Treudler*

The Dynamic Worship Ministry Team ensures that worship services are conducted regularly and in accordance with the practices of the ELCA. This Ministry also explores innovative approaches for worship to enhance the dynamic worship experience, allowing members to thrive in their relationship with God.

*Let's
Celebrate*



**The Altar Flowers are given to the
Glory of God by the Sawitzke
Family in celebration of
Bob & Sara's 1st Wedding
Anniversary.**

Last Week's Attendance

9 AM – 77

11:15 AM - 59

Online – 20

Upcoming Worship Times

Dates – Times

October

11/02 – 9 AM & 11:15 AM

11/9 – 9 AM & 11:15 AM

11/16 – 9 AM & 11:15 AM

11/23 -9 AM & 11:15 AM

**Thank you to the following
volunteers:**

Reader

Lexie Gilbert, Elise Paine

Ushers

Dale & Becky Piper

Counters

Pierre David,

Ray & Sandy Treudler

Altar Guild

Barb Kreuger, Jacquie McLemore

Communion Assistants

Judy Peach, Ellen Kolman &

Gayle Kovach

Communion Bread Baker

Sandy Treudler

Nursery Volunteers

Ryan Hartman, Chris Gonzalez

Additional Volunteers

Madi Snyder, Evan Hartman,

Ava Rade

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday, October 20th

Chair Yoga – 1:30 PM

AA at 7:30 PM

Tuesday, October 21st

Governing Board Meeting – 6:30 PM

Toastmaster's at 7:00 PM

Al Anon at 7:00 PM

