

**September 14, 2025
Contemporary Worship
9:00 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, 09/21/2025

Contemporary Worship at 9:00 AM

Sunday School at 10:15 AM

Traditional Worship at 11:15 AM

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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you may contact your Council representatives:

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Music

Welcome and Announcements

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,
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

Songs:

"Your Grace is Enough"

"Come Now is the Time to Worship"

Prayer

Lessons:

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

Children's Sharing Time

Sermon

"God's Grace"

Song:

"Amazing Grace My Chains Are Gone"

Offering

Prayers of the Faithful to "Our Father"

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Song:

"This is Amazing Grace"

Dismissal

Music

PRAYERS

Hospitalized/Home and Recuperating

Rhonda Fox, Bob Jacob

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

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

Homebound

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEPHEN MINISTRY – UPDATE

We have several congregation members interested in becoming Stephen Ministers. Interviews will be conducted October 7 and 9. We are excited to get training going on November 4! Please continue to pray for our Stephen Ministry team and our care receivers.

RALLY DAY/GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

Thank you to everyone who participated and made our Habitat Playhouse and Welcome Basket collection a success!

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATES

Sunday school for youth from Pre-K through 12th grade begins TODAY. Please take a minute to complete our online registration for EACH student that will attend this year! We are looking forward to seeing you!



EMAIL MIGRATION – PLEASE NOTE

We are going to be working to migrate from our current email delivery system to a new delivery system, but we want to make sure we don't lose you. For the next few weeks, you won't be seeing double or getting spam. You will, however, be getting TWO copies of This Week at First. One from each email delivery system.

Please be sure to OPEN BOTH copies. That way we know you are seeing our weekly news blast in both systems.

Once we confirm that everyone is receiving both copies, we will work to change completely over to the new system.

CHAIR YOGA – MONDAY, 09/15, 1:30 PM

Sign up for Chair Yoga, beginning Monday, 09/15 at 1:30 PM. Contact Maureen Shorts at shortsstuff3@gmail.com for additional information.

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 11:15 AM Service

We are still in need of additional volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, please see the Open Service Opportunities below to sign up!

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

STRONGSVILLE EMERGENCY FOOD BANK - DONATIONS

The Strongsville Food Bank is in need of the following items: URGENT NEED FOR Mac and Cheese, Tuna Fish - (all sizes) Canned Vegetables (except canned corn, we have tons, Jelly, Squeeze Bottle, 18 oz, 30 oz, 32oz; Peanut Butter – All Sizes, Boxed Baked Goods (cake & brownie mixes; pudding & jello mixes), Snacks (Pop tarts, cheese and/or peanut butter crackers, saltines, etc...)
URGENT NEED FOR HYGIENE PRODUCTS: Bars of Soap, Deodorant, Shampoo & Conditioner, Razors, Band Aids, Anti-Bacterial Ointments

ALTAR FLOWER SIGN UPS

There are Altar Flower Vase openings in September, November and December. If you have a special event or celebration you would like to recognize or remember, please consider signing up for one of the available spots. Altar flowers are \$20.00 and can be taken home or donated to shut-ins. Please sign up in the Welcome Center

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!



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.



**The Altar Flowers are given to the
Glory of God by
Curt Dean In loving memory of
Larrye Lue**

**And
The Cassidy Family in celebration of
Lily, Ameilia and Quinn's Birthday
The Bulletins are given by the
Sawitzke Family in celebration of
Maggie's 22nd Birthday.**

**Last Week's Attendance
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10 AM - 115
Online - 16**

**Upcoming Worship Times
Dates - Times
September
09/21 - 9 AM & 11:15 AM
09/28 - 9 AM & 11:15 AM
October
10/05 - 9 AM & 11:15 AM
10/12 - 9 AM & 11:15 AM**

**Thank you to the following
volunteers:**

Reader

Jeanine Kowalewski

Ushers

Maureen & Ron Shorts

Counters

Reiner Muller, Pierre David

Altar Guild

Beth David, Trish Nolder,
Sheri Gist

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday, September 15th

Chair Yoga - 1:30 PM

AA at 7:30 PM

Tuesday, September 16th

Kids HOPE USA

Leadership Meeting - 9 AM

Stephen Ministry

Continuing Education - 6:00 PM

Ministry Team Meeting - 6:30 PM

Toastmaster's at 7:00 PM

Al Anon at 7:00 PM

Thursday, September 18th

BW Rock & Roll Class - 10:15 AM

Stewardship Committee

Meeting - 7 PM - 8:30 PM

