

**Easter Sunday**  
**April 5, 2026**  
**9:00 AM**

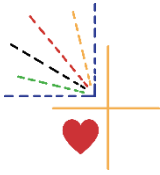


**Mission Statement**

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



# WELCOME TO FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH



First Lutheran Church has been serving Strongsville, Ohio for nearly 70 years, ministering to its members and friends and supporting community, as well as regional and world ministries.

First Lutheran is a part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The ELCA pursues God's work in the world with 3 million members in more than 8700 congregations across the United States and in the Caribbean region. The ELCA works with Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran World Relief, Global Refugee, Lutheran World Federation, World Council of Churches, schools and colleges, seminaries, camps, and ecumenical and interreligious companions, as well as numerous global church partners and organizations across the world.

We invite you to our website, [firstchurchalive.org](http://firstchurchalive.org) for more information about First Church.

In addition, we also invite you to download our app by searching for FLC Strongsville in the Apple App Store and Google Play Store.

And please don't forget to scan the QR code to view our Connections Page where you will quickly find all of our current news and ministry sign-ups.



Music

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Greeting

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Songs: *“Christ the Lord is Risen Today (He is Not Dead)”*  
*“This is Amazing Grace”*

Prayer:

P God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

Lesson: John 20:1-18

Children’s Sharing Time

Sermon “So Now What?”

Song: *“I See Grace”*

Offering

## Prayers of the People

*“The Lord’s Prayer (It’s Yours)”*

*Altar Flowers are given by the Naso, Holder and Gilbert Families in celebration of Lexie’s 11<sup>th</sup> Birthday!*

## Holy Communion

## Blessing

Song:

*“Washed”*

## Dismissal

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P Go in peace, In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**C Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## Music

# EASTER GARDEN DEDICATIONS

## **Madi Snyder**

In honor of KIDS HOPE USA & KIDS HOPE USA NEXT STUDENTS

## **Christine Thomas**

In loving memory of Sharon Luttner, Marilyn Baker and Rosemarie Brandt

## **The Mueller Family**

In celebration of the resurrection of our Lord and our family.

## **Mark and Janine Schultz**

In loving memory of Edward & June Schultz and John and Eleanor Sanders.

## **Len and Margie Taylor**

In celebration of our grandchildren.

## **Jerry and Barb Krueger**

In memory of Shawna Miller, Hattie and Wayne Krueger and Phyllis and Marvin Damschroder.

In celebration of our children, grandchildren.

## **Dawn Zima & Clark Buckley**

In loving memory of Madge Buckley, Sharon Madunicky, Mabel & Clarence Buckley, John & Josephine Zima

## **Claudia Lenarz**

In loving memory of Dawn Lenarz, Dylan & Nash Jenkins and David Iglehart.

## **Debbie and Jeremy Jenkins**

In loving memory of Dylan and Nash Jenkins and Dan Lenarz.

In celebration of Nolan Jenkins.

## **The Paine Family**

In loving memory of our grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins gone before us.

## **Pat Sauernheimer**

In loving memory of Howard & Ann Polonus

## **Cindy Shoens**

In loving memory of Rob Shoens

**Terri and Wayne Mosley**

Our children and granddaughter, Sydney

**The Gilbert Family**

In celebration of Lexie's 11<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

**The Gilbert, Holda and Naso**

In celebration of Lexie's 11<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

**The Holda Family**

In loving memory of Ilmar and Maimu Pleer

**Chuck and Kelly Tesar**

In celebration of Christ's Resurrection

**Maureen & Ron Shorts**

In Celebration of our family

In loving memory of Marilyn Baker

**Dean and Karen Miller**

In celebration of God's goodness

**The Hughes-Polly Family**

In loving memory of loved ones

**The Wojciehowski Family**

In celebration of Helga Koehler's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday on April 27, 2026

**The Rade Family**

In loving memory of Violet Swansiger

**Monica Berens**

In loving memory Susan Katonak, Sue Berens and Mary Homenik.

**Gloria Reichert**

In honor of KIDS HOPE USA and KIDS HOPE USA NEXT Mentors and Prayer Partners

**Barb and Paul Nalette**

In loving memory of Stephen Nalette, Dennis Nalette and Nancy Soper

In celebration of our children and grandchildren

**Phil and Kendra King**

In loving memory of Daniel and Karen Hostetler and Darrell King

**The Bewie Family**

In loving memory of John and Alice Bewie

**The Snyder and Hartman Family**

In loving memory of Charles Synder

**Nancy Snyder**

In celebration of my grandchildren – Morgan, John and Luca, Aaron, Ashlynn and Sam, Ryan, Madi, Adam, Evan and Emma

**The Kovach Family**

In celebration of kids and grandkids

**The Rugar Family**

In loving memory of Bobby McKelvey

**Linda Browning**

In loving memory of Marilyn Baker

**Nora Mishey**

In loving memory of Marilyn Baker

**Bob Strong**

In loving memory of Barb Strong and Steve Gall

**Rick and Chris Gonzalez**

In loving memory of Marilyn Baker

**Gladys Otto**

In loving memory of Dorothy Grugle

**Marj Gray**

In loving memory of John Gray and Bob and Katie Reese

**Bob and Brenda Jacob**

In celebration of our 44<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

# RESURRECTION CROSS DEDICATIONS

## **The Smith Whitford Family**

In loving memory of all the family who have gone before us

## **Maureen & Ron Shorts**

In loving memory of Marilyn Baker

## **Sandy and Ray Treudler**

In loving memory of Herta Schwaiger, Willi Reiser, Helga Treudler

## **Chuck & Kelly Tesar**

In loving memory of our parents and grandparents

## **The Gilbert Family**

In loving memory of Adrienne Flatland and Rev. Jane Kunzie-Brunner

## **Jackie and Jocelyn Wojciehowski**

In loving memory of Flora "Flo" Fuerst

## **Mary Ellen and Trish Nolder**

In loving memory of John, Don and Thelma Nolder and Bill and Ellen Willet

## **The Rugar Family**

In loving memory of Bobby McKelvey

## **Bob Strong**

In loving memory of Barb Strong

## **The Brighter Family**

In loving memory of Ralph and Doyne Botterman

## **The Holda Family**

In loving memory of Mary Jane Warzel

## **Bob and Brenda Jacob**

In loving memory of Ruth Jacob, Jim Jacob, Albert and Clara Kreger and Dick and Thelma Jacob

## **Len and Margie Taylor**

In loving memory of our parents.

## **Madi Snyder**

In loving memory of Charles Snyder & Trey Martens

**Rick and Chris Gonzalez**

In loving memory of George & Doris Vanecko, Hedda Gonzalez

**Mary Ellen and Trish Nolder**

In loving memory of John, Don and Thelma Nolder and Bill and Ellen Willet

**The Mosley Family**

In loving memory of all the family who have gone before us



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

## First Lutheran Church Staff

Rev. Kathleen L. Kluck

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Brenda Jacob	Controller
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Madi Snyder	KIDS HOPE NEXT USA, Director

## GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS

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Ron Uline	Kathleen Kluck
Brenda Jacob	

## MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS

Ellen Kolman	Beth Hartman
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