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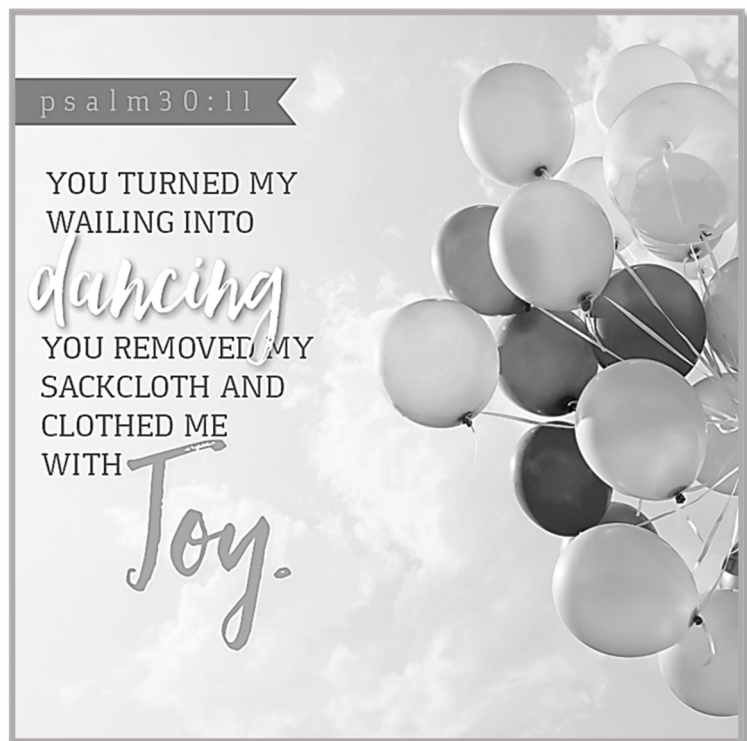
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Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome to First St. John Lutheran Church! Please review some of our guidelines below.

If you are fully vaccinated, you no longer need to wear masks. However, if you have not been vaccinated, please continue wearing a mask. We have some available to take if you don't have one. Some are cloth masks and can be taken home to wash and reuse.

The service will be recorded and published to the website. We are now live streaming the service on our church website, www.firststjohn.com

Elders will hand out the bulletins. Please do not leave your bulletin in the pew when you exit; take it home or put it in the recycling bin at the front door.

There is a small wooden church just to the right of the main door when you come in. It has a slot for your offering.

Nursery is in the church basement and is currently unstaffed; you are welcome to sit with your child. A diaper changing table is available in the ladies restroom in the basement of the church.

Restrooms are in the church basement. Go to the Narthex (lobby) and take either set of steps to the basement hallway. The ladies room is at one end, and the men's room is at the other.

Flowers: If you would like to sign up for altar flowers, there is a book in the Narthex (lobby) by the telephone. Or, you can call the church office during the week to check on availability.

Memorials: If you wish to give a memorial in honor or memory of a loved one, you may mail it in or pick up a memorial card in the church office or in the Narthex (lobby) and place it in the offering plate.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude
Ringing of the Bell

Dr. Pattin

Opening Song “Shine, Jesus, Shine” Praise Singers

Confession and Forgiveness (*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C: Amen.

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance, let us confess our sin.

(Silence is kept for reflection)

P: God, our provider, help us.

C: It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God’s mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Announcements

FIRST READING: Lamentations 3:22-26, 32-33

The book of Lamentations is one of our most important sources of information about the terrible conditions in Jerusalem after the Babylonian siege in 587 B.C. Though the people admit that God’s judgment was just, today’s reading declares a fervent trust that God will not leave them forever.

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,

his mercies never come to an end;

²³they are new every morning;

great is your faithfulness.

²⁴"The LORD is my portion," says my soul,

"therefore I will hope in him."

²⁵The LORD is good to those who wait for him,

to the soul that seeks him.

²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly

for the salvation of the LORD.

³²Although he causes grief, he will have compassion

according to the abundance of his steadfast love;

³³for he does not willingly afflict

or grieve anyone.

Reader: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 30

Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper! (Ps. 30:10)

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up,
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

²**O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.**

³O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

⁴**Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.**

⁵For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

⁶**As for me, I said in my prosperity,
“I shall never be moved.”**

⁷By your favor, O LORD, you had established me as a strong mountain;
you hid your face; I was dismayed.

⁸**To you, O LORD, I cried,
and to the LORD I made supplication:**

⁹“What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit?
Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?”

¹⁰**Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me!
O LORD, be my helper!”**

¹¹You have turned my mourning into dancing;
you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

¹²**so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.**

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(Please stand)

Gospel Acclamation *(led by Annette)*

*Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia. Alleluia.*

Gospel Acclamation

P: The Gospel according to St. Mark Chapter 5.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Mark 5:21-43

Jairus, a respected leader, begs Jesus to heal his daughter. A woman with a hemorrhage is ritually unclean, treated as an outcast in Jewish society. Both Jairus and the unnamed woman come to Jesus in faith, believing in his power to heal and bring life out of death.

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²²Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." ²⁴So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." ²⁹Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" ³¹And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" ³²He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

³⁵While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." ³⁷He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." ⁴⁰And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was.

⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Gospel Response

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON
Sermon Hymn

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

Pastor Rayl
No. 612
(led by Annette)

(Please stand)

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Offering *(As you exit, please place your offering in the wooden church in the Narthex if you have not already done so.)*

Musical Offertory

Dr. Pattin

Offering Prayer

P: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts; ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

P: Hear us, O Lord,

C: your mercy is great.

The Lord's Prayer (*prayed by all*)

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 blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and

journeys with us, † be upon you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn

"Day by Day"

No. 790

(*led by Annette*)

Postlude

Dr. Pattin

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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Annette Slater

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June 27, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Rich Girl and Poor Woman Healed

Two stories are intertwined in Mark 5. These stories seem separate at first, but parallel each other: a little girl is dying, and a woman has been sick with hemorrhaging for twelve years. The girl is the daughter of Jairus, a synagogue leader, from a rich family with status in their community. The woman, on the other hand, is poor and has been an outcast because of her blood flow, treated like a leper.

What brings these two stories together? First, both the woman and Jairus take risks of faith. The woman risks approaching Jesus in the crowd, receives healing at a secret touch, then steps forward to identify herself in front of the whole crowd instead of sneaking away like she might have wanted to do. Jairus takes a risk by falling to his knees to beg publicly for Jesus to heal his daughter. He is a synagogue leader risking humiliation among his colleagues.

The second thing weaving the stories together is that Jesus heals both girl and woman despite their great class differences. We know that Jesus is one who sides with the outcast, so it makes sense that the hemorrhaging woman is healed. And even though a little girl is normally not viewed as privileged, her father's wealth does not exclude her from healing. Jesus' great love reaches all of us no matter where we live, no matter the size of our home or bank account.

Worried that your faith might not be enough? Or have you called to Jesus for healing and not received it? Even when we do not receive the kind of miraculous healing we hear about in today's gospel, or the kind of healing we pray for, Jesus hears every one of our fears and is with us always. The unending power of Jesus' death and resurrection will ultimately heal us and all creation.