

## First St. John Lutheran Church

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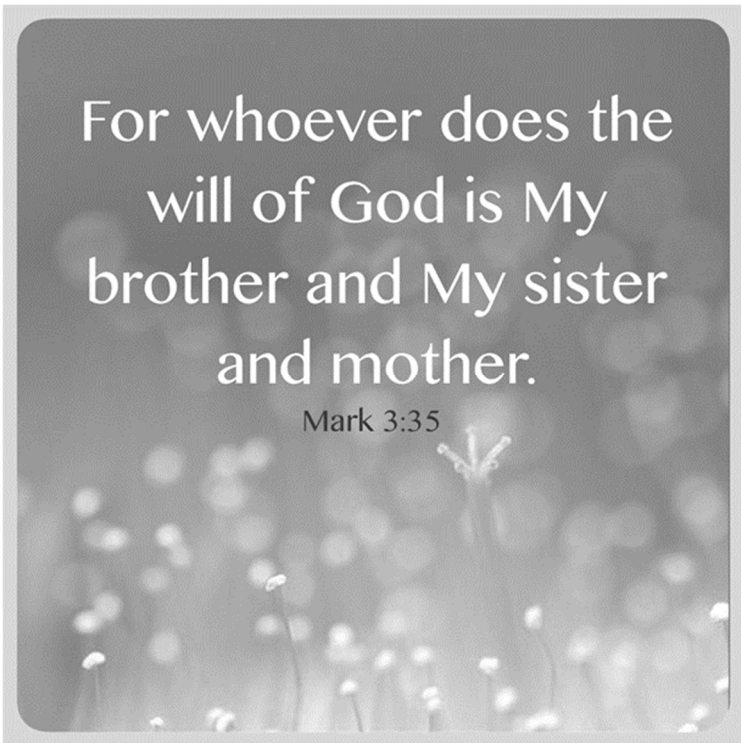
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For whoever does the  
will of God is My  
brother and My sister  
and mother.

Mark 3:35

**June 6, 2021**

**Second 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](http://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.

For your offering, there is a small wooden church just to the right of the main door when you come in. It has a slot in it 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 Dr. Pattin & Susan Stephenson  
Ringing of the Bell

Opening "Dearest Jesus, At Your Word" No. 520  
(led by Carol Haar)

**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. All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

## Announcements

### **FIRST READING: Genesis 3:8-15**

*Immediately after Adam and Eve eat the forbidden fruit, they hide from God. Neither takes responsibility for their sin, instead blaming each other, the snake, and even God. The early church understood the snake as a messianic prophecy since they associated Eve's "offspring" with Christ.*

They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup>He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." <sup>11</sup>He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" <sup>12</sup>The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." <sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." <sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,  
cursed are you among all animals  
and among all wild creatures;  
upon your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and hers;  
he will strike your head,  
and you will strike his heel."

Reader: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 130**

*Wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is steadfast love. (Ps 103:7)*

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

<sup>2</sup>**Lord, hear my voice!**

**Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!**

<sup>3</sup>If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup>**But there is forgiveness with you,  
so that you may be revered.**

<sup>5</sup>I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,  
and in his word I hope;

<sup>6</sup>**my soul waits for the Lord  
more than those who watch for the morning,  
more than those who watch for the morning.**

<sup>7</sup>O Israel, hope in the LORD!  
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,  
and with him is great power to redeem.

**<sup>8</sup>It is he who will redeem Israel  
from all its iniquities.**

## **SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1**

*Life in the present is transitory and cannot compare with the eternal home God has prepared for us. So we do not despair no matter what life might bring because we know that as God raised Jesus from the dead, God promises to bring us into eternal life.*

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, <sup>14</sup>because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup>Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

<sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, <sup>18</sup>because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

<sup>5:1</sup>For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Reader: Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand)*

## **Gospel Acclamation** *(led by Carol Haar)*

*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 3.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **GOSPEL: Mark 3:20-35**

*In response to charges that he is possessed, Jesus wonders aloud how anyone who is demon-possessed can cast out demons. Those who do the will of God are possessed by the Holy Spirit, siblings of Christ.*

And the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. <sup>21</sup>When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind."

<sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." <sup>23</sup>And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. <sup>27</sup>But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

<sup>28</sup>"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; <sup>29</sup>but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—<sup>30</sup>for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

<sup>31</sup>Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup>A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." <sup>33</sup>And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" <sup>34</sup>And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup>Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

## **Gospel Response**

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

SERMON

Pastor Rayl

Sermon Hymn "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"

No. 620 (v. 1-5) *(led by Carol Haar)*

*(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.

### **Pastoral Prayer**

P: Hear us, O Lord,

**C: your mercy is great.**

**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 & Susan Stephenson

### **Offering Prayer**

P: God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

P: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, 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.

P: 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.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

### **The Lord's Prayer** (Instrumental)

Malotte  
Susan Stephenson, violin

### **Invitation to Communion**

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

### **The Communion** *(distribution will be continuous)*

*If you wish to receive apple juice instead of wine, place your hand over your shoulder as you approach the person distributing the wine.*

*"All baptized Christians, believing that our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, bringing to us the gift of forgiveness and the promise of eternal life, are welcome to gather at the Lord's table. Infants, children and others who have not been baptized are welcome to come to receive a blessing; please make an X with your arms across your chest."*

### **Communion Hymns** *(played by Susan Stephenson & Dr. Pattin)*

*(After all have received communion, please stand.)*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and sustain you in God's grace. Amen.

### **Prayer After Communion**

P: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

**C: 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

*"Let the Whole Creation Cry"*

No. 876

*(led by Carol Haar)*

Postlude

Dr. Pattin

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***PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE***

**ELDERS**

Dick Haar, Bob Hecklinger

**GUEST ARTIST**

Susan Stephenson, violinist

**HYMN LEADER**

Carol Haar

**SOUND BOARD**

Andy Hodges



***Susan Stephenson***

Please welcome our guest artist this morning, Susan Stephenson.

Ms. Stephenson is a native of Toledo, holding Music Performance degrees both from the University of Toledo and Ohio University. She is also a Suzuki Violin teacher and a Suzuki Early Childhood Education specialist.

She is formerly from Manassas, Virginia where she was a freelance soloist. She played in several local orchestras and ensembles as well. Susan also had a violin studio and led a student performing group, Prince William Suzuki Fiddlers.

When she returned to Toledo in 2008, she started another Suzuki violin studio and Suzuki ECE Baby Class program.

She is a frequent soloist at her church (First Presbyterian, Maumee) and is an active member of the church's choir and handbell ensemble.

*Welcome to First St. John!*

## PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY

**Please purchase full size items.**

dish soap	shampoo, child	toothbrush, child
paper towels	laundry soap	tampons
toilet paper	fabric softener sheets	sanitary pads
tissues	body lotion	band aids
deodorant	body soap	toothpaste, adult
shampoo, adult	toothbrush, adult	toothpaste, child
disposable razors		

This is a list of the items that will provide a month's worth of hygiene supplies to families or individuals in our neighborhood to help them stay clean and healthy. We always welcome any donations from our congregation members. **If you would like to donate items, please donate only full size products as sample sizes will not last a month.** If you would prefer a Pantry volunteer to do the shopping for you, we welcome monetary donations. Please make out checks to First St. John Lutheran Church and write Personal Needs Pantry on the memo line.



June 6, 2021

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### United, Not Divided

A house divided against itself cannot stand. Jesus makes this observation in light of the scribes' charges that he is possessed. He *is* possessed, though not by a demon, but by the Holy Spirit. We who have received the Holy Spirit through baptism have been joined to Christ's death and resurrection and knit together in the body of Christ. Those with whom we sing and pray this day are Jesus' family. With them, we go forth in peace to do the will of God.

In 1858, as civil unrest was building toward war and fracturing the nation, President Abraham Lincoln delivered his famous "House Divided" speech. Both then and now, the Holy Spirit is present everywhere, sanctifying us all. Christians everywhere receive the gifts of the Spirit. By virtue of your baptism, you have the right and responsibility to join with your church family in renouncing the devil and all those things that defy God, rebel against God, and pull us away from God and His family.

In the *Rite of Holy Baptism* (ELW, pg. 229), parents and sponsors are asked three things: Do they renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? Do they renounce the powers of the world that rebel against God? Do they renounce the ways of sin that draw them from God? Indeed, these questions are not exclusively for parents and sponsors during baptism. Ask them of yourself, and answer them as parents and sponsors do: I Renounce Them!!

As we renounce the devil and all his evil ways, we stand united as God's chosen people—united, not divided. And so, our "house" will stand, ready to do the will of the Lord.