

First St. John Lutheran Church

2471 Seaman Street
Toledo, Ohio 43605
419-691-7222

office@firststjohn.com

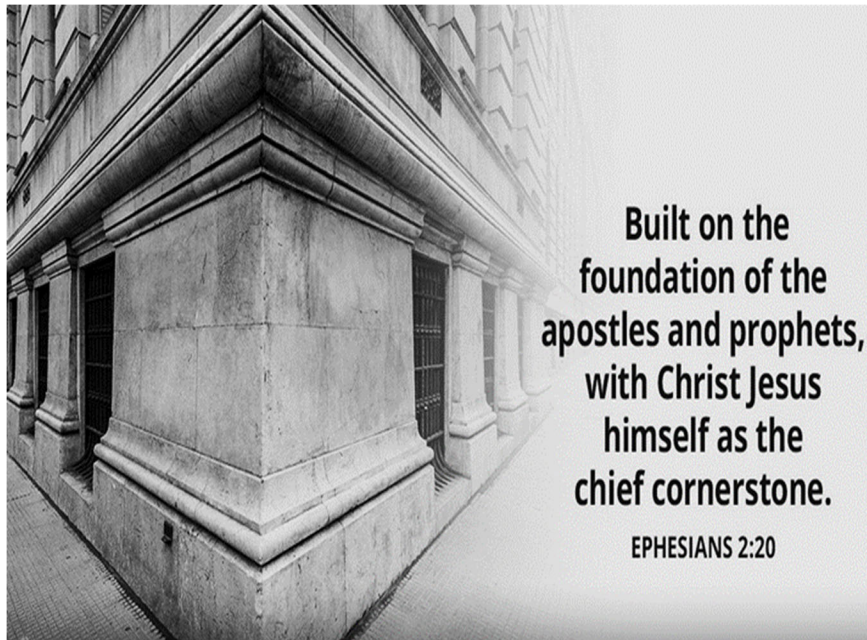
www.firststjohn.com

Rev. Jerald K. Rayl

Annette Slater - Music Director

Dr. Anthony Pattin - Organist

Jacob Kelly - Youth & Family Minister



Called through faith; Gathered in worship; Serving the community

January 16, 2022 - 10:30 am

January 16, 2022

Second Sunday of Epiphany

Welcome to First St. John Lutheran Church! We offer two services with Sunday School for youth and adults and catechism between the services. Our regular Sunday schedule is:

8:00 am	Early Worship
9:15 am	Sunday School / Catechism
10:30 am	Late Worship

Covid Guidelines: If you are fully vaccinated, you do not need to wear a mask. However, if you have not been vaccinated, please continue wearing a mask. We have some available near the entryway if you don't have one.

Livestream and Recorded Worship: We livestream the service on our church website at www.firststjohn.com. Also, the service will be recorded and published to the website.

Adult Sunday School meets at 9:15 am in the lounge (middle floor of the educational building – turn right out of the door by the choir loft).

Children ages 3 through 5th grade will meet for Sunday School in the basement of the church (the JAM Room!).

Catechism Class: Class will be held from 9:15 to 10:15 am each Sunday.

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 the Narthex (lobby) and place it in the offering plate.

ORDER OF WORSHIP—10:30 am

Prelude Dr. Pattin
Ringing of the Bell

Opening Song “Gather Us In” No. 532

Opening Dialog of Praise (Psalm 96)

P: Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

C: Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD; proclaim God’s salvation from day to day.

P: Declare God’s glory among the nations and God’s wonders among all peoples.

C: For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods.

P: As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

C: Majesty and magnificence are in your presence; power and splendor are in your sanctuary.

P: Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

C: Tell it out among the nations: “The LORD is king! The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity.”

P: Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

C: Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD, for you come to judge the earth.

P: You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your truth.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Announcements

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 6:11-14

Now the word of the LORD came to Solomon, ¹²“Concerning this house that you are building, if you will walk in my statutes, obey my ordinances, and keep all my commandments by walking in them, then I will establish my promise with you, which I made to your father David. ¹³I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake my people Israel.” ¹⁴So Solomon built the house, and finished it.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:15-22

He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Reader: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Special Music

Rachel & Amy Ackerman

(Please stand)

Alleluia Verse

*Lord, let my heart be good soil,
Open to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil,
Where love can grow
And peace is understood.*

Gospel Acclamation

P: The Gospel according to St. Matthew Chapter 28.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.

¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Gospel Response

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON

Sermon Hymn

"Built on a Rock"

Rev. Paul Doerfler

No. 652

(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.

Installation of Officers

(All newly elected and currently serving officers of WELCA, Church Council, Day School Board, and Altar Guild please come forward.)

P: The following people have been elected by the congregation to positions of leadership. We give thanks for their willingness to serve. In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that these sisters and brothers will lead us in our common life and our mutual mission as a congregation.

(The presiding minister addresses those being installed.)

P: A reading from First Corinthians: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

(1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

P: You have been elected to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation.

P: You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith bear witness to God, who gathers us into one together with the whole church.

P: You are to seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support, so that the mission of Christ is carried out in this congregation, in the wider church, in this community, and in the whole world.

P: You are to be faithful in your specific area of serving, that the Spirit who empowers you may be glorified.

P: You are to be examples of faith active in love, fostering peace, harmony, and mutual understanding in this congregation.

(The presiding minister addresses those being installed.)

P: On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you: Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices of which you have been elected?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

*(The assembly stands. Those being installed face the assembly.
The presiding minister addresses the assembly.)*

P: People of God, I ask you: Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

Response: We will, and we ask God to help us.

*(Those being installed face the presiding minister,
who addresses them.)*

P: I now declare you installed as Leaders of this congregation.

Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be faithful servants of Christ.

C: Amen.

The Offering

Chancel Choir

"One Small Child"

arr. Allen

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 Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Intercessory Prayer

P: Hear us, O God.

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 Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn
Postlude

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

No. 836
Dr. Pattin

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

GUEST PREACHER

Rev. Paul Doerfler

VOCALISTS

Rachel & Amy Ackerman

ELDERS

Darold Henninger, Kevin Ruedy

SOUND BOARD

Andy Hodges

ACOLYTES

Cam Schumaker, Jordan Cummerow

PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY

Please purchase full size items.

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

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.



Never Alone

In what do we put our faith? Whom can we trust? Sometimes it's hard to say. Doctors and scientists? Government officials and law enforcement? Friends and family? The answer is probably, "It depends." We realize that, no matter how well intentioned, these individuals are human and sometimes make mistakes. And they're not always available when we need them.

Jesus left his disciples with the assurance that they could put their trust and faith in him. As he sent them out into the world, he promised to offer more expert advice than scientists, greater protection and justice than the law, and more comfort and understanding than the dearest friend.

The disciples would need this kind of assurance to endure the hardships that lay ahead of them. In fact, Jesus had been trying to prepare them for the difficult days to come, even before his betrayal and crucifixion. Surely, as they looked back, the disciples had a better understanding of these prophetic words. They could also look back and recall Jesus' assurance that they would never be alone.

The Great Commission was Jesus' instruction to all believers, not just those present to hear the words. His words also provide reassurance. At every fork in the road, the command to share the gospel points us in the right direction. God has a plan for each of us, and has foreseen the difficult times ahead.

God wants us to know that no matter how difficult our lives become, we can trust God for guidance and comfort--even before we ask. God is also with the doctors, government officials, and family we rely on for all our earthly needs. We are never, ever alone.