

First St. John Lutheran Church

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March 6, 2022

First Sunday of Lent

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:

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| 8:00 am | Early Worship |
| 9:15 am | Sunday School / Catechism |
| 9:15 am | Adult Bible Study |
| 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.

Called through faith; Gathered in worship; Serving the community

March 6, 2022 - 10:30 am

ORDER OF WORSHIP—10:30 am

Prelude
Ringing of the Bell

Dr. Pattin

Opening Song "" No.

The Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Thanksgiving For Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the Thanksgiving begins. The water is poured into the baptismal font.

P: Just as God's work of creation never ends, so the gifts received in baptism are renewed every day. Let us give thanks together for the life given in baptism.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life: for water to bathe in, water to drink, for waters to play in and waters that inspire wonder, for water that gives life to our planet.

C: We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place: for water from the faucet, for rain and snow, for the Maumee River, Lake Erie, and all the smaller creeks and streams.

C: We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place.

P: We give you thanks for your salvation through water: for delivering Noah and his family through the floodwaters, for leading your people Israel through the sea into freedom, for preserving your prophet Elijah through the time of drought, for guiding your people across the Jordan into a new land, for quenching the Samaritan woman's thirst with living water.

C: We give you thanks, O God, for your salvation through water.

P: We give you thanks for the life of the baptized, for all who worship in your name, for godparents and baptismal sponsors, for children and grandchildren, for our brothers and sisters in Christ whom we have never seen, but to whom we are bound.

C: We give you thanks, O God for the life of all baptized.

P: We give you thanks for life in Christ through your Holy Spirit: for our entry into Jesus' death through these waters; for our new birth into a life of forgiveness of sin, redemption and service; for our calling to be your people, and for being sent out as the body of Christ for the life of the world.

C: We give you thanks, blessed and holy Trinity (+) now and forever. Amen.

Baptismal Hymn – We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus

We are baptized in Christ Jesus, we are baptized in his death;
That as Christ is raised victorious, we might live a brand new life.
And if we have been united in a dreadful death like his,
We will all be reunited, for he lives.

In the water and the witness, in the breaking of the bread,
In the waiting arms of Jesus who is risen from the dead,
God has made a new beginning from the ashes of our past;
In the losing and winning we hold fast.

Glory be to God the Father, glory be to Christ the Son,
Glory to the Holy Spirit, ever three and ever one;
As it was in the beginning, glory now resounds again
In a song that has no ending. . . . Amen.

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

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Announcements

PSALM: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

God shall charge the angels to keep you in all your ways. (Ps. 91:11)
You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
²will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust."

Because you have made the Lord your refuge,
the Most High your dwelling place,

¹⁰**no evil shall befall you,
no scourge come near your tent.**

¹¹For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.

¹²**On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.**

¹³You will tread on the lion and the adder,
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

¹⁴**Those who love me, I will deliver;
I will protect those who know my name.**

¹⁵When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.

¹⁶**With long life I will satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.**

SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b-13

Paul reminds the Christians at Rome of the foundational affirmation of those who are saved: the confession of faith in the risen Jesus as Lord.

The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart"

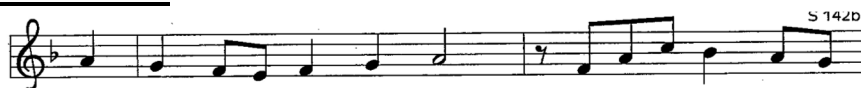
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Reader: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

Lenten Verse



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and



mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in



stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Gospel Acclamation

P: The Gospel according to St. Luke Chapter 4.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13

After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is tempted by the devil and defines what it means to be called "the Son of God."

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.' "

⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.' "

⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,'

¹¹and

'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' "

¹²Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Gospel Response

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON

Sermon Hymn

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Pastor Rayl

(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

Chancel Choir

"How Beautiful"

Twila Paris

Offering Prayer

P: Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving
and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the
cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection, through Christ
our 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.

The Blessing

P: May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and
claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your
journey into life renewed.

C: We turn to the Lord for our life and hope.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon
you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor
and give you (+) peace.

C: Amen.

Dismissal

P: Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the
Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn
Postlude

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Dr. Pattin

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

ELDERS

Dick Haar, Bob Hecklinger

SOUND BOARD

Dave Wilbarger

READER

Laura Scherer

ACOLYTES

Aubrey Swartz, Mckenna Cummerow

2022 EASTER FLOWER SALE
SPONSORED BY THE ALTAR GUILD



It's time to order the flowers that will decorate the church on Easter morning, April 17th. The price is \$10.00 per plant. You can choose a lily, daffodil, hyacinth, or tulip. Fill out the order blank below and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. The final Sunday to order will be April 3rd. Payment must accompany your order. Make checks out to: **First St. John Lutheran** and write "Easter Flowers" on the memo line.

Deadline for placing orders is Sunday, April 3rd.

Number of plants @ \$12.00 each _____ Enclosed: \$ _____

Type of plant: _____
(lily, daffodil, hyacinth, tulip)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____

In Loving Memory of (Deceased) _____

In Honor of (Living) _____

March 6, 2022

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Not Entirely Alone

The scene that Jesus encountered in today's gospel would be frightening in the best of circumstances: a Middle Eastern wilderness, an environment where one would have to battle physically and emotionally just to survive. Jesus was led, alone, into this wilderness by the Spirit. Luke reports that Jesus ate nothing at all during those forty days in the wilderness, and that he was tempted in very specific ways by the devil.

The season of Lent provides us with a time to reflect on the many ways that our faith is challenged in our daily life. In many churches today (as in the ancient church) the forty days of Lent are used by *catechumens*, or people preparing for baptism, to anticipate the commitment they will soon make to sharing in the life of the church. Those of us who are already baptized use these days to reflect on how baptism has formed us in faith, sent us as partners in Christ's mission, and equipped us for the battle against evil.

We know that life is not always easy. We face challenges and fears every day. But there is hope for us. We find this hope right away in the first verse we read from today's gospel. Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit. The Spirit didn't leave him to face the evils lurking within the desert alone. We are also filled with the Holy Spirit through our baptism into Christ. The Spirit doesn't leave us when the going gets rough. The Holy Spirit goes with us into the wildernesses of our lives, helps us confront the hard times, and supports us as we turn again to living the life God calls us to live.