

## First St. John Lutheran Church

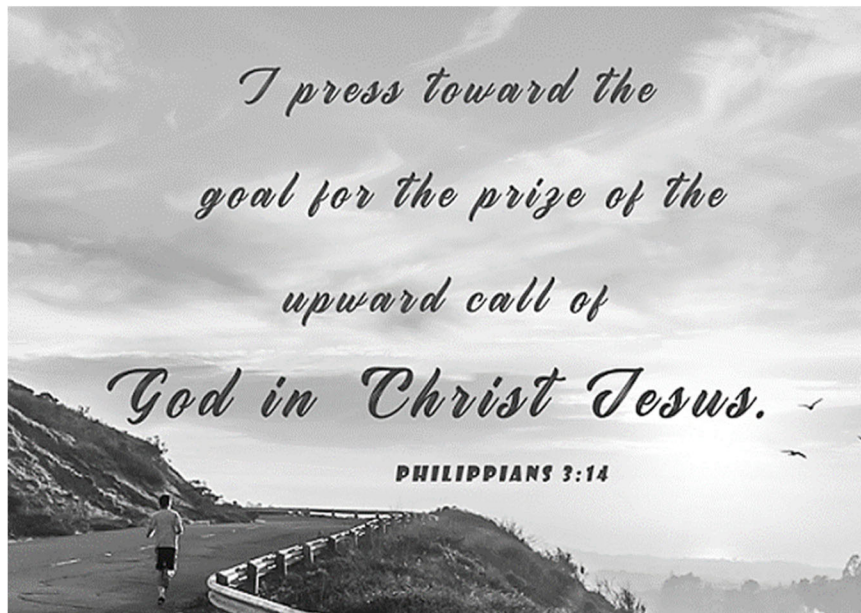
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**Called through faith; Gathered in worship; Serving the community**

**April 3, 2022 - 10:30 am**

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**Fifth 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:

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](http://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 5<sup>th</sup> 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  
Ringing of the Bell Dr. Pattin

Opening Song “Bless Now, O God, the Journey” No. 326

### The Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship 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 No. 451

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. Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### Announcements

#### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21**

*This prophet of the exile declares that long ago the Lord performed mighty deeds and delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage. Now, the Lord is about to perform another act of deliverance. This salvation leads the people to praise God.*

Thus says the LORD,  
who makes a way in the sea,  
a path in the mighty waters,

<sup>17</sup>who brings out chariot and horse,  
 army and warrior;  
 they lie down, they cannot rise,  
 they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
<sup>18</sup>Do not remember the former things,  
 or consider the things of old.  
<sup>19</sup>I am about to do a new thing;  
 now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
 I will make a way in the wilderness  
 and rivers in the desert.  
<sup>20</sup>The wild animals will honor me,  
 the jackals and the ostriches;  
 for I give water in the wilderness,  
 rivers in the desert,  
 to give drink to my chosen people,  
<sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for myself  
 so that they might declare my praise.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 126**

*Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. (Ps. 126:6)*

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,  
 we were like those who dream.

<sup>2</sup> Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
 and our tongue with shouts of joy;  
 then it was said among the nations,  
 “The Lord has done great things for them.”

<sup>3</sup> The Lord has done great things for us,  
 and we rejoiced.

<sup>4</sup> Restore our fortunes, O Lord,  
 like the watercourses in the Negeb.

<sup>5</sup> May those who sow in tears  
 reap with shouts of joy.

<sup>6</sup> Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,  
 shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

**SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14**

*Writing to Christians in Philippi, Paul admits that his heritage and reputation could give him more reason than most people to place confidence in his spiritual pedigree. But the overwhelming grace of God in Jesus calls Paul to a new set of values.*

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more:

<sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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. John Chapter 12.

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

**GOSPEL: John 12:1-8**

*Judas misunderstands Mary's extravagant act of anointing Jesus' feet with a costly perfume. Jesus recognizes the true significance of her beautiful expression of love and commitment as an anticipation of his burial.*

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead.

<sup>2</sup>There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup>"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup>(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup>Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

### **Gospel Response**

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*(Please be seated)*

SERMON  
Sermon Hymn "Word of God, Come Down on Earth" Pastor Rayl No. 510

*(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** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"  
arr. L. Larson

### **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 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" No. 588  
Postlude Dr. Pattin

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

**ELDERS**

Ted Hagedorn

**SOUND BOARD**

Dave Wilbarger

**READER**

Bob Haar

**ACOLYTES**

Jordan and 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 17<sup>th</sup>. The price is \$12.00 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. TODAY is the final Sunday to order. Payment must accompany your order. Make checks out to: **First St. John Lutheran** and write "Easter Flowers" on the memo line.

***TODAY is the Deadline for Orders.***

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

Type of plant: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(lily, daffodil, hyacinth, tulip)*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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In Loving Memory of (Deceased) \_\_\_\_\_

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In Honor of (Living) \_\_\_\_\_

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*April 3, 2022*

***FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT***

**Signs of Love**

Here near the end of Lent, the story of Mary anointing Jesus' feet points us toward the holy days to come. On Maundy Thursday we will hear about, and perhaps reenact, Jesus washing the feet of his followers. How do these two foot-washings from John's gospel relate to each other, and what do they mean for our lives as Christians?

When Jesus washed his disciples' feet, he provided an image of how his followers ought to love one another. In today's gospel, Mary models a posture of Christian service through her anointing of Jesus' feet. In performing this loving action Mary becomes an early sign of what genuine discipleship means. In other words, she "gets it" before the others.

The greatest sign of love that we will encounter again in the coming weeks is Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross for the sins of the world. In that act Christ poured himself out for all believers. Both foot-washings point to lives poured out in loving sacrifice to others. Mary's insight into what Jesus' death means, here before the passion narrative begins, helps us see what his death would come to mean for our daily living.

Through prayer, through the reading of the scriptures, and through our participation in the sacraments of baptism and communion, we too have Jesus in our midst. How do we honor his presence in our lives with our words and our actions? What signs of sacrificial love do we show others, so that they might know the welcome of a community formed by the love of Christ?