

## First St. John Lutheran Church

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

**June 12, 2022**

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**Holy Trinity**

Welcome to First St. John Lutheran Church! From September through May, we offer two services with Sunday School for youth and adults and catechism between the services. For the summer, we have just one service at 9:00 am.

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.

Sunday School & Catechism is dismissed for the summer.

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.

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

#### **ELDERS**

Dick Haar, Ted Hagedorn

#### **HYMN LEADER**

Annette Slater

#### **READER**

Tom Hartford

#### **SOUND BOARD**

Beth Huguely

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude  
Ringing of the Bell                      (Please stand)                      Dr. Pattin

Opening Song                      "Holy, Holy, Holy"                      No. 413

### Thanksgiving for Baptism

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.*

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation.

**C: For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.**

*(Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.)*

P: We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing. You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.

**C: Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness, and we pass safely through.**

P: In Jesus Christ, you calm the troubled waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us.

**C: You have become our salvation.**

P: Now, creative Holy Spirit, as you did at the moment of creation, breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.

**C: Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.**

P: To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

Hymn of Praise                      "Give Me Jesus" (vs. 1-3)                      No. 770

### 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.**

### Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### Announcements

#### **FIRST READING: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31**

*In the Bible, wisdom has many faces. It is portrayed in terms sometimes human and sometimes divine. Often, it is personified as feminine. In this passage, wisdom is depicted not only as a creation of God, but also as part of God's creative activity.*

Does not wisdom call,

and does not understanding raise her voice?

<sup>2</sup>On the heights, beside the way,  
at the crossroads she takes her stand;

<sup>3</sup>beside the gates in front of the town,  
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:

<sup>4</sup>"To you, O people, I call,  
and my cry is to all that live.

<sup>22</sup>"The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,  
the first of his acts of long ago.

<sup>23</sup>Ages ago I was set up,  
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

<sup>24</sup>When there were no depths I was brought forth,  
when there were no springs abounding with water.

<sup>25</sup>Before the mountains had been shaped,  
before the hills, I was brought forth—

<sup>26</sup>when he had not yet made earth and fields,  
or the world's first bits of soil.

<sup>27</sup>When he established the heavens, I was there,  
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

<sup>28</sup>when he made firm the skies above,  
when he established the fountains of the deep,

<sup>29</sup>when he assigned to the sea its limit,  
so that the waters might not transgress his command,

when he marked out the foundations of the earth,

<sup>30</sup>then I was beside him, like a master worker;

and I was daily his delight,  
rejoicing before him always,  
<sup>31</sup>rejoicing in his inhabited world  
and delighting in the human race."

Reader: Word of God. Word of Life.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 8**

*Your majesty is praised above the heavens. (Ps. 8:2)*

O LORD our Lord,  
how exalted is your name in all the world!  
<sup>2</sup>**Out of the mouths of infants and children  
your majesty is praised above the heavens.**  
<sup>3</sup>You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries,  
to quell the enemy and the avenger.  
<sup>4</sup>**When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,**  
<sup>5</sup>what is man that you should be mindful of him,  
the son of man that you should seek him out?  
<sup>6</sup>**You have made him but little lower than the angels;  
you adorn him with glory and honor;**  
<sup>7</sup>you give him mastery over the works of your hands;  
you put all things under his feet:  
<sup>8</sup>**all sheep and oxen,  
even the wild beasts of the field,**  
<sup>9</sup>the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,  
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.  
<sup>10</sup>**O LORD our Lord,  
how exalted is your name in all the world!**

**SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-5**

*Paul describes the life of faith with reference to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Even now, we have peace with God through Jesus, and our hope for the future is grounded in the love of God that we experience through the Spirit.*

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Reader: Word of God. Word of Life.  
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*(Please stand)*

**Gospel Acclamation**

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.  
Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.  
When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,  
warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.  
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

**Gospel Announcement**

P: The Gospel according to St. John Chapter 16.  
**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSEL: John 16:12-15**

*The Spirit, sent by the Father, reveals God's truth by glorifying the Son and making him known.*

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

**Gospel Response**

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

SERMON  
Sermon Hymn

*"Father Most Holy"*

Pastor Rayl  
No. 415

*(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** (Each petition concludes with this response)

P: God in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

**The Offering**

**Special Music**

*"Here I Am, Lord"*

Annette Slater, soloist

**Offering Prayer**

P: Let us pray. Living God, God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.

C: **Amen.**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

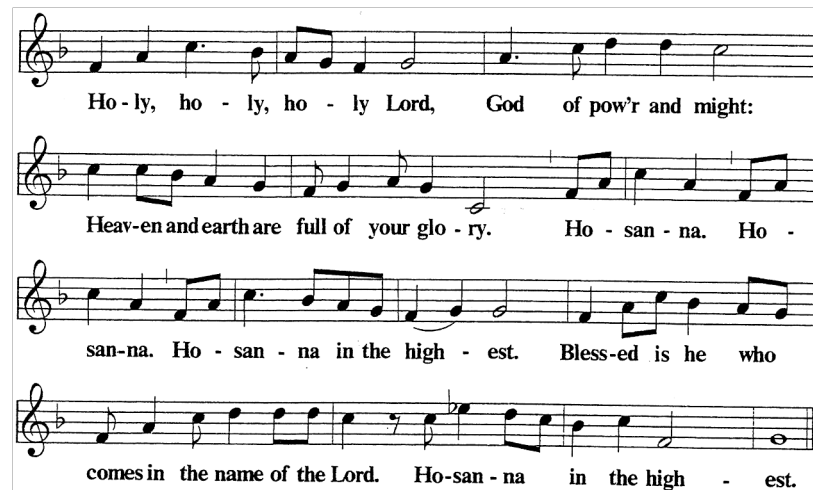
C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.

P: And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



**Thanksgiving at the Table**

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory.

P: We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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.**

P: Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.

**Invitation to Communion**

P: In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

*(Please be seated)*

**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**

*"Let Us Break Bread Together"* No. 471

*"Bread of Life From Heaven"* No. 474

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

**Communion Blessing**

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

**C: Amen.**

**Prayer After Communion**

P: Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

**C: Amen.**

**Blessing**

P: The God of peace, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

**C: Amen.**

Closing Hymn      *"Let All Things Now Living"*      No. 881

**Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude      Dr. Pattin

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**GRADUATE RECOGNITION  
SUNDAY  
June 19, 2022**



We will publicly acknowledge all our graduates from high school and college at our worship service on Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. Please plan on having your graduate attend this service as all graduates will be recognized. If you know of a graduate, please complete this form and drop it in the offering plate, mail it to the church office, or fax this page to 419-691-7220 by Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.

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NAME OF GRADUATE

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GRADUATED FROM

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DEGREE EARNED

NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:  
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FUTURE PLANS (SCHOOL, WORK, ETC.):  
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YES, WE PLAN TO BE AT THE SERVICE \_\_\_\_\_

June 12, 2022

HOLY TRINITY

**Guidance into Life**

In today's gospel, Jesus draws us into the relationship of the Holy Trinity by speaking of the work of the Holy Spirit as a guide. This guidance is reflected in many ways within the church. Baptismal sponsors act as guides for those who are to be baptized. This guidance in the ways of Christ will continue for many years. This ministry of guidance is a means by which the Holy Spirit calls the newly baptized to holy living and sustains them in faith. Ever since the ascension of Jesus, the church has named the triune God--Father, Son, and Holy Spirit --when baptizing new people into God's family. We continue to gather each Lord's day as an assembly of the baptized, Christians, to be reminded of the Holy One to whom we belong and from whom we draw our life.

The truth into which the Spirit guides us is that we too are offered a share in the glory of the triune God. Paul expresses this truth when he says we have "peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom. 5:1). Further, Paul says, even in our sufferings we experience God's gifts of endurance, character, and hope, "because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us" (Romans 5:5). The guidance of the Holy Spirit continues in our lives of faith until at the last, the whole church stands before the throne of God and joins in heavenly worship proclaiming the mystery of faith, "Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come" (Rev. 4:8).