

## First St. John Lutheran Church

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

**July 3, 2022**

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**Fourth Sunday After Pentecost**

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***

#### **GUEST MUSICIAN**

Robert Duris

#### **ELDERS**

Jeff Ladd, Dave Wilbarger

#### **HYMN LEADER**

Annette Slater

#### **READER**

Tom Hartford

#### **SOUND BOARD**

Dave Wilbarger

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude  
Ringing of the Bell

Dr. Pattin / Robert Duris

Opening Song      *"Morning Has Broken"*      No. 556

### 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. O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### Announcements

#### **PSALM: Psalm 66:1-9**

*All the earth bows down before you and sings out your name. (Ps. 66:4)*

Be joyful in God, all you lands;  
be joyful, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup>**Sing the glory of God's name;  
sing the glory of God's praise.**

<sup>3</sup>Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!  
Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

<sup>4</sup>**All the earth bows down before you,  
sings to you, sings out your name."**

<sup>5</sup>Come now and see the works of God,  
how awesome are God's deeds toward all people.

<sup>6</sup>**God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the  
water on foot,  
and there we rejoiced in God.**

<sup>7</sup>Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations;  
let no rebels exalt themselves.

<sup>8</sup>**Bless our God, you peoples;  
let the sound of praise be heard.**

<sup>9</sup>Our God has kept us among the living  
and has not allowed our feet to slip.

#### **READING: Galatians 6:6-10, 14-16**

*Paul insists that all people are made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ. He offers practical advice about how people who believe this truth will live, exercising common concern for one another in "the family of faith."*

Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

<sup>7</sup>Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow.

<sup>8</sup>If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup>So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup>So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

<sup>14</sup>May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. <sup>15</sup>For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! <sup>16</sup>As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Reader: Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(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 Acclamation**

P: The Gospel according to St. Luke Chapter 10.

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

### **GOSPEL: Luke 10:1-11**

*Jesus commissions his followers to go where he would go and do what he would do. Risking hardship and danger, they offer peace and healing as signs that the reign of God is near.*

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup>Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup>Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup>Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' <sup>6</sup>And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you.

<sup>7</sup>Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house.

<sup>8</sup>Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup>cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' <sup>10</sup>But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup>'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

### **Gospel Response**

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*(Please be seated)*

SERMON

Pastor Rayl

Sermon Hymn "Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak" No. 676

*(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.**

*(Please be seated)*

### **The Offering**

## Offertory Music

Dr. Pattin / Robert Duris

*"Heaven Came Down, and Glory Filled My Soul"* arr. Innes

## 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.

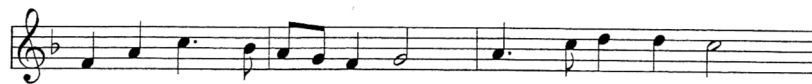
C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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.

### **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."*

*(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.**

*(Please be seated)*

### **Fourth of July Presentation**

*God bless America, land that I love.  
Stand beside her and guide her  
Through the night with the light from above.*

*From the mountains to the prairies  
To the oceans white with foam,  
God bless America, my home sweet home.  
God bless America, my home sweet home. (repeat)*

*(Please stand)*

### **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 "O Beautiful, for Spacious Skies" No. 888

### **Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Dr. Pattin / Robert Duris

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## **Welcome, Robert Duris!**



Robert Duris is the worship music accompanist at First Congregational Church in Toledo under the leadership of Pastor Larry Vriezelaar. In June of 2021, Robert retired from the Toledo Public Schools after 34 years as a music specialist.

He received both his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Toledo. As an undergraduate, Robert studied piano with Anthony Pattin, being his first graduated piano major student. Robert completed his student teaching with cooperating teacher Fred Schmidt at Eisenhower Junior High and Clay High School.

As a freelance accompanist, Robert has accompanied and directed area musical productions at the Toledo Rep, Today Productions, and the Valentine Theatre. He's also been a judge for numerous vocal and instrumental student competitions. Robert is a former accompanist of the David Carter Symphonic Choir of Greater Toledo, a choir that is now known as the David Carter Symphonic Choir Forever.

One of Robert's favorite Bible verses is Hebrews 13:8

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

# PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY

Please purchase full size items.

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| 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.



## Tools of the Harvest

When the vineyards, orchards, and wheat farms are ready for harvest, laborers set out with appropriate tools to work in the fields. In today's gospel, Jesus told his followers that the mission of proclaiming the kingdom of God would be like laborers going into a plentiful harvest. There was a sense of urgency as Jesus appointed seventy of his followers to represent his mission and prepare in advance the towns and villages through which he would travel. They were instructed to take nothing that would compromise their work.

Theirs would be the simple tools of peace. The first tool was their own person unencumbered by an extra purse, bag, or sandals. It was as if Jesus were saying, "Be confident. God will provide for you." The second tool was a companion. Jesus sent his laborers out in pairs. The third tool was the very heart of their work, to proclaim peace. The disciples were empowered to bring God's blessing of peace to those who were open to receiving it. The fourth tool was receptivity. They were to be content with the hospitality offered to them, staying in one place and eating and drinking what was offered. A fifth and final tool was the gift of healing as a sign that the kingdom of God had come near to them. But they were not to take tools of condemnation.

We too are urgently sent forth from this assembly to be laborers in a plentiful harvest of human need. The tools of our work are simple. We are sent to proclaim God's blessing of peace. It is not important for us to count the accomplishments of this labor. Rather, we are to be faithful in our work and rejoice that our names are written in heaven alongside the first followers of Jesus.