

June 15, 2025

The Holy Trinity

Welcome to First St. John Lutheran Church! Through the Summer months we offer one service. Holy Communion will be celebrated every Sunday throughout the Summer.

9:00 am Worship

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

SMILE! YOU'RE ON CAMERA: Please remember you may be on camera during the livestream and the recording of the service.

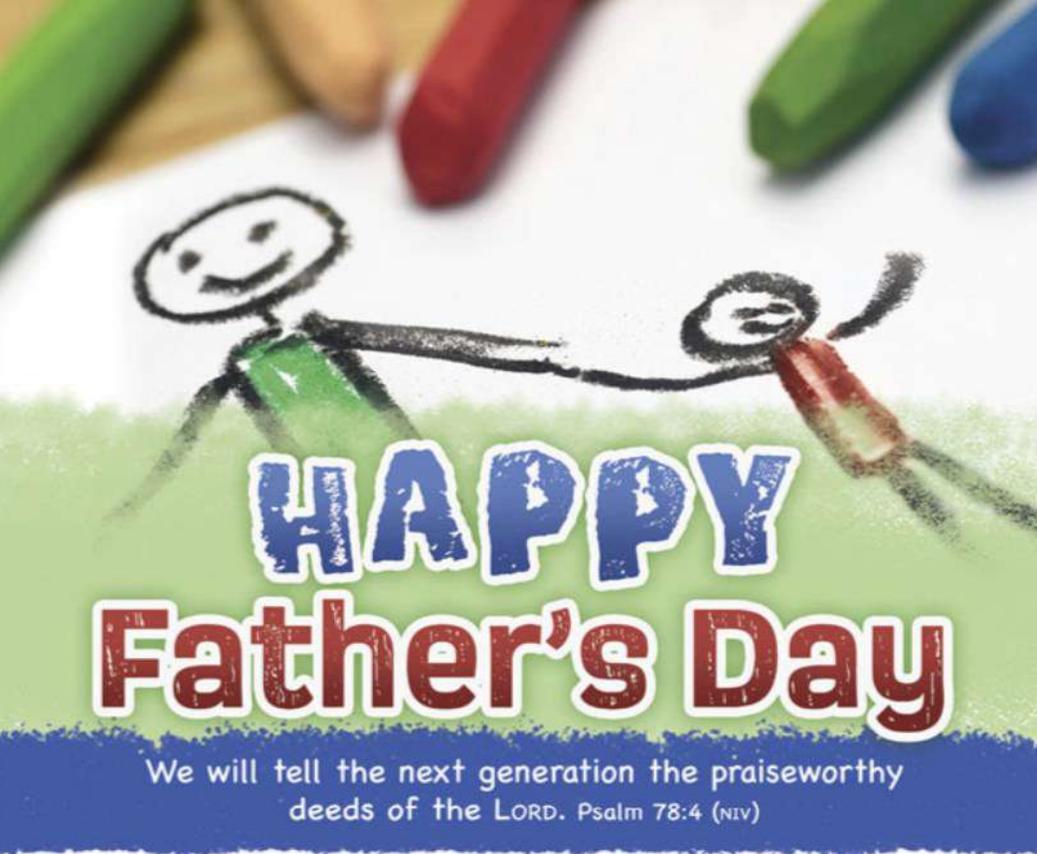
IMPORTANT REMINDER: Please remember to silence your cell phone before church begins. Thanks!

NURSERY is in the church basement and is now available during 2nd Service each week; you are welcome to sit with your child as well. 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 lounge. 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.



ORDER OF WORSHIP—9:00 am

Prelude Dr. Anthony Pattin

Ringing of the Bell

Opening Hymn “Holy God, We Praise Your Name” No. 414

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

C: you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

P: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God’s children through faith. In the cross of ☩ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C: Amen.

Hymn “We are Baptized in Christ Jesus” v. 1-2 No. 451
(printed below)

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 the winning we hold fast.

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

C: And also with you.

P: Let us share the peace of the Lord.

The congregation may greet one another by shaking hands, fist bumping, or any other form of greeting with the words, “Peace be

with you.” We conclude the sharing of the peace by singing:

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

The Greeting and Prayer

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.

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.

(Please be seated)

Announcements

Introduction

“O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!” Today we celebrate the holy Trinity. Paul writes that through Jesus we have peace with God, whose love pours into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, giving us lasting hope. We celebrate the gracious One-in-Three, eternal Three-in-One, as we worship in community; as we share water and word, bread and wine; and as we bring God’s love and hope to our neighbors.

FIRST READING: Proverbs 8:1, 22-31

In the Bible, wisdom is portrayed in terms sometimes human and sometimes divine. Often, wisdom is personified as feminine. In this passage, Woman Wisdom is depicted not only as the first creation of God, but also as God’s helper, rejoicing in God’s creation, especially in human beings.

- ¹ Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?
²² The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.
²³ Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
²⁴ When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
²⁵ Before the mountains had been shaped,

before the hills, I was brought forth—
²⁶ when he had not yet made earth and fields,
 or the world's first bits of soil.
²⁷ When he established the heavens, I was there,
 when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
²⁸ when he made firm the skies above,
 when he established the fountains of the deep,
²⁹ 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,
³⁰ then I was beside him, like a master worker;
 and I was daily his delight,
 rejoicing before him always,
³¹ 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 - Congregation responds in **BOLD**.

¹O LORD, our Sovereign,
 how majestic is your name in all the earth!
 You have set your glory above the heavens.

²**Out of the mouths of babes and infants
 you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
 to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

³When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
 the moon and the stars that you have established;
⁴**what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
 mortals that you care for them?**

⁵Yet you have made them a little lower than God,
 and crowned them with glory and honor.

⁶**You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
 you have put all things under their feet,**

⁷all sheep and oxen,
 and also the beasts of the field,

⁸**the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
 whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

⁹O LORD, our Sovereign,
 how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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 Christ's Holy Spirit.

¹ Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² 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. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ 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.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

Gospel Acclamation *(sung by the congregation)*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Announcement

P: The Gospel according to St. John Chapter 16.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 16:12-15

Jesus' ongoing presence with the disciples will be made known through the coming Spirit who will guide them and communicate to them Jesus' will and glory.

[Jesus said,] ¹² “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ 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.

SERMON

(Please be seated)

Pastor Rayl

Sermon Hymn “*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!*” No. 413

(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: Hear us, O Lord,

C: your mercy is great.

(Please be seated)

The Offering

Musical Offertory

Dr. Anthony Pattin

Offering Prayer

P: Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as your
were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the
offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world.

C: Amen.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION - *Presentation of graduates and the
Dave Winslow Memorial Scholarship Winner. Please follow the
liturgy below making the responses for the congregation. Graduate
bios are on page 13.*

A Litany of Thanks for Graduates

P: Dear Lord, we thank You for blessing these graduates with the

gift of education. We thank You for their achievements and ask You
to be with them as they take the next steps in their lives. As they
do, Lord, we ask You to give them wisdom. In Jesus’ name.

C: Amen.

(To the graduates.)

P: Graduates, let the words of the Lord in Proverbs 3 speak to you
today. The Lord says, “Do not forget My teaching, but let your heart
keep My commandments.” (v. 1)

**C: “For the length of days and years of life and peace they will
add to you.” (v. 2)**

P: “Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them
around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart.” (v. 3)

**C: “So you will find favor and good success in the sight of
God and of people.” (v. 4)**

P: Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own
insight. “In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make
straight your paths.” (v. 6)

**C: “Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away
from evil. It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to
your body.” (vs. 7, 8)**

P: “Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first-fruits of all
your produce;” (v. 9) Do not despise the Lord’s discipline or be
weary of His reproof,” (v. 11) “for the Lord reproves the one whom
He loves, as a father does the child in whom he delights.” (v. 12)

**C: Blessed is the one who finds wisdom, and the one who gets
understanding.” (v. 13)**

P: Let us pray. Lord God, we commend these young people to
Your care, asking You in all things to watch over them and to keep
them in Your grace in Christ Jesus.

**C: Help them when they share their troubles with You. Hear
and bless them when they ask for Your help and guidance.**

P: Help them to be strong in their faith in Jesus Christ, who lived,
died, and rose again so that we may know the Father’s love and
live in the Father’s grace. “Walk in love, as Christ loved us and
gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to
God” (Ephesians 5:2). Remember God’s love.

C: Remember our love and support for you our sisters and brothers in the family of God.

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Graduates: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

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 our 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, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on the tree of the cross gave salvation to all, that, where death began, there life might be restored, and that he, who by a tree once overcame, might by a tree be overcome. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: We ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C: Amen, amen, amen.

P: Hear us as we pray:

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: The risen Christ invites us to this table.

C: Come, eat and be satisfied.

(Please be seated)

The Communion *(distribution will be continuous)*

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."

If you wish to receive apple juice instead of wine, place your hand

over your shoulder as you approach the person distributing the wine.

(After all have received communion, please stand.)

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

C: Amen.

Prayer after Communion

P: Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, (+) Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

"Father Most Holy"

No. 415

Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Dr. Anthony Pattin

***Congratulations to our 2025 graduates, and
Happy Father's Day to all the dads, grandfathers,
and men who have been an influence to the
children in their lives. May God continue to bless
you!***

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

ELDERS

Bob Haar

Sherrie Haar

READER

Bob Haar

SOUND BOARD

Andy Hodges

GRADUATE
RECOGNITION – 2025



Aimee Haar

Franklin University

Aimee graduated Cum Laude from Franklin University in Columbus, Ohio with a Bachelor's Degree in Information Technology. She is the daughter of Bob & Sherrie Haar.

FUTURE PLANS: Aimee plans to continue working in the field of Cyber Security.

Aubrey Hess

Toledo School for the Arts

Aubrey is a 2025 graduate of Toledo School for the Arts, where she majored in Music, Theatre, and Dance. She is the daughter of Jeff & Jennifer Hess. She is also the 2025 Winslow Scholarship Recipient.

FUTURE PLANS: Aubrey plans to attend Ohio Northern University in the Fall where she will pursue a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Musical Theatre, with a minor in Dance and Social Media Marketing.

*Congratulations
to our graduates!*

PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY
URGENT NEEDS!

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		

**denotes high need item*

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.



A NEW WAY TO GIVE AT FSJ!

We now offer an even easier way to tithe or give to First St. John. You can now scan the QR code below or go to:
<https://secure.myvanco.com/YKCE/home>
To setup one-time, or regularly scheduled offerings and designate your gifts to specific funds.

You can also download the FREE Vanco Mobile App available for Apple and Android phones. Follow the instructions in the app to set-up your offering with First St. John.

Don't worry! We still will continue to accept offerings in forms of cash or check in the offering plate or mailed to the church office: 2471 Seaman St., Toledo, Ohio 43605.



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Scan the QR code
or
go to



www.firststjohn.com
Navigate to the 'Donate' Tab

JUNE 15, 2025

THE 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).