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The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
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*St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church exists by the grace of God to be the body of Christ in Holbrook. Therefore, we proclaim God's word to the world, teach the faithful, administer the sacraments, and show the love of Christ in care for our community.
Welcome! Every person who comes to worship is a special gift from God. Thank you for being with us today!*

Serving in God's house

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. George Kirkup
Readers: Scott Krause (9am), Don Karnik (11am)
Organist: Marie Diane Melfi

Stand

Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

LSB 609:1

Jesus sinners doth receive; oh, may all this saying ponder
Who in sin's delusions live and from God and heaven wander!
Here is hope for all who grieve: Jesus sinners doth receive.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession... I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 143

Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!

I have fled to you for refuge!

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

Enter not into judgment with your servant,
for no one living is righteous before you.



C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!

I have fled to you for refuge!

C Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

P Glory be to God on High,

C and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee.

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

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P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray...

C Amen.

A The Old Testament Reading for the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost is from Genesis, chapter fifty.

When Joseph’s brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, “It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him.” So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this command before he died, ‘Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.’ And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, “Behold, we are your servants.” But Joseph said to them, “Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones.” Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 103:1–12

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!
**Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,**
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
**who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**
who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.
**The LORD works righteousness
and justice for all who are oppressed.**
He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.
**The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**
He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
**He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
**as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

A The Epistle is from Romans, chapter fourteen.

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God."

So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

ALLELUIA

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HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21–35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

Then Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed,

and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles’ Creed

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Sit

Come Down, O Love Divine

LSB 501:1,3

- 1 Come down, O Love divine; seek Thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with Thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near; within my heart appear,
And kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.
- 3 Let holy charity mine outward vesture be
And lowliness become mine inner clothing—
True lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part,
And o’er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

SERMON

“The Calculus of Forgiveness”

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

(11AM only continue to SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT)

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LORD’S PRAYER

COLLECT FOR THE WORD

P Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, You have caused ... through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

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P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord life up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen, amen, amen.

Where Charity and Love Prevail

LSB 845:1–2

- 1 Where charity and love prevail there God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ's love by love are we thus bound.
- 2 With grateful joy and holy fear His charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and soul now love Him in return.

Sung Benediction

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.
The Lord bless you. The Lord keep you. Alleluia. Amen

In Holy Communion, our Lord invites us to eat and drink His true body and blood. In preparation for this sacrament, each communicant will examine himself and come to the Lord's Table seeking forgiveness of sins. As the catechism says, "a person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: 'Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.'" Therefore we expect all communicants to have been baptized, instructed in the Christian faith, repent of their sins, and believe that Jesus here offers His true body and blood for their forgiveness.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And with thy spirit.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.
- C** **It is meet and right so to do.**
- P** It is truly meet right and salutary ... evermore praising God and saying:
- C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;**
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

LORD'S PRAYER (11am only)

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **Amen.**

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Lord Jesus, Think on Me
Holy Spirit, Light Divine

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- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
- C** **and His mercy endureth forever.**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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