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The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

Stand

Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear

LSB 908

- 1 Lord, open now my heart to hear, and through Your Word to me draw near;
Let me Your Word e'er pure retain; let me Your child and heir remain.
- 2 Your Word inspires my heart within; Your Word grants healing from my sin;
Your Word has pow'r to guide and bless; Your Word brings peace and happiness.
- △3 To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,
Shall glory, praise, and honor be now and throughout eternity.

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 28

The LORD is the strength of his people;
he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

**To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me,
lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.**

Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help,
when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.

Blessèd be the LORD!

for he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;
my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.



G 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.

The LORD is the strength of his people;
he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

G 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

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 35:4–7a

A The Old Testament Reading for the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost is from Isaiah, chapter thirty-five.

Say to those who have an anxious heart,

“Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God
will come with vengeance,
with the recompense of God.

He will come and save you.”

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

For waters break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 146

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in princes,

in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

When his breath departs he returns to the earth;

on that very day his plans perish.

Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the LORD his God,

who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,

who keeps faith forever;

who executes justice for the oppressed,

who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The LORD will reign forever,

your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

A The Epistle is from James, chapter two.

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place,” while you say to the poor man, “You stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet,” have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

ALLELUIA

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HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 7:31–37

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

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

Then [Jesus] returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Sit

Praise the Almighty

LSB 797:1, 3

- 1 Praise the Almighty, my soul, adore Him! Yes, I will laud Him until death;
With songs and anthems I come before Him as long as He allows me breath.
From Him my life and all things came; bless, O my soul, His holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 Blessèd, oh, blessèd are they forever whose help is from the Lord Most High,
Whom from salvation can nothing sever, and who in hope to Christ draw nigh.
To all who trust in Him, our Lord will aid and counsel now afford.
Alleluia, alleluia!

SERMON

“What Are You Talking About?”

Stand

OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

(11AM only continue to SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT)

LORD’S PRAYER

COLLECT TO RECEIVE THE WORD

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 lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.
C Amen, amen, amen.

O Son of God, in Galilee

LSB 841:1-3

- 1 O Son of God, in Galilee You made the deaf to hear,
The mute to speak, the blind to see; O blessèd Lord, be near.
- 2 O listen to the silent prayer of Your afflicted ones.
O bid them cast on You their care; Your grace to them make known.

- 3 The speechless tongue, the lifeless ear You can restore, O Lord;
Your “Ephphatha,” O Savior dear, can instant help afford.

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.**

Sit

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O Christ, Our True and Only Light

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How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

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NUNC DIMITTIS

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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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