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*The Ninth 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. George Kirkup  
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#### Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread

*LSB 625:1-3*

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread, may I in grace possess You.  
Let me with holy food be fed, in hunger I address You.  
Prepare me well for You, O Lord, and, humbly by my prayer implored,  
Give me Your grace and mercy.
- 2 To pastures green, Lord, safely guide, to restful waters lead me;  
Your table well for me provide, Your wounded hand now feed me.  
Though weary, sinful, sick, and weak, refuge in You alone I seek,  
To share Your cup of healing.
- 3 O bread of heav'n, my soul's delight, for full and free remission  
I come with prayer before Your sight in sorrow and contrition.  
Your righteousness, Lord, cover me that I receive You worthily,  
Assured of Your full pardon.

#### 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 147*

You open your hand;  
you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

**Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;  
make melody to our God on the lyre!**

He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth;  
he makes grass grow on the hills.

**He gives to the beasts their food,  
and to the young ravens that cry.**

His delight is not in the strength of the horse,  
nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,  
**but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,  
in those who hope in his steadfast love.**



You open your hand;  
you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

☐ **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

☐ **Glory be to God on high:**

☐ **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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### OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Jeremiah 23:1–6*

Ⓐ The Old Testament Reading for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost is from Jeremiah, chapter twenty-three.

“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the LORD. Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the LORD.

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’

Ⓐ This is the Word of the Lord.

Ⓒ **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM

*Psalms 23*

The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures.**

**He leads me beside still waters.**

He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.

**Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

### EPISTLE

*Ephesians 2:11–22*

Ⓐ The Epistle is from Ephesians, chapter two.

Remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you

who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

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ALLELUIA

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HOLY GOSPEL

*Mark 6:30–44*

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

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

The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. And he said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.” But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” And they said to him, “Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?” And he said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go and see.” And when they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.” Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. And taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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## The Church's One Foundation

LSB 644:1–2, 4

- 1 The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is His new creation by water and the Word.  
From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.
- 2 Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses with ev'ry grace endued.
- 4 Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore  
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

### SERMON

### “Doing the Job Right”

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### OFFERTORY

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### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

### 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.

## The King of Love My Shepherd Is

LSB 709:1–2, 5–6

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am His and He is mine forever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul He leadeth  
And, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.
- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth;  
And, oh, what transport of delight from Thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise within Thy house forever!

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.**

### 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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### AGNUS DEI

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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.**

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