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The Festival of St. Peter and St. Paul

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

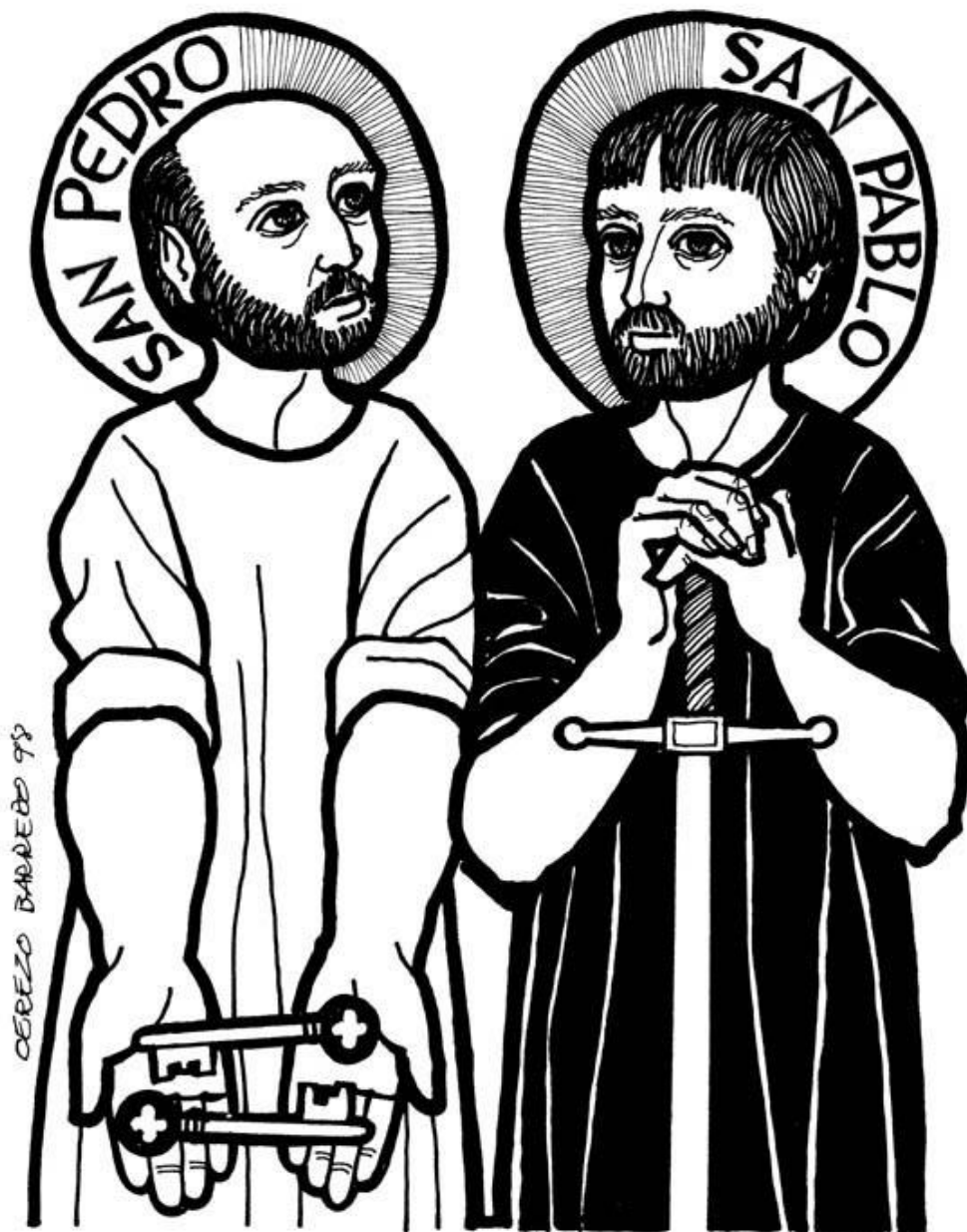
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St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church exists by the grace of God to be the body of Christ in Holbrook. Therefore, we proclaim God's word to the world, teach the faithful, administer the sacraments, and show the love of Christ in care for our community.

Serving in God's house

Presiding Minister:

Rev. George Kirkup

Readers:

Lenox Debra (9AM), Don Karnik (11AM)

Organist:

Doreen Leonard

Stand

May God Bestow on Us His Grace

LSB 823

- 1 May God bestow on us His grace, with blessings rich provide us;
And may the brightness of His face to life eternal guide us,
That we His saving health may know, His gracious will and pleasure,
And also to the nations show Christ's riches without measure
And unto God convert them.
- 2 Thine over all shall be the praise and thanks of ev'ry nation;
And all the world with joy shall raise the voice of exultation.
For Thou shalt judge the earth, O Lord, nor suffer sin to flourish;
Thy people's pasture is Thy Word their souls to feed and nourish,
In righteous paths to keep them.
- △ 3 O let the people praise Thy worth, in all good works increasing;
The land shall plenteous fruit bring forth, Thy Word is rich in blessing.
May God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit bless us!
Let all the world praise Him alone, let solemn awe possess us.
Now let our hearts say, "Amen!"

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 89

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O LORD,]
and shall not be put to shame.

**I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.**

Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

**Blessed are the people who know the festal shout,
who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face,
who exult in your name all the day
and in your righteousness are exalted.**



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.

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O LORD,]
and shall not be put to shame.

KYRIE

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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

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FIRST READING

Acts 15:1–12

[A] The First Reading for the Festival of St. Peter and St. Paul is from Acts, chapter fifteen.

But some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.” And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and the elders about this question. So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, describing in detail the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the brothers. When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they declared all that God had done with them. But some believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees rose up and said, “It is necessary to circumcise them and to order them to keep the law of Moses.”

The apostles and the elders were gathered together to consider this matter. And after there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, “Brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them, by giving them the Holy Spirit just as he did to us, and he made no distinction between us and them, having cleansed their hearts by faith. Now, therefore, why are you putting God to the test by placing a yoke on the neck of the disciples that neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear? But we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will.”

And all the assembly fell silent, and they listened to Barnabas and Paul as they related what signs and wonders God had done through them among the Gentiles.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 46

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**

**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.

**The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**Come, behold the works of the LORD,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.**

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.

“Be still, and know that I am God.

I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”

The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

A The Epistle is from Galatians, chapter two.

Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me. I went up because of a revelation and set before them (though privately before those who seemed influential) the gospel that I proclaim among the Gentiles, in order to make sure I was not running or had not run in vain. But even Titus, who was with me, was not forced to be circumcised, though he was a Greek. Yet because of false brothers secretly brought in—who slipped in to spy out our freedom that we have in Christ Jesus, so that they might bring us into slavery—to them we did not yield in submission even for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you. And from those who seemed to be influential (what they were makes no difference to me; God shows no partiality)—those, I say, who seemed influential added nothing to me. On the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been entrusted with the gospel to the circumcised (for he who worked through Peter for his apostolic ministry to the circumcised worked also through me for mine to the Gentiles), and when James and Cephas and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given to me, they gave the right hand of fellowship to Barnabas and me, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. Only, they asked us to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA

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HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13–19

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Sit

Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head

LSB 647:1–2, 4

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's head, You are her one foundation;
In You she trusts, before You bows, and waits for Your salvation.
Built on this rock secure, Your Church shall endure
Though all the world decay and all things pass away. O hear, O hear us, Jesus!
- 2 O Lord, let this Your little flock, Your name alone confessing,
Continue in Your loving care, true unity possessing.
Your sacraments, O Lord, and Your saving Word
To us, Lord, pure retain. Grant that they may remain. Our only strength and comfort.
- 4 And for Your Gospel let us dare to sacrifice all treasure;
Teach us to bear Your blessed cross, to find in You all pleasure.
O grant us steadfastness in joy and distress, lest we, Lord, You forsake.
Let us by grace partake of endless joy and gladness.

SERMON

“Sharing the Spotlight”

Stand

OFFERTORY

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

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, and confirmed 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

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Sit

AGNUS DEI

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I Bind unto Myself Today

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Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray

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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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SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS

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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.

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

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1 My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;

No merit of my own I claim but wholly lean on Jesus' name. *Refrain*

ref On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;

All other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;

In ev'ry high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

3 His oath, His covenant and blood support me in the raging flood;

When ev'ry earthly prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

4 When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in Him be found,

Clothed in His righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before His throne! *Refrain*

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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



IN OUR PRAYERS: Joyce Barbagallo, Barbara, Terry Stapleton, Tara Grey, Lenora Debra, Linda Konecny, Ralph Ciniglio, David Perry, Richie LaPresti, Charles Swait

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OUR CHILDREN: Andrew Zeo, Liam Balroop, Thomas Cataldo, Mars Crowley

FRIENDS OF ST. JOHN'S: Nancy Cataldo, Rebecca Shannon, Erin Nicole Kuerner, Ken Skjeveland, Jacquelyn Berntsen, Frank Sandmeyer, Balmick Persaud, Beth Laine Mattarella, Bob Selkirk, Carolyn Gronlund, Shirley Koenig

VBS!! — Our annual VBS program will be held **August 18–22** in the mornings. Please pick up registration forms and contact Marilyn to volunteer to help.

Golf Outing — Our sister church, St. John's in Sayville, is holding a golf outing on Thursday, July 31 to benefit community needs, including our food pantry.