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The Seventh 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
Readers: Lennox Debra (9AM), Don Karnik (11AM)
Organist: Doreen Leonard

Stand

Father Most Holy

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- 1 Father most holy, merciful, and tender; Jesus, our Savior, with the Father reigning;
Spirit of comfort, advocate, defender, light never waning;
- 2 Trinity blessed, unity unshaken, goodness unbounded, very God of heaven,
Light of the angels, joy of those forsaken, hope of all living,
- 3 Maker of all things, all Thy creatures praise Thee; all for Thy worship were and are created;
Now, as we also worship Thee devoutly, hear Thou our voices.
- △4 Lord God Almighty, unto Thee be glory, one in three persons, over all exalted!
Glory we offer, praise Thee and adore Thee, now and forever.

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 119 ¶

Call upon me in the day of trouble;

I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.

With my whole heart I cry; answer me, O LORD!

I will keep your statutes.

I call to you; save me,

that I may observe your testimonies.

I rise before dawn and cry for help;

I hope in your words.

My eyes are awake before the watches of the night,

that I may meditate on your promise.

Hear my voice according to your steadfast love;

O LORD, according to your justice give me life.



☐ 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.

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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 18:16–23

☐ The Old Testament Reading for the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost is from Genesis, chapter eighteen.

Then the men set out from there, and they looked down toward Sodom. And Abraham went with them to set them on their way. The Lord said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing righteousness and justice, so that the

Lord may bring to Abraham what he has promised him.” Then the LORD said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.”

So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. Then Abraham drew near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” And the LORD said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.”

Abraham answered and said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” Again he spoke to him and said, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” He said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.” And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 138

I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;

**I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your
steadfast love and your faithfulness,
for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.**

On the day I called, you answered me;
my strength of soul you increased.

**All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth,
and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.**

**For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,
but the haughty he knows from afar.**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand
against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me.

**The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures
forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

A The Epistle is from Colossians, chapter two.

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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ALLELUIA

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HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 11:1–13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” And he said to them, “When you pray, say: “Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins

for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And lead us not into temptation.”

And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything’? I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. And I tell you, ask, and it will be given

to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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Our Father, Who from Heaven Above

LSB 766:1–4

- 1 Our Father, who from heav'n above bids all of us to live in love
As members of one family and pray to You in unity,
Teach us no thoughtless words to say but from our inmost hearts to pray.
- 2 Your name be hallowed. Help us, Lord, in purity to keep Your Word,
That to the glory of Your name we walk before You free from blame.
Let no false teaching us pervert; all poor deluded souls convert.
- 3 Your kingdom come. Guard Your domain and Your eternal righteous reign.
The Holy Ghost enrich our day with gifts attendant on our way.
Break Satan's pow'r, defeat his rage; preserve Your Church from age to age.
- 4 Your gracious will on earth be done as it is done before Your throne,
That patiently we may obey throughout our lives all that You say.
Curb flesh and blood and ev'ry ill that sets itself against Your will.

SERMON

“Why Didn't You Just Ask?”

Stand

OFFERTORY

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.**

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Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head

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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.**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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1 What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!

Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear—

All because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!

2 Have we trials and temptations? is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged—take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—take it to the Lord in prayer.

3 Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our refuge—take it to the Lord in prayer.

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

In His arms He'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

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

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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.

Congregational Meeting — August 3, after the second service