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The Eighth 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.

Serving in God's house

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Dien Ashley Taylor
Readers: Lennox Debra (9AM), Don Karnik (11AM)
Organist: Doreen Leonard

The altar flowers are dedicated to the memory of Sal Esposito, from friends and family of Rande Spengler.

Stand

Praise the Almighty

LSB 797:1–2, 4

- 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!
- 2 Trust not in rulers; they are but mortal; earthborn they are and soon decay.
Vain are their counsels at life's last portal, when the dark grave engulfs its prey.
Since mortals can no help afford, place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 Penitent sinners, for mercy crying, pardon and peace from Him obtain;
Ever the wants of the poor supplying, their faithful God He will remain.
He helps His children in distress, the widows and the fatherless.
Alleluia, alleluia!

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 49

Hear this, all peoples! Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,
both low and high, rich and poor together!

**Truly no man can ransom another,
or give to God the price of his life,**
for the ransom of their life is costly
and can never suffice,

**This is the path of those who have foolish confidence;
yet after them people approve of their boasts.**

Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol;
Death shall be their shepherd,

**But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol,
for he will receive me.**



Hear this, all peoples! Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,
both low and high, rich and poor together!

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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26

[A] The Old Testament Reading for the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost is from Ecclesiastes, chapters one and two.

Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity...

I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind...

I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of

all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the LORD, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

**For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

EPISTLE

Colossians 3:1–11

A The Epistle is from Colossians, chapter three.

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 12:13–21

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Sit

Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

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1 Gracious God, You send great blessings new each morning all our days.

For Your mercies never ending, for Your love we offer praise. *Refrain*
ref Lord, we pray that we, Your people who Your gifts unnumbered claim,
Through the sharing of Your blessings may bring glory to Your name.

2 By Your Word You formed creation filled with creatures large and small;
As we tend that endless treasure may our care encircle all. *Refrain*

3 In His earthly life, our Savior knew the care of faithful friends;
May our deeds of dedication offer love that never ends. *Refrain*

△4 Heav’nly Father, may our caring bear the imprint of Your grace;
With the Son and Holy Spirit, praise be Yours in ev’ry place! *Refrain*

SERMON

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.

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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DISTRIBUTION

O God, My Faithful God

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Son of God, Eternal Savior

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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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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.

All Depends on Our Possessing

LSB 732:1–3, 5–6

- 1 All depends on our possessing God's abundant grace and blessing,
Though all earthly wealth depart. They who trust with faith unshaken
By their God are not forsaken and will keep a dauntless heart.
- 2 He who to this day has fed me and to many joys has led me
Is and ever shall be mine. He who ever gently schools me,
He who daily guides and rules me will remain my help divine.
- 3 Many spend their lives in fretting over trifles and in getting
Things that have no solid ground. I shall strive to win a treasure
That will bring me lasting pleasure and that now is seldom found.
- 5 Well He knows what best to grant me; all the longing hopes that haunt me,
Joy and sorrow, have their day. I shall doubt His wisdom never;
As God wills, so be it ever; I commit to Him my way.
- 6 If my days on earth He lengthen, God my weary soul will strengthen;
All my trust in Him I place. Earthly wealth is not abiding,
Like a stream away is gliding; safe I anchor in His grace.

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



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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 — TODAY after the second service. Pres. Taylor will join us, especially to discuss our pastoral vacancy.