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The Twelfth 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. James Gajadhar
Readers: Lennox Debra, Charles Kalhorn (9AM), Don Karnik (11AM)
Organist: Doreen Leonard

Stand

Jesus Comes Today with Healing

LSB 620:1-4

- 1 Jesus comes today with healing, knocking at my door, appealing,
Off'ring pardon, grace, and peace. He Himself makes preparation,
And I hear His invitation: "Come and taste the blessed feast."
- 2 Christ Himself, the priest presiding, yet in bread and wine abiding
In this holy sacrament, gives the bread of life, once broken,
And the cup, the precious token of His sacred covenant.
- 3 Under bread and wine, though lowly, I receive the Savior holy,
Blood and body, giv'n for me, very Lamb of God from heaven,
Who to bitter death was given, hung upon the cursed tree.
- 4 God descends with heav'nly power, gives Himself to me this hour
In this ordinary sign. on my tongue His pledge receiving,
I accept His grace, believing that I taste His love divine.

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 55

It is God who executes judgment,

putting down one and lifting up another.

We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks, for your name is near.

We recount your wondrous deeds.

At the set time that I appoint

I will judge with equity.

For not from the east or from the west

and not from the wilderness comes lifting up,

But I will declare it forever;

I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.



Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great,
for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.
What your eyes have seen
do not hastily bring into court,
for what will you do in the end,
when your neighbor puts you to shame?
Argue your case with your neighbor himself,
and do not reveal another's secret,
lest he who hears you bring shame upon you,
and your ill repute have no end.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 131

O LORD, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not raised too high;
I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me.
**But I have calmed and quieted my soul like a weaned child with its mother;
like a weaned child is my soul within me.**
O Israel, hope in the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore.

EPISTLE

Hebrews 13:1–17

A The Epistle is from Hebrews, chapter thirteen.

Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we can confidently say,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not fear;
what can man do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood.

Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Obeys your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA

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HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 14:1–14

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?” But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. And he said to them, “Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?” And they could not reply to these things.

Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, “When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

He said also to the man who had invited him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

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Sit

- 1 Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us hallows all our human race,
You our Head, who, throned in glory, for Your own will ever plead:
Fill us with Your love and pity, heal our wrongs, and help our need.
- 2 As You, Lord, have lived for others, so may we for others live.
Freely have Your gifts been granted; freely may Your servants give.
Yours the gold and Yours the silver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of Your bounty held in solemn trust will be.
- 3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of Peace;
Hush the storm of strife and passion, bid its cruel discords cease.
By Your patient years of toiling, by Your silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, stem our selfish greed of gain.

SERMON

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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.

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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.

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.

Abide, O Dearest Jesus

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- 1 Abide, O dearest Jesus, among us with Your grace
That Satan may not harm us nor we to sin give place.
- 2 Abide, O dear Redeemer, among us with Your Word,
And thus now and hereafter true peace and joy afford.
- 3 Abide with heav'nly brightness among us, precious Light;
Your truth direct and keep us from error's gloomy night.
- 4 Abide with richest blessings among us, bounteous Lord;
Let us in grace and wisdom grow daily through Your Word.
- 5 Abide with Your protection among us, Lord, our strength,
Lest world and Satan fell us and overcome at length.
- 6 Abide, O faithful Savior, among us with Your love;
Grant steadfastness and help us to reach our home above.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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



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