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The Tenth 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. Brian Noack
Readers: Lennox Debra, Don Karnik
Organist: Doreen Leonard

Stand

The Son of God Goes Forth to War

LSB 661:1,3-4

- 1 The Son of God goes forth to war a kingly crown to gain.
His blood-red banner streams afar; who follows in His train?
Who best can drink His cup of woe, triumphant over pain,
Who patient bears his cross below—He follows in His train.
- 3 A glorious band, the chosen few, on whom the Spirit came,
Twelve valiant saints—their hope they knew and mocked the cross and flame.
They met the tyrant's brandished steel, the lion's gory mane;
They bowed their necks their death to feel—who follows in their train?
- 4 A noble army, men and boys, the matron and the maid,
Around the Savior's throne rejoice, in robes of light arrayed.
They climbed the steep ascent of heav'n through peril, toil, and pain.
O God, to us may grace be giv'n to follow in their train!

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 136

Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you;
he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

**Give ear to my prayer, O God,
and hide not yourself from my plea for mercy!**

For it is not an enemy who taunts me—then I could bear it;
it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me—then I could hide from him.

**But it is you, a man, my equal,
my companion, my familiar friend.**

We used to take sweet counsel together;
within God's house we walked in the throng.

**But I call to God,
and the LORD will save me.**



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.

Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you;
he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

KYRIE

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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 23:16–29

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

Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’”

For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD
to see and to hear his word,
or who has paid attention to his word and listened?

Behold, the storm of the LORD!

Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest;
it will burst upon the head of the wicked.

The anger of the LORD will not turn back
until he has executed and accomplished
the intents of his heart.

In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

“I did not send the prophets, yet they ran;
I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied.
But if they had stood in my council,
then they would have proclaimed my words to my people,
and they would have turned them from their evil way,
and from the evil of their deeds.

“Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off? Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 119 2

My soul longs for your salvation;
I hope in your word.

My eyes long for your promise;

I ask, “When will you comfort me?”

For I have become like a wineskin in the smoke,
yet I have not forgotten your statutes.

How long must your servant endure?

When will you judge those who persecute me?

The insolent have dug pitfalls for me;
they do not live according to your law.

All your commandments are sure;

they persecute me with falsehood; help me!

They have almost made an end of me on earth,
but I have not forsaken your precepts.

In your steadfast love give me life,

that I may keep the testimonies of your mouth.

A The Epistle is from Hebrews, chapters eleven and twelve.

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king’s edict. By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies...

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

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 12:49–56

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, ‘A shower is coming.’ And so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

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Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

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- 1 Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word; curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son and bring to naught all He has done.
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known, for You are Lord of lords alone;
Defend Your holy Church that we may sing Your praise eternally.
- 3 O Comforter of priceless worth, send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife and lead us out of death to life.

SERMON

“Split Personality”

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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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.

Faith of Our Fathers

SFD 47

1 Faith of our fathers! living still in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword:

Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy whene'er we hear that glorious word!

Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death!

2 Our fathers, chained in prisons dark, were still in heart and conscience free:

How sweet would be their children's fate, if they like them should die for thee!

Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death!

3 Faith of our fathers! we will love both friend and foe in all our strife:

And preach thee too as love knows how, by kindly words and virtuous life:

Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death!

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 **this** week **August 18–22** in the mornings. Please pick up registration forms and contact Marilyn to volunteer to help.