

Time After Pentecost
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Back to School Sunday

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+ HOLY COMMUNION – SETTING ONE +

ORGAN PRELUDE “Prelude and Fugue in C” J.S. Bach

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GATHERING HYMN

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine No. 774

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P We pray. O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **C Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST LESSON      **Isaiah 50:4-9a**

The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning he wakens—  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.  
The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.  
I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.  
The Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
he who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.  
It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

A The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

PSALM      *Sung*      Psalm 116:1-9

I love the LORD, who has | heard my voice,  
and listened to my | supplication,  
for the LORD has given | ear to me  
whenever | I called.

The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave |  
came upon me;  
I came to | grief and sorrow.  
Then I called upon the name | of the LORD:  
“O LORD, I pray you, | save my life.”  
Gracious is the | LORD and righteous;  
our God is full | of compassion.  
The LORD watches o- | ver the innocent;  
I was brought low, | and God saved me.  
Turn again to your rest, | O my soul.  
for the LORD has dealt | well with you.  
For you have rescued my | life from death,  
my eyes from tears, and my | feet from stumbling;  
I will walk in the presence | of the LORD  
in the land | of the living.  
Glory be to the Father, and | to the Son,  
and to the | Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the begin- | ning, is now  
and will be forever. | Amen.

## SECOND LESSON      **James 3:1-12**

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has

been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

A The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Please stand as you are able.*

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**THE HOLY GOSPEL** **Mark 8:27-38** **C Glory to you, O Lord**

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and

sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** Lift High the Cross

**No. 660**

**APOSTLES CREED**

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**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** *Please stand as you are able.*

*The response to “We pray.” is “Send us your Spirit, O Lord.*

A Jesus calls us to give up our lives for others. That we may have the faith to live as Jesus did, let us pray for all in need, saying:  
Send us your Spirit, O Lord.

*A brief silence.*

A O gracious God, you have given up your very self to save the world. That we may be empowered to give up ourselves for one another, we pray:

**C Send us your Spirit, O Lord.**

A You have made your people equal and free in the baptism of your Son. That we may live joyfully in this new way, we pray:

**C Send us your Spirit, O Lord.**

A You call us to take up our cross and follow the way of Christ. That we may serve one another and live in obedience to your word, we pray:

**C Send us your Spirit, O Lord.**

A You show to us all the poor and the needy, all the homeless and the hungry, the sick and the suffering. We pray especially for Bruce Beamer, Anna Berwanger, Simret Bogale, Chrystine Cuch, Mariette Erasmus, Adeline Erick, Norma Gummo, Dolores Hollowell, Donna Harbor, Eleanora Lahoda, Fay Larsen, Amy Lynch, Jean McCowan, Mark Mutschlechner, Bruce and Judith Nagel, Joyce Rasmussen, David Sr. and Joan Richardson, Vern Schnell, Rose Sinclair, Sam Skogen, those we name aloud ... and those we carry in our hearts. That we may lighten their load by taking it upon ourselves, we pray:

**C Send us your Spirit, O Lord.**

A You give us enough that we may share with the needy. That we and all institutions of relief may be insistent in our care for others, we pray:

**C Send us your Spirit, O Lord.**

A For those who serve in the holy catholic Church:

- for the National Church staff and Bishop Susan Johnson
- for Northern Area Leadership Team, pastors, people and Dean, Rev. Anna Thede
- for our Synod Campus Ministries and especially for Rev. Margaret Propp, Chaplain of Lutheran Campus Ministry, University of Calgary
- all congregations struggling with pastoral vacancy as they await pastoral leadership
- for Holy Name Lutheran, Seba Beach, and Trinity Lutheran, Loughheed
- for San Juan Congregation, Piedecuesta, Colombia
- for the staff of Canadian Lutheran World Relief
- for the pastors and people of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Brazil
- for the pastors and people of the Anglican, Mennonite, and Moravian Churches

For all these, we pray:

**C Send us your Spirit, O Lord.**

A You have surrounded us with saints of every time and place. That we may follow them as they followed Christ on the way to the cross, we pray:

**C Send us your Spirit, O Lord.**

A For all virtually gathered for this service, and those attending to the care of others and to beneficial endeavours that keep them away from worshipping, we pray:

**C Send us your Spirit, O Lord.**

P Hear our prayers, O merciful God, and accept our praises. May the gospel of your cross give its miraculous life to all the world, through Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

## BLESSING OF EDUCATION PROGRAM

### THE PEACE

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P May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

**C And also with you.**

### OFFERING

*Please be seated. Setting of the table. Collection of Offerings*

### OFFERTORY

Each New Day (Al despuntar en la loma el dia) M. Sedio

OFFERING PRAYER Holy God ...

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### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Version I)

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### THE FRACTION

P This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

**C Come, let us devote ourselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.**

### LAMB OF GOD

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### THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

*Please be seated. Assistants and those in need commune first.*

### COMMUNION HYMNS

If God My Lord Be for Me

**No. 788**

O Jesus, I Have Promised

**No. 810**

TABLE BLESSING *Please stand as you are able.*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER We give you thanks...

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*Please be seated.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

### BENEDICTION

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SENDING HYMN Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song **No. 808**

### DISMISSAL

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P Go in peace...

**C Thanks be to God!**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE** “In You is Gladness” #(867) arr. J.S. Bach



**WELCOME** to all gathered here today. Join us for refreshments and conversation downstairs after worship, Questions? Ask one of today’s servants or speak with the pastor.

**SPECIAL THANKS** to Christian Tang for playing trumpet during our service, and to those who prepared the BBQ luncheon.

**WE THANK TODAY’S SERVANTS**

- Usher: Diane and Darcy Anderson
- Lector: Darcy Anderson
- Assistant: Walter Anderson
- Altar Guild: Our Volunteer
- Refreshments: Diane and Darcy Anderson
- Zoom Host: Phil Tang, Ahmed Conteh

**OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE**

|               |             |             |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| Last week     | 1 September | Budget 2024 |
| Current       | \$ 3,195    | \$2,911     |
| Benevolence   | \$ 0        |             |
| Building Fund | \$ 30       |             |
| Other         | \$ 2,665    |             |
| Attendance    | 40          |             |

**ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

|           |        |          |                             |
|-----------|--------|----------|-----------------------------|
| Today     | 15 Sep | 11:45 PM | Fellowship and Refreshments |
|           |        | 2:00 PM  | CFMA Worship                |
| Monday    | 16 Sep | 7:00 PM  | 12 Step Program             |
| Tuesday   | 17 Sep | 10:00 AM | Hotshots                    |
|           |        | 6:30 PM  | Never Alone Peer Support    |
|           |        | 7:00 PM  | Council Meeting             |
| Wednesday | 18 Sep | 9:30 AM  | 12 Step Program             |
|           |        | 7:00 PM  | 12 Step Program             |
| Friday    | 20 Sep | 7:00 PM  | 12 Step Program             |
| Saturday  | 21 Sep | 9:00 AM  | House of Hope Worship       |
| Sunday    | 22 Sep | 10:30 AM | Service of the Word         |



**HIGHWOOD HIGHLIGHTS** - the September issue is now available in your mailbox and the Narthex.

**WELCOME BACK BBQ LUNCHEON** - All are welcome to join us this Sunday 15 September for a great meal after the service. Thanks to those who have already signed-up downstairs.

**HOTSHOTS LUNCH AND MOVIE** on Tuesday, 17 Sept at 10:00 AM. Movie: “Walk the Line” and a Surprise Lunch. All are welcome and bring a friend. Sign-up downstairs.

**CAMPUS MINISTRY** - is hosting an Auction and Dinner on 16 November 2024. Consider buying a table for the dinner. Auction items are also needed. More information to come.

**NEXT WEEK’S READINGS**

Jeremiah 11:18-20

Psalm 54

James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a

Mark 9:30-37