

Time After Pentecost
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Commemoration of Daj Hammarskjöld

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+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

ORGAN PRELUDE Variations on “Lord Whose Love” A. Fedak

GATHERING Pg. 211

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *Please stand as you are able.*  
*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as*  
*the presiding minister begins.*

L Gracious God, ... Pg. 212  
*The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness with these or similar*  
*words.*

L God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead  
in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you  
have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are  
forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you through the Holy  
Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C Amen.

**GATHERING HYMN** Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing **No. 389**

**GREETING**

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

**KYRIE**

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**CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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L We pray. O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

**C Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**FIRST LESSON      Jeremiah 11:18-20**

It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew;  
then you showed me their evil deeds.

But I was like a gentle lamb  
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me  
that they devised schemes, saying,  
“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,  
let us cut him off from the land of the living,  
so that his name will no longer be remembered!”

But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously,  
who try the heart and the mind,  
let me see your retribution upon them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.

A The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Sung* Psalm 54

Save me, O God, | by your name;  
in your might, de- | fend my cause.  
Hear my | prayer, O God;  
give ear to the words | of my mouth.  
For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have  
| sought my life, those who have no re- | gard for God.  
Behold, God | is my helper;  
it is the Lord who sus- | tains my life.  
Render evil to those who | spy on me;  
in your faithful- | ness, destroy them.  
I will offer you a | freewill sacrifice  
and praise your name, O Lord, for | it is good.  
For you have rescued me from | every trouble,  
and my eye looks down | on my enemies.  
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 3:13--4:3, 7-8a**

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it;

so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God.

Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

A The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Please stand as you are able.* Pg. 216

**THE HOLY GOSPEL Mark 9:30-37 C Glory to you, O Lord**

[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** All Are Welcome

**No. 641**

**APOSTLES CREED**

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

The response to “*We pray to the Lord.*” is “**Lord, have mercy.**”

A Christ calls us to a life of peace and humility. Let us pray for strength to live this baptized life, saying: Lord, have mercy.

*A brief silence.*

A For all the baptized people of God, that having been called by our Lord we may gladly wait on those in need, we pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

A For all in authority in nation and church, that they may learn humility, we pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

A For all who minister in this and in every Christian community, that they may find strength for their tasks, we pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

A For all children, that they may be fed and housed and may grow with self-confidence and joy, we pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

A For all in any need, the sick, the suffering, the oppressed; for those who serve others against their own will; and for all who have asked for our prayers, especially for Bruce Beamer, Anna Berwanger, Simret Bogale, Chrystine Cuch, Mariette Erasmus, Adeline Erick, Norma Gummo, Dolores Hollowell, Donna Harbor, Genevieve Janssen (Mariette’s sister), Julie Janssen Downe (Mariette’s niece), 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. We pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

A For those who serve in the holy catholic Church:

- for the BC Synod staff, pastors, and people and Bishop Kathy Martin

- for West Central Leadership Team, pastors, people and Dean, Rev. Tim Wray
- for our Synod Campus Ministries and especially for Rev. Canon Erin Phillips, Chaplain for the University of Lethbridge, and Lethbridge College
- for our synod's parish workers and youth workers
- for Glory Lutheran, Sherwood Park, and Mount Olivet Lutheran, Sherwood Park
- for San Marcos Congregation, Bucaramanga, Colombia
- for the bishops, priests, and people of the Church of Finland
- for the pastors and people of the Pentecostal Churches in Canada, Anglican, Mennonite, and Moravian Churches

For all these, we pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

A Ruler of the nations, direct those in authority to make peace in Ukraine and everywhere suffering in war. Give leaders wisdom and compassion so that all may live in peace. Inspire public servants to follow the example of courageous leaders like Dag Hammarskjöld and safeguard the dignity of each person. We pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

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 to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P Receive us, O God, as you received the child in Capernaum, for we yearn for your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**THE PEACE**

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

**C And also with you.**

## THANKSGIVING

### OFFERING

*The congregation remains seated as the offering is collected*

OFFERTORY “Jesus Loves Me” by Bradbury/Buffaloe

CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING *SUNG* Pg. 219

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD Pg. 220

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Version I) Pg. 221

### THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BLESSING** The Prayer of Dag Hammarskjöld (1905–1961)

P Give me a pure heart—that I may see Thee,  
A humble heart—that I may hear Thee,  
A heart of love—that I may serve Thee  
A heart of faith—that I may abide in Thee.

**C Amen.**

#### SENDING HYMN

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service **No. 712**

**DISMISSAL** Pg. 222

P Go in peace...

**C Thanks be to God!**

#### ORGAN POSTLUDE

“Jesus Christ, the Son of God” arr. J.S. Bach

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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 Cam Schneider for leading our service, and Jennelle Hughes for our sermon today.

WE THANK TODAY’S SERVANTS

Usher: Diane and Darcy Anderson

Lector: Darcy Anderson

Assistant: Cam Schneider

Altar Guild: Our Volunteer
Refreshments: Diane and Darcy Anderson
Zoom Host: Phil Tang, Ahmed Conteh

OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE

Last week	15 September	Budget 2024
Current	\$ 1,745	\$2,911
Benevolence	\$ 20	
Building Fund	\$ 30	
Other	\$ 1,482	
Attendance	43	

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Today	22 Sep	11:45 PM	Fellowship and Refreshments
		2:00 PM	CFMA Worship
Monday	23 Sep	7:00 PM	12 Step Program
Tuesday	24 Sep	6:30 PM	Never Alone Peer Support
		7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Wednesday	25 Sep	9:30 AM	12 Step Program
		7:00 PM	12 Step Program
Thursday	26 Sep	10:00 AM	Knitting Circle
Friday	27 Sep	7:00 PM	12 Step Program
Saturday	28 Sep	9:00 AM	House of Hope Worship
Sunday	29 Sep	10:30 AM	Holy Communion

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

HIGHWOOD COUNCIL MEETING has been rescheduled for this Tuesday, 24 September 2024 at 7:00 PM.

THE KNITTING CIRCLE is not just for ladies. Men are great knitters too. We meet on Thursday, 26 September 2024 at 10:00 AM. We'll help you learn to knit or crochet, or you are welcome to visit with us.

CAMPUS MINISTRY – begins their Annual Online Fundraiser Auction in early November. Donations for the auction are needed. The dinner will be Saturday 16 November 2024.

MEN'S BREAKFAST Join us on Saturday 5 October at 10:00 AM at Ace Casino Airport. Bring a friend and enjoy the fellowship. Sign-up sheet downstairs.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE for the mid-month October issue of the Highwood Highlights is Tuesday, 8 October 2024. Email to secretaryhlc@outlook.com

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

James 5:13-20

Psalm 19:7-14

Mark 9:38-50