

Reformation Sunday

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**+ HOLY COMMUNION – SETTING ONE +**

**ORGAN PRELUDE**

**GATHERING**

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**CATECHETIC MOMENT** Reformation Day

This celebration is a peculiarly Lutheran festival. Each of the liturgical churches has a day celebrating its central and formative event or experience. Eastern Orthodoxy has a celebration of the Triumph of Orthodoxy, the first Sunday in Lent, commemorating the settling in 843 of the controversy over the use of icons in the church. The Roman Church has the feast of the Chair of Peter (February 22), emphasizing the founding of the church upon Peter the Prince of the Apostles. The Anglican Church commemorates the publication of the First Book of Common Prayer in 1549 as the principal liturgical and theological source for the Anglican Communion. The rubric in the new Prayer Book reads, "The First Book of Common Prayer, 1549, is

appropriately observed on a weekday following the Day of Pentecost." The Lutheran Church has its celebration also.

Only six of the several hundred church orders of the sixteenth century make provision for the celebration of the Reformation. The date of the celebration varied: in Pomerania it was celebrated on Luther's birthday; sometimes it was Trinity Sunday (as Pentecost commemorated the birth day of the church so the following Sunday commemorated the rebirth of the church); sometimes it is the Sunday following the day of the Presentation of the Augsburg Confession (June 25). The observances soon died out.

A new anti-Roman spirit was created by the Thirty Years' War in which Roman Catholic princes attempted to eradicate northern European Protestantism. In 1667, John George II, the Elector of Saxony, ordered a Reformation festival to be celebrated on October 31, the anniversary of Luther's posting the Ninety-five Theses on door of the castle church in Wittenberg, questioning abuses in the sale of indulgences. The festival spread and was often moved to the nearest Sunday, whether before or after the date. A more irenic date for the commemoration of the Reformation is June 25, the Presentation of the Augsburg Confession.

*Source:*

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**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** Pg. 94

**GATHERING HYMN** Dearest Jesus at Your Word **No. 520**

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**REFORMATION DIALOG:**

**A** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**C** **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.**

A There is one Body and one Spirit;  
**C There is one hope in God's call to us;**

A One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
**C One God and Father of all.**

A Blessed be God who sustains and protects his Holy Church.  
**C And blessed be God who guides and confirms us in our Faith.**  
**Amen. Alleluia!**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**      Glory to God      Pg. 99

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**      Pg. 102

P We pray. Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

#### **FIRST LESSON      Jeremiah 31:31-34**

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the

LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

A The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 46** *Sung as* A Might Fortress Is Our God **No. 504**

**SECOND LESSON** **Romans 3:19-28**

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

A The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Please stand as you are able.* Pg. 102

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** **John 8:31-36** **C Glory to you, O Lord**

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” They answered

him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free?’”

Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

SERMON

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EXHORTATION

P The Lord God in his goodness has seen fit to call us together as the Church of Jesus Christ in this place. In our history of being God's people of Highwood Lutheran Church, God has given us his word of creation, redemption and blessing. He has given us his word of forgiveness and grace. He has given us his word of guidance and mission, and sent his Holy Spirit to empower us for that mission. And when we have strayed from his word, God has called us to return to him that we might continue to be blessed by his grace and favour. We are nothing without our God and his word of hope and promise.

Therefore, people of God, on this day I invite you to commit yourselves and your whole lives to God's holy word and to his loving purpose for you and for us as Highwood Lutheran Church, so that our lives may be enriched, and the work of our hands blessed and prospered.

LITANY OF COMMITMENT TO GOD'S WORD

A We pray. Almighty God, by your holy word, all that we know has come into existence: our universe, our world, our lives, our loved ones, and all that we have and hold so dear. By your holy word, you sent forth your Son to bring us

salvation through the cross of death and resurrection. By your holy word, you have called us together to be a Church of love and service in the world. By your holy word, we know that we live in grace and hope. Keep us ever close to your word, that it might be written upon our hearts.

**C We commit our lives to your word, O God.**

A Help us to grow in faith and love toward you, so that we might always live in trust and hope.

**C We commit our lives to your word, O God.**

A Center us in routines that keep us close to you, O Lord. Center us in weekly worship.

**C We commit our lives to your word, O God.**

A Center us in daily prayer.

**C We commit our lives to your word, O God.**

A Center us in knowledge of holy scripture.

**C We commit our lives to your word, O God.**

A Center us in the mission of the church.

**C We commit our lives to your word, O God.**

A Center us in lives of thankful giving and loving for all the blessings which you have bestowed upon us.

**C We commit our lives to your word, O God.**

P By your word, O Lord, guide our lives, forgive our sins, inspire our thoughts, shape our attitudes, lighten our darkness, give us eternal hope, and fill our hearts with joy, assuring us of your constant presence, until you bring us at last into the glories of your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

### HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

No. 517

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

The response to “*Lord, in your mercy,*” is “**hear our prayer.**”

A Longing for God's will to be fulfilled among us, we pray persistently for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*A brief silence.*

A Holy One, work in your church across denominational and cultural divisions to form us into a more complete expression of your holy community. Show the world your likeness through us. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A By rain, rivers, and oceans, remind us how your word flows through this world, surrounding us with grace. Keep us always in the covenant that is sealed in water and Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Free us from the lies we tell ourselves or others in order to justify our words and actions. Lead us to speak honestly and to listen humbly, and reveal your truth among us. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Be a stronghold for people who are in danger this day. In your righteous presence cause the evil that surrounds them to flee, and clothe them with your mercy For the sick and the suffering who need your care: Anna Berwanger, Simret Bogale, Chrystine Cuch, Mariette Erasmus, Adeline Erick, Ruth Gummo, Dolores Hollowell, Donna Harbor, Genevieve Janssen, Julie Janssen Downe, Eleanora Lahoda, Fay Larsen, Amy Lynch, Jean McCowan, Mark Mutschlechner, Bruce and Judith Nagel, Jim and Joyce Rasmussen, David Sr. and Joan Richardson, Vern Schnell, Rose Sinclair, Sam Skogen, those we name aloud ... and those we carry in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Continue making all things new. Seal your covenant with humankind, and write your law on our hearts. Make repentance a regular habit for us so that forgiveness abounds. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A For those who serve in the holy catholic Church:

- for the National Church Council and national committee members
- for Northern Area Leadership Team, pastors, people and Dean, Rev. Anna Thede
- for our Synod Campus Ministries and especially at University of Alberta, Augustana Campus, Camrose
- for all congregations struggling with pastoral vacancy, as they anticipate and await pastors
- for Trinity Lutheran, Westlock, and Grace Lutheran, Wetaskiwin
- for Emmaus Mission, Medellin, Colombia
- for the primate, bishops, priests, and people of the Church of Sweden and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Denmark
- for the pastors and people of the Orthodox, Anglican, Mennonite, and Moravian Churches

For all these, Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

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, Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Enfold all things in your compassion, O God, and bring us into your life through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and 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.**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

TBA

*Setting of the altar and reception of the Offerings.*

*Please be seated.*

**OFFERING PRAYER** Holy God ...

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Pg. 107

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Version II) Pg. 112

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.**

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THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

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

COMMUNION HYMNS

The Church’s one Foundation No. 654

Be Thou My Vision No. 793

TABLE BLESSING *Please stand as you are able.*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER We give you thanks... Pg. 114

*Please be seated.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

BENEDICTION Pg. 114

SENDING HYMN Built on a Rock No. 652

DISMISSAL Pg. 115

P Go in peace...

**C Thanks be to God!**

ORGAN POSTLUDE



**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.

## **WE THANK TODAY'S SERVANTS**

Usher: Grace Karsten, Clarice Rasmuson  
Lector: Al Fedkenheuer  
Assistant: Walter Anderson  
Altar Guild: Barb Patychuk  
Refreshments: Sandi Whitehead, Remi Mitchel  
Zoom Host: Phil Tang, Ahmed Conteh

## **OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE**

|               |            |             |
|---------------|------------|-------------|
| Last week     | 20 October | Budget 2024 |
| Current       | \$ 1,770   | \$2,911     |
| Benevolence   | \$ 0       |             |
| Building Fund | \$ 10      |             |
| Other         | \$ 150     |             |
| Attendance    | 39         |             |

## **ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

|           |        |          |                                             |
|-----------|--------|----------|---------------------------------------------|
| Today     | 27 Oct | 11:45 PM | Fellowship and Refreshments                 |
|           |        | 2:00 PM  | CFMA Worship                                |
| Monday    | 28 Oct | 7:00 PM  | 12 Step Program                             |
| Tuesday   | 29 Oct | 6:30 PM  | Never Alone Peer Support                    |
| Wednesday | 30 Oct | 9:30 AM  | 12 Step Program                             |
|           |        | 7:00 PM  | 12 Step Program                             |
| Thursday  | 31 Oct | 10:00 AM | Knitting Circle                             |
| Friday    | 1 Nov  | 7:00 PM  | 12 Step Program                             |
| Saturday  | 2 Nov  | 9:00 AM  | House of Hope Worship                       |
|           |        | 10:00 AM | Men's Breakfast Ace Casino<br>Airport       |
| Sunday    | 3 Nov  | 10:30 AM | All Saints Sunday<br>Holy Communion Service |

**THE KNITTING CIRCLE** will meet on Thursday, 31 October at 10:00 AM. We'll help you learn to knit or crochet. All are welcome to visit with us.

**THE MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP** will meet on Saturday, 2 November at 10:00 AM at Ace Casino Airport. Bring a friend to join in the fellowship. Sign-up list downstairs.

**HIGHWOOD'S LITTLE WHITE SHRINE** – is located at the main entrance of the church on the pathway to the lift. This shrine provides our community with a space to come together, especially for those who may not have a specific grave to visit, offering a simple and peaceful place for reflection and comfort in times of loss.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME** ends next Sunday, 3 November. Remember to set your clocks **back** one hour.

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY** – As we prepare for the Feast of All Saints on Sunday, 3 November if you are unable to attend, please contact the office to let us know how many candles you would like us to light on your behalf.

**CANADA LUTHERAN MAGAZINE** – Start or renew your subscription for only \$20.00 per year. Deadline is 8 November 2024. Forms are included with the bulletin. Payment may be added to your envelope, along with the form.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** – for the November issue of the Highwood Highlights is 12 November 2024. Items may be emailed to [secretaryhlc@outlook.com](mailto:secretaryhlc@outlook.com).

**CAMPUS MINISTRY** – begins their Annual Online Fundraiser Auction “*Your Story is Our Story*” on 10 November 2024. Join us at Hope Lutheran Church on 16 November at 3:00 pm (doors open at 2:30) for Holden Evening Prayer, a short programme about LCM–Calgary, and a simple supper of soup and bread. Get your free ticket [here](#).

**ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION** – the celebration for Jim Rasmussen is Sunday, 17 November. All are welcome to attend this joyous milestone.

**ADVENT LESSONS AND HYMNS SERVICE** - Mark your calendar for the First Sunday of Advent 1 December 2024 at 7:00 PM at Highwood. More information to follow.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS** All Saints Sunday

Wisdom 3:1-9

Psalm 24

Revelation 21:1-6a

John 11:32-44