

Time After Pentecost
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St. Michael and All Angels

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+ HOLY COMMUNION – SETTING ONE +

ORGAN PRELUDE

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (#631) arr. Healy Willan

GATHERING

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OPENING

As we commemorate the feast of St. Michael and All Angels, let us remember that our victory is not by our strength but by the blood of the Lamb. We unite in prayer, asking God to deliver us, and all people, from the devil's wrath and to send his salvation.

CATECHETIC MOMENT

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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GATHERING HYMN

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

No. 719

GREETING/ KYRIE

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HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God

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P We pray. Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

**C Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

#### FIRST LESSON      **Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29**

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors?’ Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

So the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the

cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!”

A The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**     *Sung*             **Psalm 19:7-14**

The teaching of the Lord is perfect and re- | vives the soul;  
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to | the  
simple.

The statutes of the Lord are just and re- | joice the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light | to  
the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean and en- | dures forever;  
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous |  
altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine  
gold,

sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.

By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is | great reward.

Who can detect one’s | own offenses?

Cleanse me from my | secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them  
not get dominion | over me;

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great

offense.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your sight,

O Lord, my strength and | my redeemer.

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 5:13-20**

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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 9:38-50**      **C Glory to you, O Lord**

John said to him, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon

afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

‘If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

‘For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.’

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord **No. 580**

**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 God alone is our help. We lift up our needs and the needs of the whole human family, saying: Lord, have mercy.

*A brief silence.*

A For those who lead the people of God, that they may seek after integrity and be true to their call to service, we pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

A For Christians everywhere, that we may be rich in good works and generously share what we have, we pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

A That our eyes may be open to see poverty and human need, and that seeing, we may act justly, we pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

A For an end to the abyss between rich and poor, in our community, in this nation, and throughout the world, we pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

A That our young people may learn to love charity, justice, and a gentle spirit, we pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

A For the aged, the infirm, the lonely, the homeless, the suffering and the caregivers, and for all who need help to live with dignity. We pray especially for Anna Berwanger, Simret Bogale, Chrystine Cuch, Mariette Erasmus, Adeline Erick, 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, 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. We pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

A For those who serve in the holy catholic Church:

- for the Synod of Alberta and the Territories, our staff, pastors, people and Bishop Trish Schmermund
- for East Central Leadership Team, pastors, people and Dean, Rev. Calvin Skriver
- for our Synod Campus Ministries and especially for Rev. George Koopmans, Chaplain for Medicine Hat College
- for Spiritual Directors
- for St. Peter's Ecumenical, Slave Lake, and St Matthew's Lutheran, Spruce Grove
- for Prince of Peace Congregation, Tunja, Colombia

- for the ministers, pastors and people of the United Church of Canada, Anglican, Mennonite, and Moravian Churches

For all these, we pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

A That those who are imprisoned for the sake of the gospel may bear bold and glad witness to the Lord, we pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

A For the family and friends of Norma Gummo and the faithful departed who now rest from their earthly pilgrimage, that their lives of service and prayer inspire us in our days, 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 worshiping, we pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For Michael and All Angels, we give you thanks and praise; they fight against the devil, and they guard and guide our ways. And as they serve and worship around the heavenly throne, may we, with saints and angels, sing praise to you alone. We ask this in the name of the to whom all angels bow, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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**

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

**OFFERTORY** “Faith, Hope and Love” John Purifoy

**OFFERING PRAYER** Holy God ...

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**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER** (Version II)

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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** Pg. 112

**THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT**

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

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

O Christ, Our Light, Our Radiance True **No. 675**

There is a Balm in Gilead **No. 614**

**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** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling **No. 631**

**DISMISSAL** Pg. 115

**P** Go in peace...

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE** "Prelude in A" 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.

**WE THANK TODAY'S SERVANTS**

Usher: Darcy Anderson, Ed Smith

Lector: Darcy Anderson

Assistant: Jennifer Hansen

Altar Guild: Our Volunteer

Refreshments: Diane and Darcy Anderson

Zoom Host: Phil Tang, Ahmed Conteh



## OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE

|               |              |             |
|---------------|--------------|-------------|
| Last week     | 22 September | Budget 2024 |
| Current       | \$ 1,680     | \$2,911     |
| Benevolence   | \$ 100       |             |
| Building Fund | \$ 0         |             |
| Other         | \$ 370       |             |
| Attendance    | 0            |             |

## ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

|           |        |          |                                |
|-----------|--------|----------|--------------------------------|
| Today     | 29 Sep | 11:45 PM | Fellowship and Refreshments    |
|           |        | 2:00 PM  | CFMA Worship                   |
| Monday    | 30 Sep | 7:00 PM  | 12 Step Program                |
| Tuesday   | 1 Oct  | 1:00 PM  | HLW Bible Study                |
|           |        | 6:30 PM  | Never Alone Peer Support       |
| Wednesday | 2 Oct  | 9:30 AM  | 12 Step Program                |
|           |        | 7:00 PM  | 12 Step Program                |
| Friday    | 4 Oct  | 7:00 PM  | 12 Step Program                |
| Saturday  | 5 Oct  | 9:00 AM  | House of Hope Worship          |
| Sunday    | 6 Oct  | 10:30 AM | Feast of St. Francis of Assisi |

**HLW (HIGHWOOD LUTHERAN WOMEN) BIBLE STUDY**—meets the First Thursday of the Month (1 October) at 1:00 PM. Come and join us!

**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.

**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.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** for the mid-month October issue of the Highwood Highlights is Tuesday, 8 October 2024. Email to [secretaryhlc@outlook.com](mailto:secretaryhlc@outlook.com)

**FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI** – is next Sunday, 6 October. The names of the animals will be held during the Service for a special blessing.

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY** – is 3 November 2024, with special remembrances of our beloved dead.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

Genesis 2:18-24

Psalm 8

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Mark 10:2-16