

# Third Sunday after Pentecost

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**ORGAN PRELUDE** *"If You But Trust"* arr J.S. Bach

**GATHERING**

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**CATECHETIC MOMENT**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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**GATHERING HYMN** Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

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**GREETING**

**KYRIE**

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**GLORY TO GOD**

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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**P** We pray. Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favour us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that., leaving all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON      A Reading from the Book of First Kings

Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

*(1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21)*

A The word of the Lord.    C **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM      *Spoken*      Psalm 16

### Hymnal

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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      A Reading from the Book of Galatians

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. ...

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject

to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. (Galatians 5:1, 13-25)

A The word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia...

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*Please stand as you are able.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel...

C **Glory to you, O Lord**

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village. As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God." (Luke 9:51-62)

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

SERMON

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Please stand as you are able.*

The response to “*we pray.*” is “*Have mercy, O God.*”

A Joining our voices with God’s people around the world, let us offer our prayers for those in need.

*A brief silence.*

A For all followers of Christ; for the church and its ministers; and for the mission of the gospel, that all will know the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we pray. **C Have mercy, O God.**

A For the wilderness and deserts; for the rain forests and tundra; for native lands and farmland; and for all who tend the land, that God’s mighty work be seen in all creation, we pray.

**C Have mercy, O God.**

A For those who govern in Canada and the United States; for those responsible for peace among people and nations; and for those who strive for freedom. Bring just peace to Ukraine and to all that are torn apart by warfare and violence, that all are guided by Christ’s commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves, we pray. **C Have mercy, O God.**

A For refugees in need of protection; for the homeless in need of shelter; for those who work in the summer’s heat; for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, that God provide compassionate advocates and skilled medical professionals to aid them, we pray. **C Have mercy, O God.**

A For those who travel this summer; for those celebrating significant events in their lives; and for this community of faith, that the love of Christ be present in our joy and pleasure, we pray. **C Have mercy, O God.**

A Come quickly to the aid of your people. Give wisdom and the gift of calm to all chaplains as they offer signs of your abiding presence. Refresh all who thirst for love, hope, or healing. We pray for: Bruce Beamer, Anna Berwanger, Simret Bogale, Chrystina Cuch, Colleen Dehmke, Mariette Erasmus, Adeline Erick, Dolores Hollowell, Donna Harbor, Genevieve Janssen, Julie Janssen Downe, Eleanora Lahoda, Fay Larsen, Amy

Lynch, Barry Michael, Jean McCowan, Mark Mutschlechner, Bruce and Judith Nagel, Jerry Rasmuson and family, Jim and Joyce Rasmussen, David Sr. and Joan Richardson, Ron Sauer, Vern Schnell, Rose Sinclair, Mohini Srivastava, John Watt, those we name aloud,... and those we carry in our hearts. Hear us, O God. **C Have mercy, O God.**

A We pray for your holy catholic Church:

- the Saskatchewan Synod, the synod staff, rostered ministers, people, and Bishop Ali Tote
- the West Central Area Leadership Team, rostered ministers, and people of the West Central Area
- for retired bishops, pastors, deacons, and other retired church leaders
- Vacation Bible School ministries throughout our synod
- Calvary Lutheran, La Glace, and Lord of Glory Lutheran, Lac La Biche
- Grace Lutheran Church in Rancho Cordova, California
- Santiago Apostol Mission, Yopal, Colombia
- delegates who prepare to attend the National Convention of Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada
- our nation and our elected leaders
- the bishops, pastors, and people of the Lutheran Churches of Germany
- the pastors and people of the United Churches in Canada, and the Anglican, Mennonite, and Moravian Churches of Canada

For all these, we pray. **C Have mercy, O God.**

A In thanksgiving for those who now rest in the hope of the resurrection, that with them we receive assurance that God does not abandon us in any time or place, we pray.

**C Have mercy, O God.**

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 Have mercy, O God.**

P Merciful God, you hear the prayers of your people even before they are spoken. We commend these and all our prayers to you, trusting in your abundant mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **C Amen.**

## THE PEACE

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**P** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**C** And also with you.

## OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** “O Lord Most Holy” (*Panis Angelicus*) by C. Franck  
*Setting of the altar and reception of the Offerings.*  
*Please be seated.*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** (General 1)

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**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER** (II)

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**THE FRACTION**

**P** As the many grains of wheat were once scattered upon the hills, then become one in this Bread of Life,

**C** gather your church from every time and place into your eternal reign of love.

**P** The Gifts of God for the People of God. Receive them in remembrance that Christ died for you.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**LAMB OF GOD**

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## THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

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

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

**No. 767**

Praise and Thanks and Adoration

**No. 783**

**TABLE BLESSING**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER** (General 1)

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*Please be seated.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

**BENEDICTION**

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**SENDING HYMN** Lead On, O King Eternal!

**No. 805**

**DISMISSAL**

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**P** Go in peace...

**C** Thanks be to God!

## ORGAN POSTLUDE “Passacaglia” D. Buxtehude

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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.

### **WE THANK TODAY’S SERVANTS**

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|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| Usher:        | Al & Pat Fedkenheuer              |
| Lector:       | Al Fedkenheuer                    |
| Assistant:    | Art Wildeman                      |
| Altar Guild:  | Clarice Rasmuson, Jennifer Hanson |
| Refreshments: | Mariette Erasmus, Pat Fedkenheuer |
| Zoom Host:    | Phil Tang, Ahmed Conteh           |

### **OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE**

|               |              |             |
|---------------|--------------|-------------|
| Last Week     | 22 June 2025 | Budget 2025 |
| Current       | \$ 1,206.25  | \$2,911     |
| Benevolence   | \$ 0         |             |
| Building Fund | \$ 20        |             |
| Other         | \$0          |             |
| Attendance    | 46           |             |

### **ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

|           |         |          |                                        |
|-----------|---------|----------|----------------------------------------|
| Today     | 29 June | 11:45 PM | Fellowship and Refreshments            |
|           |         | 2:00 PM  | CFMC                                   |
| Monday    | 30 June | 7:00 PM  | 12 Step Program                        |
| Tuesday   | 1 July  |          | Canada Day Office Closed               |
|           |         | 6:30 PM  | S.A.F.E. Place Peer Support            |
| Wednesday | 2 July  | 10:00 AM | 12 Step Program                        |
|           |         | 7:00 PM  | 12 Step Program                        |
| Friday    | 4 July  | 7:00 PM  | 12 Step Program                        |
| Saturday  | 5 July  | 9:00 AM  | House of Hope Worship                  |
|           |         | 10:00 AM | Men’s Breakfast Ace Casino             |
| Sunday    | 6 July  | 10:30 AM | 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost |

**HIGHWOOD HIGHLIGHTS** – The joint July / August issue is available in the Narthex and downstairs.

**ETERNITY FOR TODAY** booklets for July, August and September have arrived. and are in the narthex and downstairs.

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE** – If you need a ride to church, contact Elizabeth Anderson 587 897 0548 or Bill Strand 403 239 9894.

**MEN’S BREAKFAST** – All Highwood men and your guests - come on out and hear Art Wildeman talk about the Stephen Ministry program and how it is benefiting thousands of people across North America. Our monthly breakfast is on Saturday 5 July at 10:00 AM at Ace Casino Airport.

**WESTERN LUNCH** – Yee-Haw! Stampede is just around the corner. Join us for a Western Lunch on the final day of the Stampede, Sunday 13 July 2025 after the Service. Sign up downstairs for some delicious vitals.

**SYNOD AND NATIONAL NEWSLETTERS** - The Synod of Alberta and Territories has a bi-monthly newsletter called “*Wednesday’s Word*” available on the first and third Wednesdays. Visit [abtsynodoffice@elcic.ca](mailto:abtsynodoffice@elcic.ca). You can sign up on the home page. The National Church has a weekly newsletter “*ELCIC NEWS*” at <https://elcic.ca/news/>. It’s found under the ‘Resources’ tab, select ‘Publications’ from the list and then ‘ELCIC News’.

**SHARING THANKS AND BLESSINGS** - The National Bishop, Susan Johnson, will soon retire after 18 years of faithful leadership in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. You are invited to join with other congregations across Canada in expressing our gratitude and blessings. Please take a minute to sign a card for the Bishop which is available in the narthex for you and add a personal note of thanks and blessings to Bishop Susan as she enters retirement. Thank you. Highwood Lutheran Church Council.

**HEADING AWAY FOR THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS?** It’s time for many of us to plan our summer, with time away from home. Please remember that you can leave postdated cheques for your offering. Unfortunately, our expenses don’t take a vacation. Thank you for caring for the needs of our church.

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| <b>NEXT WEEK’S READINGS</b> | 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost |
| Isaiah 66:10-14             | Psalms 66:1-9                          |
| Galatians 6:1-16            | Luke 10:1-11, 16-20                    |