



**Area-Led Service**  
**June 26, 2022**  
**Northern Area**  
**of the Synod of Alberta**  
**and the Territories**



**Land Acknowledgement**

In the spirit of respect, reciprocity, and truth, we honour and acknowledge that across the Synod of Alberta and the Territories we live and work on traditional and ancestral territory of the many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for centuries. Here in the Northern Area, we give recognition to the *Cree, Blackfoot, Métis, Nakota Sioux, Iroquois, Dene, Anishinaabe, Inuit* past, present, and future, and to the Metis Nation of Alberta, Region III. We acknowledge all Nations – Indigenous and non – who live, work and play on this land, and who honour and celebrate this territory. We invite you to hold a moment of reflection for the ground under your feet where you are today, giving thanks for the peoples who have come before us and in a spirit of care for this land on behalf of future generations.

**Welcome Video with Bishop Larry K.**

**Gathering Song**

“Before the Waters Nourished Earth” (ACS 1049)

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

With Holy Family Lutheran Church, Yellowknife

**Baptismal Song**

“Come to the Water of Life (ACS 955)

**Greeting**

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

**And also with you.**

**Prayer of the Day**

O God, you set us free in Jesus Christ with a power greater than all that the world would keep us captive. Grant that we might live gracefully in our freedom without selfishness or arrogance, and through love become slaves to the freedom of the gospel for the sake of your reign. **Amen.**

**First Reading:** Read by friends from Slave Lake

**2 Kings 2:1-2,6-14**

<sup>1</sup>Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. <sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the company of prophets also

went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. <sup>9</sup>When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." <sup>10</sup>He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." <sup>11</sup>As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup>Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. <sup>13</sup>He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. <sup>14</sup>He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

**Children's Time**

With Pastor AnnE Z. and friends from Lakeland Lutheran, Cold Lake

**Psalms 77:1-2, 11-20** - Led by Naomi N from Holy Spirit Lutheran, Edmonton (read responsively)

I cry aloud to God, aloud to God,

**That he may hear me.**

In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord;  
 in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying;

**my soul refuses to be comforted.**

I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord;

**I will remember your wonders of old.**

I will meditate on all your work,

**and muse on your mighty deeds.**

Your way, O God, is holy.

**What god is so great as our God?**

You are the God who works wonders;

**you have displayed your might among the peoples.**

With your strong arm you redeemed your people,

**the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.**

When the waters saw you, O God, when the waters saw you, they were afraid;

**the very deep trembled.**

The cloud poured out water; the skies thundered;

**your arrows flashed on every side.**

The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind;  
your lightnings lit up the world;

**the earth trembled and shook.**

Your way was through the sea, your path,  
through the mighty waters;

**yet your footprints were unseen.**

You led your people like a flock.

**by the hand of Moses and Aaron.**

**Second Reading:**

Read by Mary Louise D. of Holy Trinity Church, Edson

**Galatians 5:1, 13-25**

<sup>1</sup>For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>15</sup>If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. <sup>16</sup>Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. <sup>19</sup>Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, <sup>20</sup>idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. <sup>24</sup>And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup>If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil (ELW 512)

**Gospel Reading**

**Luke 9:51-62**

<sup>51</sup>When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup>And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; <sup>53</sup>but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup>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?" <sup>55</sup>But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup>Then they went on to another village. <sup>57</sup>As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." <sup>58</sup>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." <sup>59</sup>To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." <sup>60</sup>But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." <sup>61</sup>Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." <sup>62</sup>Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the

plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

**Sermon**

Diaconal Minister Sarah Rudd, Good Samaritan Society

**Song of the Day**

"Will You Come and Follow Me" (ELW 798)

**Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Prayers:** Led by Pastor Richard R. and Campus Ministry  
Prayer Response:

L: Guide us by your Spirit,

C: **hear our prayer.**

**Sharing of the Peace**

**Offertory:** "Lord, Be Glorified" (ELW 744)

**Offering Prayer**

Everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully  
release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be  
signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the  
healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

**Announcements**

**Blessing**

God all mighty, God most merciful, bless us, keep us, and  
give us + peace

**Amen.**

**Sending Song** "Soli Deo Gloria" (ELW 878)

**Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the world.

**Thanks be to God!**

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