

LUTHER DAYS IN HALLGRÍMSKIRKJA

OCTOBER
26TH-31ST
2017



OCTOBER 26TH - THURSDAY

Anniversary of Hallgrímskirkja consecration

12 noon MEDITATION - Hallgrímur & Luther Hildigunnur Einarsdóttir, alto and Björn Steinar Sólbergsson, organ
Irma Sjöfn Óskarsdóttir pastor at Hallgrímskirkja.

OCTOBER 27TH - FRIDAY

Hallgrímur Pétursson 343rd Anniversary

8 pm Hymns for new times!

Schola Cantorum chamber choir.
Director: Hörður Áskelsson.
"Hymns of a new era" are 26 hymns by Aðalsteinn Ásberg Sigurðsson and Sigurður Flosason composed for an a capella choir. The sense of these hymns discern glory, prayer, joy and sorrow.

Admission: ISK 2500. Tickets available by the entrance and on www.midi.is.

OCTOBER 28TH - SATURDAY

2 pm THESES - Opening

Tesur (Theses) is a participatory performance by Icelandic artists Guðrún Kristjánsdóttir and Ólöf Nordal that will be on display from the 28th to the 31st of October. The performance recalls when Luther hammered his 95 theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany on 31st of October in 1517, and thus began the reformation in Europe.

Visitors are invited to participate.

OCTOBER 29TH - SUNDAY

11 am FESTIVE HIGH MASS - 343rd Anniversary of Hallgrímur Pétursson

Hallgrímskirkja's pastors Irma Sjöfn Óskarsdóttir and dr. Sigurður Árni Þórðarson lead the service. Music performed by the Hallgrímskirkja Motet Choir, Björn Steinar Sólbergsson, organ, Oddur A. Jónsson bass and Inga Rós Ingólfssdóttir, violoncello. Director: Hörður Áskelsson. Children's participation under supervision of Inga Harðardóttir.

5 pm LUTHER AND BACH: FESTIVE SERVICE

The Lutheran Cantata "Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam BWV 7" for three soloists, choir and orchestra will be performed along with some hymn arrangements, opening choir from "Aus tiefer Not ruf ich zu dir" BWV 48 and "Kyrie" from Lutheran Mass in F-Major by J. S. Bach.

The Hallgrímskirkja Motet Choir, The Hallgrímskirkja Chamber Orchestra, Auður Guðjohnsen alto, Benedikt Kristjánsson tenor, Oddur A. Jónsson bass. Director: Hörður Áskelsson. Pastors: Dr. Sigurður Árni Þórðarson and Irma Sjöfn Óskarsdóttir. Sermon by Kristján Valur Ingólfsson Bishop, Skálholt.

Organist: Björn Steinar Sólbergsson.

OCTOBER 30TH - MONDAY

9 am - 2 pm THE CHILDREN AND THE THESES

School groups visit Hallgrímskirkja and prepare their own theses.
Inga Harðardóttir director of youth ministry at Hallgrímskirkja supervises. Also on October 31st.

8 pm TWO WOMEN OF THE REFORMATION - MUSIC THEATER

Elizabeth and Halldóra, Bach and „Grallarinn“.

This piece was composed to celebrate the 500 year anniversary of the beginning of the reformation. It aims to address the participation and influence of women on the shaping of the reformation.

Performers: Ensemble ReykjavíkBarokk, actresses María Ellingsen and Steinunn Jóhannesdóttir, Marta Guðrún Halldórsdóttir soprano, Jóhanna Halldórsdóttir alto, Bragi Bergþórsson tenor and Benedikt Ingólfsson bass. The Hallgrímskirkja Youth Choir and members from the women's choir Aurora lead the song.

Artistic directors: Diljá Sigursveinsdóttir and Guðný Einarsdóttir.

Admission: ISK 2500. Tickets available at the entrance and on www.midi.is.

OCTOBER 31ST - TUESDAY

Reformation Day

12 noon-12.30 pm READING OF 95 THESES

The reformation began 500 years ago when Martin Luther hammered 95 theses on church door. The theses, drastically changed European religion, politics and culture. This is the first time that the theses will be read to completion in a church in Iceland.

Hallgrímskirkja's pastors, dr. Sigurður Árni Þórðarson and Irma Sjöfn Óskarsdóttir supervise.

6-8 pm CELEBRATION OF THE 500 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION!

A feast in Hallgrímskirkja to acknowledge that the 500 year anniversary is celebrated around the world!

Luther remembered – singing of hymns! After the celebration in the church, all participants and guests are invited for refreshments in the church's southern wing.

Participants are the Hallgrímskirkja Motet Choir, conducted by Hörður Áskelsson, Björn Steinar Sólbergsson organ, pastors of Hallgrímskirkja, dr. Sigurður Árni Þórðarson and Irma Sjöfn Óskarsdóttir, Gunnar J. Gunnarsson chair of the Reformation 500 Year Anniversary Committee and the guests join in singing the hymns!

