



**SUNDAY AUGUST 30, 2020**

**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**Pastor Trent**

Good morning and welcome to worship. This morning we have an opportunity to hear from our Saskatchewan Bishop

Sid Haugen, as he brings the Good News. As our summer months come to an end, it is my hope that we all found some time for rest and renewal. We are especially mindful of students and teachers on this day, as they prepare for another year of school in a very strange – and stressful time. We pray that God's protective arms will be around them and their families, keeping them safe from all harm. May feelings of anxiety be lifted and may they know God's peace.

Let's begin now with a time for silent reflection, as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Amen.**

*As we approach the mystery of God, let us come ready to confess, trusting in the love of Christ crucified and risen.*

***Silent Reflection***

*God, you search us and you know us through and through. You have shown us what is good, but we often look to other lights to find our way. We have not been just in our dealings with others. We have chosen revenge over mercy. We have promoted ourselves, instead of walking humbly with you. With what shall we come before you? Forgive us our sins and show us your salvation in the light of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

*Hear again the Good News - beloved children of God. You have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit of God, poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. Receive again the promise given to you in the waters of baptism. Hear for yourself the glorious words of God, who looks upon you and proudly proclaims – You are my daughter; You are my son, and with you I am incredibly pleased. As God's beloved children, know that you are always forgiven and renewed. So, rejoice and be glad, and trust in the provisions of God.*

**SONG: "Tis so Sweet'**

**Chelsea Moon & Uncle Daddy**

Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to take Him at His Word  
Just to rest upon His promise, Just to know thus says The Lord

Oh how sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to trust His cleansing blood  
And in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing, cleansing flood

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him. How I've proved him o'er and o'er  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus, Oh, for grace to trust Him more

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, Just from sin and self to cease  
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest and joy and peace

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him. How I've proved him o'er and o'er.  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus, Oh, for grace to trust Him more

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him. How I've proved him o'er and o'er.  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus, Oh, for grace to trust Him more

I'm so glad I learned to trust Him, Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend  
And I know that He is with me, Will be with me to the end

## **GREETING**

**Blair Seifert**

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

**And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 26:1-8**

**Loraine Schultz**

<sup>1</sup>Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity;  
I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.

<sup>2</sup>**Test me, O LORD, and try me;**  
**examine my heart and my mind.**

<sup>3</sup>For your steadfast love is before my eyes;  
I have walked faithfully with you.

<sup>4</sup>**I have not sat with the worthless,**  
**nor do I consort with the deceitful.**

<sup>5</sup>I have hated the company of evildoers;  
I will not sit down with the wicked.

<sup>6</sup>**I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD,**  
**that I may go in procession round your altar,**

<sup>7</sup>singing aloud a song of thanksgiving  
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

<sup>8</sup>**LORD, I love the house in which you dwell**  
**and the place where your glory abides.**

## **SECOND READING: ROMANS 12:9-21**

**Sheryl Fox**

A reading from Romans.

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly;

do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup>No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: 'God Is So Good'**

**Philip Keveren & Anthony LaMarchina  
Instrumental**

- 1 God is so good, God is so good.  
God is so good, he's so good to me.
- 2 He cares for me, he cares for me,  
he cares for me, he's so good to me.
- 3 He saved my soul, he saved my soul,  
he saved my soul, he's so good to me.
- 4 I praise his name, I praise his name,  
I praise his name, he's so good to me.

Text: traditional

**GOSPEL: MATTHEW 10:40-42**

**Charlene Neumeayer**

The holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter...

**Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>40</sup> 'Anyone who receives you receives me, and anyone who receives me receives the Father who sent me. <sup>41</sup> If you receive a prophet as one who speaks for God, you will be given the same reward as a prophet. And if you receive righteous people because of their righteousness, you will be given a reward like theirs. <sup>42</sup> And if you give even a cup of cold water to one of the least of my followers, you will surely be rewarded.'

*The Word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON: BISHOP SID HAUGEN**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: 'The Church's One Foundation'**

**ELW 654 Choir of King's College, Cambridge**

- 1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
she is his new creation by water and the word.  
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
- 2 Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.



- 4 In toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;  
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.
- 5 Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
Like them, the meek and lowly, On high may dwell with thee.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sylvia Graupe

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

God of faithfulness, you bid your people to follow Jesus. Set the mind of your church on divine things. Grant us trust in you, that we lose our lives for the sake of Christ and thereby discover joy in life through him.

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of wonder, the earth is yours and all that is in it. Heal your creation and give us eyes to see the world as you do. As the seasons change, pattern the rhythm of our lives in harmony with all creation. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of all nations, you call us to live peaceably with all. Give us ears to hear one another, even those we name as enemies. Fill all leaders with mercy and understanding, that they advocate and genuinely care for those who are poor and most vulnerable in their communities. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of salvation, you promise to deliver us. Give those who suffer a strong sense of your presence and love. Accompany those who are uncertain, raise the spirits of those who are despairing, and heal the sick.

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of community, you call us to rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, and persevere in prayer. Make our congregation a workshop of your love. When we quarrel, bring reconciliation. Help us overcome evil with good. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of all grace, you give us everlasting life. In love we recall your holy ones who now live in your undying light. In our remembering, give us a foretaste of the feast to come. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**SONG: 'The Lord's Prayer'**

**Gentri**

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread  
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory  
Forever, Amen

**BLESSING**

**DISMISSAL**

*Go in peace. Christ is with you.*

**SENDING SONG: We Are Marching/Siyahamba' ELW 866**

**OCP Session Choir**

Siyahamba ekukhanyen' kwenhos'  
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Siyahamba oo  
Siyahamba ekukhanyen' kwenhos'  
Siyahamba oo  
Siyahamba ekukhanyen' kwenhos'

We are marching in the light of God  
we are marching in the light of God  
We are marching in the light of God  
we are marching in the light of God  
We are marching, we are marching oo  
we are marching in the light of God  
We are marching, we are marching oo  
we are marching in the light of God

We are praying...

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