

## 2020 08 09 Service of the Word.

### IN THE NAME

P: "For the mountains may depart, and the hills be removed,

**C: But my steadfast love shall not depart from you."**

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Friends in Christ: Let us confess our sins to God our Father and ask Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C: We confess that we are born in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have failed to do. We have not loved You with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves. We deserve Your eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us. Amen.**

P: Upon this your confession and prayer I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. On behalf of my Lord Jesus Christ, and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. Peace be with you!

**C: Amen.**

### PSALM 85:8-13

P: Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,  
for He will speak peace to his people, to His saints;  
but let them not turn back to folly.

**C: Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him,  
that glory may dwell in our land.**

Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;  
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

**Faithfulness springs up from the ground,  
and righteousness looks down from the sky.**

Yes, the LORD will give what is good,  
and our land will yield its increase.

**Righteousness will go before Him and make His footsteps a way.**

**C: Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### GREETING

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Merciful Father, Your Son Jesus Christ gave up His life so that we might die to self and live in Him. Give us such close fellowship with Him that in all doubts and dangers our faith may not fail. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

P: Our Scripture reading for today comes from **Matthew 14:22-33.**

**“Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.”**

**And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So, Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”**

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord!

**C: Praise be to You, O Christ!**

## **APOSTLES CREED**

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty, from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

**SERMON** for today is based on **Matthew 14:22-33**

P: Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

## Sermon “**All-powerful and gentle.**”

P: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus.

**C: Amen.**

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: Let us pray!

**C: Gracious Father, we offer with joy and thanks what You have first given us — ourselves, our time, and our possessions — as signs of Your goodness and symbols of our love. Accept them for the sake of Jesus Christ, who offered Himself for us.**

**Amen.**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

O Lord, our God, we do not presume to know Your ways or inform Your judgment. We ask You to grant us Your Holy Spirit so that we may apprehend Your ways and know Your Son, Jesus Christ, by faith. Give us wisdom, that we may trust in Your Word amid the stormy seas of this mortal life and be safely delivered from all danger onto the eternal shores of heaven.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we have no righteousness of our own but only the righteousness of Christ into which we were clothed in Baptism. Grant us grace, that we may be faithful in every circumstance and bold in the confession of His saving name. Guard those who preach Your Word to us so that, hearing, we may believe and, believing, we may have everlasting life.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we thank You for making Willow Brooke Sandeman Your child in Holy Baptism. For pray for Willow and her parents Anthony and Jessica. Protect Willow from all evil and grant her abundantly Your Holy Spirit. Grant faithfulness and Your wisdom to Anthony and Jessica, that by Your grace, they can keep the promise they made today.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we see the great need and ask You to raise up those who will serve us as pastors, teachers, missionaries and in all church-work vocations. Bless church planters and the younger congregations, that they may endure. Bring hope and renewal to all struggling congregations and to the pastors who serve them, and do not let fear keep us from Your Word and Sacraments.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we ask You to bless us, our nation and those who lead us. Guide all elected and appointed civil servants in their judgments, that we may know justice in

our land and peace among the nations. Make us especially mindful of those who need our special protection, the unborn, the aged and the oppressed.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we pray for Your blessing upon the schools where children learn, especially for the schools and seminary of our church. Give Your blessing to all places where Your people gather to teach and learn Your Word. Help us to remember that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we remember the sick, those who suffer, those troubled in mind, the grieving and the dying. Deliver them according to Your will and grant them the comfort of Your Word in their afflictions, that they may depend upon Your mercy in every circumstance. Hear us especially on behalf of Margaret Moll, Pat and Bob Taplin and all those whom we know silently mention in our hearts... . . . .

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we do not presume to come to this Your table trusting in our own merits. Give to us faith to discern Christ in His body and blood and repentance that we may receive for our good His gift of Himself in this blessed communion. What we have received with our lips, help us keep in holy, upright and godly lives.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we give thanks for the saints of old who trusted in You in life and now rest in Christ from all their labours. Deliver us from all evil, and lead us through all temptation so that at last we may join them in the marriage supper of the Lamb in Your kingdom without end.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we pray You to be our light in darkness, our strength in weakness, our courage in fear and our peace in distress. Speak to us by the voice of Your Word, that we may call upon You in the day of trouble and confess Your saving name before all people. Hear us on behalf of ourselves and those for whom we have prayed; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

**P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favour †, and give you peace.**

**C: Amen.**