

# Southern Area Worship Service

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 28, 2022

## PRELUDE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WELCOME

### 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 Southern Area, we give recognition to the Siksika, Kainai, Piikani, Stoney-Nakoda, and Tsuut'ina nations, as well as the Cree, Sioux, and the Saulteaux bands of the Ojibwa peoples 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.*



### GATHERING SONG "Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand"<sup>r1</sup> ACS 1024

*Refrain*

Kwa - ke Ye - su na - si - ma - ma, ndi - ye  
Here on Je - sus Christ I will stand. He's the

mwam - ba ni sa - la - ma. Ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la -  
sol - id rock of my life. He's the sol - id rock of my

ma, ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la - ma.  
life. He's the sol - id rock of my life.

1 There's no oth - er place I can hide till the  
2 It is not the work of my hands that has  
3 When my days on this earth are done, and I

storm that rag - es sub - sides. My voice cries to God from the  
washed a - way all my sins. I'm re - deemed, and all of my  
stand at God's ho - ly throne, my heart will not have an - y

*Refrain*

flood, and I'm saved be - cause of his blood.  
days, Je - sus Christ will be my heart's praise.  
fear; in Christ's righ - teous - ness I am here.

## **GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.**

Let us pray. O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

**Amen**

## **FIRST READING — Proverbs 25:6-7**

A reading from Proverbs.

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence  
or stand in the place of the great;  
or it is better to be told, "Come up here,"  
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 112**

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord  
and have great delight in God's commandments!

**Their descendants will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Wealth and riches will be in their house,  
and their righteousness will last forever.

**Light shines in the darkness for the upright;  
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

It is good for them to be generous in lending  
and to manage their affairs with justice.

**For they will never be shaken;  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;  
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

**Their heart is established and will not shrink,  
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever;  
they will hold up their head with honor.

**The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away;  
the desires of the wicked will perish.**

## **SECOND READING — Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16**

A reading from Hebrews.

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL READING – LUKE 14:1, 7-14**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

HYMN OF THE DAY — "Build Us Up Lord"<sup>2</sup> ELW 670

1 Build us up, Lord, build us up; set in  
 2 Build us up, Lord, build us up; let our

us a strong foun - da - tion. Lead us to do your  
 lives re - flect your glo - ry. Cast a - way all our

ho - ly will; form and shape your new cre - a - tion.  
 doubts and fears; help us tell the world your sto - ry.

Build us up, Lord, build us up; as we  
 Build us up, Lord, build us up; help us

guide and teach each oth - er, help us to share your love with the  
 bear good fruit for you, Lord, give us vi - sion and keep us

world: ev - 'ry sis - ter, ev - 'ry broth - er.  
 sure. Grant us faith that's stead - fast and true.

*Refrain*

Grow - ing in Christ, we plant seeds for the king - dom; we fol - low in

faith what's be - gun! Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of your

word to spread the news of your Son!

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... let it be so among us.

## 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.

## BLESSING

The God of peace, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN "Guide My Feet"<sup>3</sup> ACS 987



1 Guide my feet  
2 Hold my hand  
3 Stand by me while I run this race.  
4 I'm your child  
5 Search my heart



Guide my feet  
Hold my hand  
Stand by me while I run this race.  
I'm your child  
Search my heart



Guide my feet  
Hold my hand  
Stand by me while I run this race,  
I'm your child  
Search my heart



for I don't want to run this race in vain.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbour.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

### SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Prelude and Postlude	Mark Heinen, <i>Good Shepherd, Lethbridge</i>
Welcome	Rev. Dr. Larry Kochendorfer, Bishop of ABT Synod
Worship Leader	Rev. Jeff Decelle, <i>Unity, Medicine Hat</i>
Worship Assistants	Daniel, Jacob & Samuel Decelle, <i>Unity, Medicine Hat</i>
Readers	Anaelle Ravelojaona & Audrey Von Heyking, <i>Christ Trinity, Lethbridge</i>
Sermon	Rev. Kate Zaiser, <i>Nazareth, Standard</i>
Prayers	Rev. Janice Whitelock, <i>Spirit of Grace, Brooks</i>
Song Leader	Deanna Decelle, <i>Unity, Medicine Hat</i>
Percussion	Samuel Decelle, <i>Unity, Medicine Hat</i>
Trio	Rev. Kathy Calkins, Carolyn Ethier & Linda Langager, with Mark Heinen accompanist, <i>Good Shepherd, Lethbridge</i>
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