

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Rescued—for Life in Christ

July 14, 2019

AS WE GATHER

God's people have been rescued! The heavenly Father has "delivered us"—rescued us—from the darkness of sin, death, and the power of the devil. He has "transferred us" into the kingdom of grace in His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ (Colossians 1:13). Against the backdrop of God's great rescue or deliverance, our Scripture Readings point to the redeeming, restoring work of God. We have been set free to serve God in the power and example of Jesus: He seeks, He loves, He saves.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN Lord Whose Love Through Humble Service" 848

(please stand)

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 71:1–3*

Pastor: In You, O LORD, do I take refuge;

People: let me never be put to shame!

Pastor: In Your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;

People: incline Your ear to me, and save me!

Pastor: Be to me a rock of refuge,

People: to which I may continually come;

Pastor: You have given the command to save me,

People: for You are my rock and my fortress.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

(Share the Peace of Christ with those around you)

(be seated)

HYMN OF PRAISE "In Christ Alone"

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, in Your deep compassion You rescue us from whatever may hurt us. Teach us to love You above all things and to love our neighbors as ourselves; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Leviticus (18:1–5) 19:9–18* (God rescued His people from slavery in Egypt.)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *Colossians 1:1–14* (Paul's gratitude to God for the faith, love, and witness of the Body of Christ at Colossae)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE *Luke 10:27*

Pastor: Alleluia. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind,

People: **and your neighbor as yourself. Alleluia.**

(please stand)

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 10:25–37* (The Good Samaritan)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Pastor: Lord, send Your Spirit into the hearts and minds of those who have wandered from the faith, and by Your Word of truth convict them and bring them to faith again in Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer!

Pastor: Lord, be with, encourage, and sustain those who are struggling at this time, [especially . . .]. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer!

Pastor: Lord, bless our work together in this place, through this ministry, as we entrust ourselves to Your guidance. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer!

Other petitions may be included here.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen!

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

**People: Our Father who 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 trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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 favor and ✠ give you peace.

Numbers 6:24–26

People: **Amen.**

HYMN “Go My Children” 922

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