

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 19

Who Do You Think You Are?

September 13, 2020

AS WE GATHER



We live in a world filled with uncertainty, and much of this uncertainty is so personal. Who we are and what it is that gives our lives identity, meaning, and purpose go to the very heart of the questions for our times. Today, Paul reminds us that we belong to the Lord. Whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. Being the Lord's own is what shapes our self-understanding and defines how we relate to one another. All the things that divide us on earth and how we are tempted to identify ourselves by preference or desire are overcome by the Lord, who suffered for us, died to save us, and lives to set us free. This love makes it possible for us to see others as our brothers and sisters in Christ.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

Shepherd of Tender Youth LSB 864

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for self-examination.

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God, confident of His grace and forgiveness to all who are penitent.

People: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I

Christ said to his disciples, "If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven"*. The Pastor says "I" because Jesus said "you." The pastor, though sinful, speaks for God and announces *God's* cleansing forgiveness to those who made confession. [John 20:23](#).

have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. 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.

✠ **WORD** ✠

INTROIT *Psalm 143:1–2; antiphon: v. 9*

Introit is a Latin word meaning "he enters into." The Introit is a part of a psalm or a hymn that announces the theme of the day and begins the Service of the Word. The people would chant psalms as they entered the sanctuary and the Pastor as he entered the chancel (area near the altar).

Pastor: Deliver me from my enemies, | O LORD!*

People: **I have fled to you for | refuge!**

Pastor: Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for |
mercy!*

People: **In your faithfulness answer me, in your |
righteousness!**

Pastor: Enter not into judgment with your | servant,*

People: **for no one living is righteous be- | fore you.**

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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All the Works of God, Bless the Lord LSB 930 Congregation join
on verses 5 & 6

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, You have rescued us from our bondage to
sin and given us a new life and identity in Baptism. Grant

us Your grace that we live in peace with all people and show to those around us the same forgiveness that You have shown to us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 50:15–21*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Romans 14:1–12*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Matthew 6:14*

Pastor: Alleluia. If you forgive others their trespasses,

People: your heavenly Father will also forgive you. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 18:21–35*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth 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.

INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace LSB 844 tune 563

SERMON

CREED *Apostles' Creed*

People: **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, died and was 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 T everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.**

OFFERTORY

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us LSB 851

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.**

Christ Be My Leader LSB 861