

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

People: Heavenly Father, we need the sinful person in us drowned again and again. We wrestle with the sin that remains in our lives. We forget that we are your children. We forget that we wear the garments of Christ. We forget that we are all made one and precious in your sight as fellow members of your family. Forgive us for the things we do that dishonor you. Clothe us again with Christ. Renew us by your grace that we may walk in your ways. Amen.

## Scripture Readings

July 5, 2009

### Psalm 119:41-48

May your unfailing love come to me, O LORD,  
your salvation according to your promise;  
then I will answer the one who taunts me,  
for I trust in your word.  
Do not snatch the word of truth from my mouth,  
for I have put my hope in your laws.  
I will always obey your law,  
for ever and ever.  
I will walk about in freedom,  
for I have sought out your precepts.  
I will speak of your statutes before kings  
and will not be put to shame,  
for I delight in your commands  
because I love them.  
I lift up my hands to your commands, which I love,  
and I meditate on your decrees.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

### Romans 6:1-9

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

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### Luke 4:14-21

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. He taught in their synagogues, and everyone praised him. He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom.

And he stood up to read. The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners

and recovery of sight for the blind,

to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, and he began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

## APOSTLES' CREED

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 everlasting. Amen

Sermon Outline ~ July 5, 2009

Baptism 1: "Freedom!"

Hebrews 4:12-13

Introduction: "Free at last!"

Baptism brings...

1. Freedom from:

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*"Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins." Acts 2:38*

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*"In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also."  
1 Peter 3:20-21*

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*"For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." Colossians 1:13-14*

2. Freedom to be:

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*"You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."  
Galatians 3:26-29*

Answers to Sermon Outline:

Sin, death, the devil, a child of God!

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: And the people took the blessing and held it in their hearts.

Leader: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!