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AS WE GATHER

Freed to Live

We typically think of freedom as freedom from something: from oppression, fear, punishment, and even death. Our freedom in Christ is certainly a freedom from sin and death, but it is no less a freedom for a new life in Christ. This life is a life of righteousness, bearing the good fruits of the Spirit in our lives, serving our neighbor as Christ has served us, and glorifying God in our words and works. We cannot earn or cooperate in our salvation—this is due solely to Christ’s work alone—but we do cooperate under the Spirit in renouncing sin and living for Christ with new lives born of baptismal water. We are no longer slaves to sin but servants of Christ.

PRELUDE AND WELCOME

HYMN "Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus" #531

Please stand as you are able.

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 25:7, 18*

Pastor: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O Lord!

People: **Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.**

Pastor: Holy and gracious God,

People: **I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver according to Your mercy and grant peace to my heart so that I may serve You with all my mind, body, and soul.**

Pastor: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. 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.**

Pastor: He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you. Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

KYRIE *pew hymnal page 151*

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: **♪ Lord have mercy**

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **♪ Lord have mercy**

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **♪ Lord have mercy**

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

People: ♪ **Lord have mercy**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord.

People: ♪ **Amen**

HYMN OF PRAISE "This is the Feast" *pew hymnal page 155*

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1. Worthy is Christ the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. **Refrain**
2. Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His. **Refrain**
3. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation.
4. Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. **Refrain**
5. For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. **Final Refrain**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: ♪ **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

God of power and might, You showed Your greatest power in rescuing us sinners and setting us free from death; grant to us grace to use Your gift of liberty to show forth in our lives the righteousness of Christ, forsaking evil for good, and, by the power of Your Spirit, bearing the fruits of the Spirit in our lives; through Him who died that we might live and who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: ♪ **Amen**

Please be seated.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 20:7-13

(He rescues the life of the needy.)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE Romans 6:12-23

("The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ.")

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

ALLELUIA and VERSE *pew hymnal page 156*

♪ **Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?**

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 10:5a, 21-33 *(Do not be afraid.)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 10th 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.**

THE NICENE CREED *(found on the last page of the pew hymnal)*

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY “O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe” #666

SERMON *Pastor Mark Croucher*

Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Lord of all power and might, deliver Your people from their fears and grant us a clean heart that we may plead our cause before You in confidence of Your mercy.

Lord God, unloose the tongues of Your people that we boldly confess Christ here on earth and be confessed by Him before the Father in heaven. Prosper the work of Your church and defend her against every evil threat. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord God, keep those whom You have redeemed from falling back into the paths of sin and evil, and raise us up to serve You in holiness and righteousness all our days. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord God, prevent the freedom purchased for us by the suffering and death of Christ from excusing our cause to serve You as the people of Your promise, doing the good Your Word requires, and avoiding the evil You forbid. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord God, grant freedom from fear and sorrow to the sick and those who suffer, that trusting in Your mercy, they may know Your healing power and strength and be kept by Your power to everlasting life. Hear us especially for Liz, Betty, Karla, Dan, Ian and Luetta, Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, God of power and might, bring an end to the warring of the nations and the violence that makes anxious the hearts of all. Provide for good, wise, and careful leaders who will honor the trust placed in them and allow us to live holy, upright, and peaceful lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord God, send Your love into the homes of Your people that they be places of forgiveness and love. Enable all husbands and wives to fulfill the holy vows in which they were united as one, and bless the children given to their care. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord God, You well supply us with the fruits of the harvest and the bounty of this good earth. Give us generous hearts that we may well-supply the poor and bring into Your storehouse the tithes and offerings of a grateful heart. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord God, You have set Your Table before us and provide to us the true bread of heaven and cup of salvation in the body and blood of Your Son. Grant that what we may receive with our lips we may keep in holy hearts of faith and bear its good fruits in our lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord God, You order our days in Your peace and sustain us to the day when all things shall have their perfect fulfillment. We give You thanks for the faithful who have died and now live in Your nearer presence. Bring us at last with them into everlasting life, and wipe away the tears of those who mourn, Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: All these things, O Lord, and whatever else we need, we trust to Your gracious provision, begging Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Please be seated.

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Please stand as you are able

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

pew hymnal page 160-166

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: ♪ **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: ♪ **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: ♪ **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is good, right, and our very duty to give You thanks and praise, O Lord God, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, for You made all things in Your wisdom and sent forth Your only Son, born of the virgin, to fulfill Your holy will and redeem us from sin, death, and the devil. As He has now accomplished all Your saving will and purpose, open our hearts to trust in His righteousness and open our minds to know and do His will on earth. With angels and archangels, patriarchs and prophets, apostles and evangelists, and all the company of heaven, we laud Your majesty and join in the one unending hymn of praise, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

♪ **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:**

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Mighty Lord, endless is Your mercy and eternal Your might, for in Your goodness You made and still preserve all things and have redeemed us not with a treasure bought with gold but with the holy and precious blood of Your Son. Keep in Your mercy Your church, for whom Christ died, and in Him she lives and breathes and has her being. Grant that we be supplied by Your Word of life and this Holy Supper, the testament of Christ's love and the foretaste of the eternity prepared for us and for all who have loved His appearing. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: ♪ **Amen**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: Remembering with thanksgiving His holy incarnation, His obedient suffering, His life-giving death, and proclaiming His resurrection from the dead, His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and believing His promise to come again, we pray You, O Lord, deliver us from every evil and grant us peace in our days, awaiting with great anticipation the day when we shall fall asleep in His arms and awaken in His glory to everlasting life. Hear us as He has taught us and we are bold to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: ♪ Amen

AGNUS DEI

♪ **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

Please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

♪ **Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell everyone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever!

Pastor: Blessed Lord, You have set us free from sin's mastery and death's end through the suffering and death of Jesus Christ. As we have here received His body and blood in this Holy Supper, grant us Your Spirit that we may bear the good fruit of faith,

serving Christ alone and living in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: ♪ **A-men**

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.

People: ♪ **A-men**

HYMN “Fruitful Trees, the Spirit’s Sowing” #691

POSTLUDE

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THE MESSENGER

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WELCOME! Dear guest, we pray that your worship with us is as spiritually enriching for you as your presence is encouraging to us. We invite you to sign our guest book in the foyer. Please leave your email address if you would like periodic updates from Immanuel. Most importantly, come back and worship with us again next Sunday.

SERVING US TODAY: Pr. Mark Croucher
Dan Henggeler, Organist

IN OUR PRAYERS: Liz Kraft, Betty Peuster, Karla Kass, Dan and Ian Henggeler, and Luetta Buchholz.

LAST SUNDAY’S ATTENDANCE: 25 Total: 10 guests

THE LUTHERAN HOUR theme for next Sunday, June 28th is "**Journey Through Ambition**" Guest Speaker: Pastor Ryan Tinetti You don’t have to worry about making a name for yourself. In Christ, God has already given you His. Matthew 25:21 Listen online at <https://www.lutheranhour.org>.