

**Regarding participation in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper:** Membership at Freedom is not required in order to partake of the Sacrament. However, we do require that non-members consult with our Pastor or one of our Elders before coming forward to partake. They would be glad to meet and visit with you! Further information can be found in the pamphlet entitled "The Lord's Supper at Freedom Lutheran Church," located on the table in the lobby.

### **Salutation ("And also with you") and Invocation ("Amen")**

**Hymn:** *"O Sons and Daughters of the King" (LSB #470)*

### **Opening Prayer**

### **Confession of Sin**

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy and ask You for Christ's sake, grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### **Kyrie**

### **Word of Absolution ("Amen")**

**Responsory:** *"God be praised for His glad tidings!" (AMB p.3)*

### **Scripture Readings:**

*Acts 5:12-20*

*Revelation 1:4-18*

*John 20:19-31*

### **Confession of Faith**

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, dead and buried; He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated on the

right hand of God the Father Almighty, from where He shall 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.

### **Luther's Small Catechism**

**What is the Sacrament of the Altar?:** It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

**Where is this written?:** The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St Paul write: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### **Tithes and Offerings**

### **Rite of Confirmation for Lewis Talley**

**Hymn:** *"O Jesus, I Have Promised" (AMB #287)*

**Message:** *"My Hope for Freedom's Future: More!" (Ephesians 3:14-21)*

**Hymn:** *"We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God" (LSB #941)*

### **Prayer**

### **Service of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

*"Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia" (LSB #466)*

*"I Know That My Redeemer Lives" (LSB #461)*

### **Benediction ("Amen")**

### **Doxology/Announcements**

## Lutherans for Life

“Knowing that God is always near as our Help moves us to reflect the Savior’s love in helping others. ‘Carry each other’s burdens’ (Galatians 6:2).” *Daily Devotion, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

## Issues Etc.

BOOK OF PHILEMON BIBLE STUDY... The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon begins a study this week on the Book of Philemon. You can listen at your convenience at [thewordendures.org](http://thewordendures.org).

## Fellowship Meal Today

The Fellowship Meal today is entirely catered in recognition of Pastor Coyle’s ministry at Freedom ending. Please continue to pray for the Coyle’s move to Beulah, ND to be conducted safely and smoothly, and for the Lord’s blessing upon the ministry at Prince of Peace Lutheran, which will begin on Tuesday May 20th.

## Moving Help Needed This Week

If anyone would like to assist in loading the Coyle’s moving truck, the opportunity to do so will be this **Thursday, May 1**, in the afternoon and evening.

## Upcoming Leadership Meetings

Leadership will meet on Tuesday, May 13. Elders at 6:00 PM, Council at 7:00 PM