**Regarding participation in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper:**
Membership at Freedom is not required to partake of the Sacrament. However, because the Lord's Supper is a confession of our faith and our unity in Christ, we require that those who are not members of Freedom speak with our Pastor or one of our Elders before partaking of the Sacrament. They would be glad to meet and visit with you after the Divine Service in preparation for a future visit. 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") -2 Timothy 4:22

**Invocation** ("Amen") -Matthew 28:18b

**Introit** -Psalm 130:1-2, 7-8

**Opening Hymn:** "Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word" (Amb #232)

**Collect of the Day**

**Confession of Sin** -1 John 1:9

"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** -Mark 10:47

**Word of Absolution** ("Amen") -John 20:19-23

**Responsory:** ("God be praised for His glad tidings")

**Scripture Readings:**
Micah 6:6-8, Philippians 1:3-11, Matthew 18:21-35

**Confession of Faith**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made: Who for us, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And is seated on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets, And I believe one holy Christian and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

**Luther's Small Catechism**

**The Second Article: Redemption** 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.

**What does this mean?** I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

**Tithes and Offerings**

**Hymn:** "The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace" (LSB #580)

**Message**

**Hymn:** "Chief of Sinners Though I Be" (LSB #611)

**Prayer of the Church**

**Service of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**
"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table" (LSB #618)
"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" (LSB #633)

**Benediction *("Amen")*** -Numbers 6:24-26

**Doxology**

**Announcement**

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