

**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:** "Come, Thou Almighty King" (LSB #905)

### **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:**

*Jeremiah 23:16-29, Hebrews 11:27-31; 12:1-3, Luke 12:49-53*

### **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**

**The Second Article:** 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:** "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" (LSB #655)

**Message:** "The Cross of Christ is Offensive" (Luke 12:49-53)  
*Pastor Kyle Smith*

**Hymn:** "How Firm a Foundation" (AMB #262)

### **Prayer of the Church**

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

*"What Is This Bread" (LSB #629)*

*"Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness" (LSB #563)*

*"When Peace, like a River" (LSB #763)*

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

### **Doxology**

### **Announcements**

## **Lutherans for Life**

“Never apologize for sharing God’s Word. Never excuse holding or defending a godly position that clearly states how a life issue stands according to Scripture. Abortion is wrong, as is assisted suicide, and many other life issues happening in our world.” Volunteer Relations, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

## **Issues Etc.**

THE LIGHT OF GOD’S WORD IN A WORLD OF DARKNESS...

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## **Shabbona Park Service**

The Shabbona Park Service will be on September 7 at 9:30 AM. Hot dogs will be provided.

## **Parsonage Fund Update**

We are blessed to have already received a majority of the funds for parsonage repairs and upgrades. Several thousand dollars are still needed to avoid borrowing from designated funds, Please prayerfully consider what your contribution should be.