

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: *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus* (AMB #456)

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:

1 Samuel 1:21-28

Hebrews 2:14-18

Luke 2:22-40

Confession of Faith—the Nicene Creed

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 in 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 of the world to come. Amen.

Luther's Small Catechism

"The Lord's Prayer, the Fifth Petition: And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. **What does this mean?** We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

Tithes and Offerings

Hymn: *Search Me, O God* (AMB #478)

Message: "Hunger for God" (Psalm 84:1-4)

Hymn: *Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners* (AMB #513)

Prayer

Service of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide (LSB #585)

Chief of Sinners Though I Be (LSB #611)

Your Table I Approach (LSB #628)

Benediction ("Amen")

Doxology/Announcements

Lutherans for Life

“All life is sacred. Your life is sacred. Every life has infinite worth and eternal value. Your life matters—from conception to natural death to eternity. The psalmist declares: ‘I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well’ (Psalm 139:14).” Rev. Robert Mohns

Issues Etc.

EASTERN ORTHODOXY SERIES... How is Confessional Lutheranism similar and different to Eastern Orthodoxy? Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, is doing a series on Eastern Orthodoxy with LCMS Pastor Joshua Schooping. Pastor Schooping is a former Eastern Orthodox priest. You can listen to this series on-demand at issuesetc.org/easternorthodoxy.

Congregational Meeting Next Sunday, February 9th

There will be a congregational meeting **next Sunday**, February 9th following the fellowship meal. This is for the purpose of electing a nominating/call committee to begin the process for calling a new pastor. If you have any questions please talk to Pastor Coyle. Thank you!

Lenten Season

The Lenten Season will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 5th. Our theme this year will be “Christ’s Life for Yours”. A full schedule with speakers will be printed next week.

Upcoming Cleaners: Steve and Melissa (through February 8th) Dave and Bernetta (Feb. 15) Todd and Lisa (Feb. 22) Matt and Kaitlyn (Mar. 1)