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OUR WORSHIP

Freedom and Slavery

SERVICE THEME In 1983, the 500th Anniversary of Luther's birth, I took a Class at the University of Iowa. The required Reading for that Class was Gerhard Ebeling's *Luther: An Introduction to His Thought*. This is a quote from that book that spurred me on to do a thorough examination of Luther's and Scripture's understanding of Christian *freedom* and *slavery*: "In one respect, and perhaps more than one, we shall have to define man's freedom more closely as his slavery, and his slavery as his freedom."

+ Preparing Ourselves to Hear God's Word +

INVOCATION, CONFESSION, & PRAYER based on Romans 6:1-13

Pastor: Do you not know that all of us who have been Baptized into Christ Jesus were Baptized into His death? We were buried therefore with Him by Baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of LIFE.

People: Father, help us to daily remember our Baptism in order to experience our death with Christ Jesus and also our being raised to newness of LIFE in His resurrection from the dead.

Pastor: For we know that our old self was crucified with Him in order that the body controlled by sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin. For the one who has died has been *set free* from sin.

People: Father, send Your Holy Spirit to lead us to contrition and repentance, by means of which we daily drown and put to death our old self with all its sins and evil desires.

Pastor: Now, if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him.

People: Father, help us to daily experience newness of LIFE through our dying to our nature-self and our rising to newness of LIFE in Christ.

Pastor: Consider yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument for unrighteousness, but, rather, offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to LIFE; and offer every part of yourself to Him as an instrument of righteousness.

People: Father, send Your Holy Spirit to help us every day to consider ourselves dead to sin but alive to You through Christ Jesus.

Pastor: Since we have been Baptized into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, we have experienced the gracious washing of rebirth and renewal of the Holy Spirit whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, being justified by His grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal LIFE.

BAPTISM HYMN "I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"

**I was there to hear your borne cry; I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, To see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child, With a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off To find where demons dwell.**

**When you heard the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living Lord, To whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time And you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme From dusk till rising sun.**

**In the middle ages of your life, Not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, Complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in And you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I always have been With just one more surprise.**

**I was there to hear your borne cry; I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, To see your life unfold.**

+ Hearing God's Word for Us +

EPISTLE READING Romans 6:14-23

¹⁴ For sin will no longer be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace.

¹⁵ What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸ and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

²⁰ For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Pastor: These Readings are from **God's holy Word.**

People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING Matthew 10:8b

Pastor: The Gospel Reading is from the Gospel of Matthew, the tax-collector, the tenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

^{8b} "Freely you have received; freely give."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "Freely Give"

MESSAGE HYMN "Freely, Freely"

**God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,
I've been born again in Jesus' name'
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His love as He told me to.**

Chorus
**He said, “Freely, freely you have received;
Freely, freely give.
Go in My name and because you believe,
Others will know that I live.”**

**All power is given in Jesus’ name,
In earth and heaven in Jesus’ name;
And in Jesus’ name I come to you
To share His power as He told me to.
Chorus**

MESSAGE “Slavery that is Freedom; Freedom that is Slavery”

Introduction

Let’s take a closer look at Romans 6:14-23; at slavery and freedom.

Slavery that is Freedom

We are either slaves to sin or slaves to righteousness.

Slavery to sin is actually slavery to self-righteousness.

Slavery to righteousness frees us from sin.

Freedom that is Slavery

Luther defines *faith* as our relationship with God, controlled by no one.

Luther defines *love* as being a slave/servant to everyone’s needs.

Summary

God’s gift of righteousness frees us from sin and makes us slaves to everyone.

+ Our Response to God’s Word +

OFFERING *tune: LSB 704* “Children of the Heavenly Father”

**Thank the Lord for blessings given,
For His grace and sins forgiven.
Lavish love He sends us daily,
Seeks our praise and service freely.**

**Gracious Father we are grateful,
For Your bounty to Your people.
May we cherish all You give us,
Treasure most Who died to save us.**

PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever and ever.
Amen!**

+ The Lord's Supper – the Visible Word +

PREFACE

Pastor: Those who know their frailty, desire to be rid of it, and long for help, should regard this Meal and use it as a precious antidote against the poison which they have in them. For here in this Sacrament you are to receive from the lips of Christ forgiveness of sin, which contains and brings with it the grace of God and the Spirit with all His gifts, protection, shelter, and power against death and the devil and all misfortune.
[Luther's Large Catechism]

JESUS' WORDS

GOD'S HOLINESS & THE LAMB OF GOD *LSB 204*

"Glory to God in the Highest"

**To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing –
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heart-felt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high –**

**For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

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COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Father, Jesus has promised us His Holy Spirit after He was glorified by being lifted up on a cross for us. In this Supper, we have experienced Jesus' glory and received His Holy Spirit. May that Spirit not only strengthen our faith but enable us to live as graciously forgiven people who graciously and freely serve and help others. We ask in Jesus' precious name, the Same who lives with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: AMEN!

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord is blessing you and keeping you;
The Lord is making His face to shine on you
and He is being gracious to you;
The Lord is smiling the biggest smile when He thinks of you,
and He is giving you peace.

People: Amen!

SENDING SONG *The Other Song Book 255* "Wind, Wind"

Refrain

**Wind, wind, blow on me;
Wind, wind, set me free;
Wind, wind, my Father sent the blessed Holy Spirit.**

**Jesus, told us all about You,
How we could not live without You,
With His blood the power bought to help us live the life He taught.**

Refrain

**When we're weary you console us;
When we're lonely You enfold us;
When in danger You uphold us, blessed Holy Spirit.**

Refrain

**Wind, wind, blow on me;
Wind, wind, set me free;
Wind, wind, my Father sent the blessed Holy Spirit.**

**When unto the Church You came
It was not in Your own but Jesus' name.
Jesus Christ is still the same, He sends the Holy Spirit.**

Refrain

**Set us free to love our brother;
Set us free to live for others
That the world the Son might see and Jesus' name exalted be.**

Refrain

HELP

Your Church Council is meeting after our Worship today to discuss the calling of the future Pastor for Redeemer. There are two ways you can help: [1] Pray for God's direction and guidance in the calling process and; [2] If you know of any Pastors who would be willing to graciously serve the saints at Redeemer, please submit their names to our Chairman, Alex Iwaniw (iwaniwac@gmail.com).

SATURDAY – July 16

Please mark Saturday, July 16 on your calendars. We will be celebrating Pastor Beck's ministry here at Redeemer. This Celebration is from 1 – 3 pm at the Port of Tillamook Bay Officers' Mess Hall, 6825 Officers' Row Road, Tillamook.

NEXT SUNDAY – July 10

THEME: The Good Shepherd

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: "A Lamb"

SERMON: "Jesus is the Good Shepherd"