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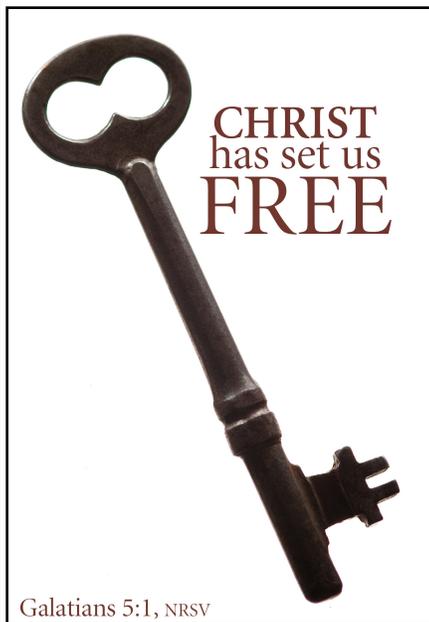
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## “We Are Free!”



From 1861-1865 the United States struggled under a bloody civil war. A key issue of conflict was slavery. On January 31, 1865, one of the darkest days of the war, the U. S. House of Representatives passed the thirteenth amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which freed over three million slaves. Slavery was finished!

As a climax to His battle with the devil, from the cross Jesus also cried out in victory, “It is finished!” (John 19:30) This divine declaration freed all people of every nation from the power of sin and the curse of eternal death.

“Through Christ’s death on the cross, all spiritual slaves have been set free.” (Good News, Issue 9, p. 27)

This freedom comes to you through His gift of faith in the crucified and resurrected Christ. This faith comes to us through God’s Word and Sacraments. We are a free people, free to live as God’s forgiven and redeemed people.

We are free to:

- 1 - acknowledge our sin and remember our Baptism.
- 2 - daily nourish ourselves with God’s Word.
- 3 - thank our Lord for all He did and does for us.
- 4 - serve our Lord with our time, talents and treasure.
- 5 - come to the Lord’s House and feast on His holy meal which gives us forgiveness.

Let us continue to enjoy the freedoms Christ has earned and given to us through faith. If you have neglected or abused these freedoms, repent and receive God’s abundant love and forgiveness in His Word and Sacrament. Remember as God’s child to fix your “eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of faith.” (Hebrews 12:2)

In Christ,

Pastor Engel