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He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1:13-14

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What is Independence? Having independence means that we are no longer under someone's control. Especially this month, we celebrate our country's independence from Great Britain on July 4, 1776. It means that America is no longer under the control of Great Britain. America is free to make its own decisions. This is certainly a blessing that God has granted to us. He has given us the freedom to vote for our elected officials and those who represent us. As Americans, we like to celebrate our independence and freedom that we have.

Yet, there is something even more important that we can celebrate. Our freedom, not from a political tyranny, but from a spiritual one. All of us were in the domain of darkness, as St. Paul writes, we were under the control and tyranny of Satan. Under Satan's control, we sin, day in and day out. Even worse, we do not care who we hurt or how grievously we offend God or break His laws. Complete and utter depravity from which we were powerless to save ourselves, if we even desired to save ourselves in the first place!

Thus, why God, in His great love for us, did for us what we could never do. He sent Jesus. Jesus lays aside His glory and power, takes on our humanity, lives a perfect life, and goes to the cross. Why? To bear the full wrath of God over every single one of our sins. He who knew no sin, becomes sin for us. He who is Light of Light begotten, bears the full and horrible weight of our darkness. Why? To give us His life and light forever. Jesus binds up the strong man, and plunders his house. He crushes Satan's head and frees us. Frees us from the tyranny of Satan, death, and hell by His death and resurrection from the dead. Through His Word and Sacraments, Jesus takes us out of the domain of darkness into His marvelous light.

We have been set free. Free, not to just do whatever our sinful nature wants, but freed to live as the people of God. In Christ Jesus, we have been freed, freed from the tyranny of Satan, death, and the power of hell. We are free to live as children of God to the praise of His holy name. Rather than seeing God's laws as tyranny, we rejoice in them because the Law shows us our sins in preparation for the Gospel, that Christ has kept the Law perfectly on our behalf. The Law also acts as a guide. It shows us how we are to live as Christians. As we sing, "The Law of God is good and wise."

As we celebrate our nation's independent this month, let us rejoice even more in the independence won for us by Christ Jesus, our Lord upon the cross of Calvary and the eternal life and freedom that He graces us with.

Your Servant in Christ,
Rev. Joshua Reinke

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Everyone who helped or participated in anyway at VBS! It was a huge success with close to 30 kids each day!

Everyone who have come and helped us care for the church property, the lawn and the flower beds at church each Wednesday, or any day of the week.

Everyone who have come and helped with the service for Shirley Smelser.

All of the people who have offered to serve the Lord as officers for Peace Lutheran Church.

Tristin Reinke, Gloria Creek and Val Martin for playing the organ and piano during our worship services.

Elsie Huss for changing the banners and paraments.

Everyone on the Prayer Chain for their time and prayers.

All of the men who volunteer to usher.

Bob Fletcher for cleaning the church.

Cheri Magnuson for cleaning the Communion linens.

This list is not inclusive. Please accept our apologies if we have missed giving you credit for serving the Lord in any fashion. We know that the Lord knows your service to Him.

LWML

- ♥ **Our planning meeting will be Monday, July 17 at 6:30 p.m.** All ladies of Peace are invited and encouraged to come and participate in the planning of the coming year's activities and servant event projects. Many new and exciting ideas will be talked about and planned! Please plan to come and join us!
- ♥ **Elsie did not receive a call back from the Grace Veteran's Home, so we were not able to collect items for them in June.**

Fuddruckers' *Burgers for Benefits* fundraiser for Wee Disciples is the **third Tuesday of each month** from 5 to 9 PM. (The next 2 fundraising evenings are on July 19 and August 15.) No coupon necessary! Just mention Wee Disciples and they will donate 20% of the total ticket to Wee Disciples. **You can use dine-in or takeout.** Thank you for supporting Wee Disciples!

Ladies Bible study

What a glorious summer we are enjoying in Montana! Watch the bulletin for any family hikes that may be planned before school bells ring. Invite your friends and neighbors to come along with the Trinity/Peace crew as they explore God's beautiful creation. See you in the mountains!

Meanwhile back in Great Falls there are opportunities to joyfully witness with Assisted Living Ministry. Singing and a devotion will be held at The Lodge, 1801 9th Street South, on July 7th and August 4th from 10-1045am. Join the no host lunch bunch this summer. In July they will meet on the 28th at 11:45am at the Amigo Lounge, 1200 7th Street South. They will gather on August 25th at 11:45am at the Bar S, 5100 North Star Boulevard. After these lunches many of the group will go to Highgate Senior Living, 3000 11th Avenue South from 1:30-2:30.

Pastor Reinke will celebrate worship at The Lodge on Wednesday, August 9th at 2:30pm. Worship at Highgate Senior Living will be on Monday, August 21st at 1:30pm. We have members of Trinity, Christ Lutheran for the Deaf, and Peace at these residences. They would be delighted to have you join them for worship!



July Anniversaries

July 1	Tyler and Hunter Denning
July 5	Pat and Helen Lewis
July 11	Mike and Patrice MacDonald
July 15	Arnie and Betsy Wirth
July 19	Ben and Shirley Coe
July 23	Lyle and Tara Onstad
July 25	Joshua and Kate Baumer
July 30	Dennis and Toni Nivens

Baptismal Anniversaries

July	1	Andrew Onstad
	2	Shirley Coe
	7	Richard Schotthey
	10	Natasha Meierhoff
	11	Helen Lewis
	15	Aquilla Reinke
	19	Eric Fletcher
	19	Jan Neiffer
	20	Elizabeth Allen
	20	Pat Lewis
	27	Peter Richlen



August Anniversaries

August 5	- Michel and Nancy Wayman
August 6	- Collin and Molly Whitesitt
August 11	- Steve and Peggy Gannon
August 13	- Pastor Joshua and Tristin Reinke
August 16	- Shannon and Tara Birkholz
August 17	- Kevin and Linda Aguiar
August 20	- Jake and Natasha Meierhoff
August 26	- Roland and Ruth Lass

Baptismal Anniversaries

August	11	Kevin Jacobsen
	16	Ken Brandt
	17	Zachary Greenwood
	18	Paxton Meierhoff
	25	Loretta Walker
	25	Val Schnackenberg
	29	Charlene Schotthey
	29	Brook Gerard

Office Hours Change for Holiday

Office hours for this week will change a little bit due to the July 4th holiday. The office will be OPEN Monday through Wednesday 9 AM to 1 PM and CLOSED on Thursday, July 6.



INCLUDE THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

The following people are experiencing health problems:

- Ben Aagaard** – 9 year old with kidney cancer
- Deloris Brown**, shut-in
- Marylan Dallum**, Fort Benton
- Jody Decker** – Fort Benton
- Michael Drummond** – Lupus
- Rev. Mark Grunst** of Billings who has Lewy Body disease
- Connie Juden**
- Rev. Erich Kaelberer** – ALS
- Bruce Kempf** – health issues
- Pam Schaaf**, Ovarian cancer
- Becky Schlund**, MS
- Steven Schlund**, Parkinsons
- Richard Schotthey**, shut-in
- Van Oman family** – Fort Benton

Pastor on Vacation

Pastor Reinke and family will be leaving on vacation today after Bible study. They will be gone until July 25. If you have need of pastoral care during this time, please call one of our elders or Pastor Schultz from Trinity Lutheran, 406-452-2121.

Memorial service

Many of you may remember **Matha Karagiosis**, who is Paul Rubino's aunt, and was a member here many years ago. She moved to Bozeman in 2011 and passed away last year. Her family is having a memorial service for her on Friday, August 25, 2023, which would have been her 100th birthday. The service will be at Peace Lutheran at 2 PM and then committal will be at Highland Cemetery. All members of Peace are invited to come as we remember Matha.

Rummage Sale Update

Christ Lutheran Church for the Deaf thanks everyone who came to the rummage sale on Saturday, as well as those who helped with the setup and tear down. We had about 30 people come by and we raised \$616.40! We're very thankful for everyone's support. Some of the left over items were donated to: Toby's House, YWCA (Mercy Home), St. Vincent DePaul and Salvation Army.

