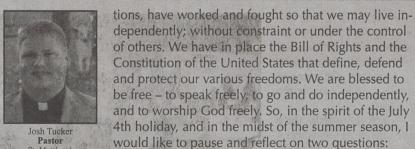
## MEDITATION

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed." John 8:31-36

Grace to you and peace in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

This week we remember and celebrate the freedom we have as American people. Together, we honor and celebrate the women and men who, over the genera-



What does freedom look like for us in the world

On July 4th we celebrate freedom; we celebrate a democratic government; and we embrace our nation's passions for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. We spend time with family and friends. We enjoy the tastiness of a perfectly grilled hamburger. We cool off in the pool or lake. And at nightfall, we make our way outside to take in the beauty of the fireworks. All of these holiday activities remind us of our freedom.

What does freedom look like for us Christians today?

In baptism, God frees us from sin and death and joins us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus

Christ. Isn't that amazing? That, in the case of infant baptisms, the newly baptized are able to receive the gift of freedom from God our Father before they are even able to cognitively realize what freedom means for them. Freedom for us Christians then is best represented in Jesus hanging on the cross for you and for me. For in that loving act, God destroyed the bondage sin, death and the devil had over us and we were set free. We experience that freedom in the waters of baptism and we are reminded of that freedom each day as we remember our baptism.

In God's Word, in the gospel of John, we hear the words of Jesus that he brings the truth and his truth frees us. The truth Jesus brings is grace and forgiveness from God; a message of good news that brings the freedoms of comfort, hope and reconciliation. Because of God in Christ Jesus, we know freedom as Christians - we experience it and we see it represented in Christ Jesus our Lord.

So this holiday season, let us celebrate freedom: the freedom of our national independence and the freedom from sin, death and the devil that only God gives.

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# Church Service Directory

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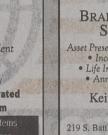
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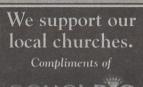
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