Freedom

Last year (2012), I preached this message based on St. John 8:31-36. This sermon, along with over 350 other titles, are available to order on DVDs.

How many of you have seen the movie Braveheart? If so, you will likely never forget the climactic ending. Braveheart is the story of William Wallace—the leader of the Scottish rebellion against the English in the 1400's. Mel Gibson both directed and starred in the 1995 movie.

Wallace rallies a rag-tag band of rebels who battle the larger and much better-armed English. Despite the odds, Wallace's men win battle after bloody-battle against the English. Longshanks, the villainous English leader, grows more and more impatient with Wallace with each passing day. He is determined to kill the rebel leader and teach the Scots a lesson... once and for all.

As the movie ends, Wallace is betrayed by a friend and captured by Longshank's men. He is hauled before a jeering English crowd in the courtyard of one of Longshank's castles. The crowd spits on him and shouts for his death. Soldiers drag him to the executioner's platform. They beat and torture him. If he begs for mercy, they say, they will make the death quick.

This is the day Longshanks has waited for; but it is not as he had hoped. The English leader lay on his death bed in a room not a hundred yards from the chaotic scene below. He knows his hours are numbered. Yet Longshanks holds out for one thing. He wants to hear Wallace beg for mercy.

At first Wallace remains silent. He refuses to respond to his torturers. Finally, he tries to say something. He struggles. The beating has left him hoarse and hardly able to speak. A soldier motions the crowd to silence... so they can hear Wallace beg for his life. The camera zooms in on Wallace as he gasps for air. With great difficulty he lifts himself on one elbow. Everyone awaits his words. As the sounds leave his lips, the movie changes to slow motion. The camera angle widens until you can see both Longshanks on his death bed and out the window there is Wallace on the executioner's platform. The movie fades to black as Longshanks strains to hear Wallace's cry for mercy. But instead, the Scottish patriot screams but one word—Freedom! His cry of FREEDOM echoes through the palace and across the highlands.

Well, the cry of freedom is what America celebrates this week. Freedom, however, comes in many forms. The political freedom Wallace heralded and that America celebrates... is but one. We would do well to remember the others. That is (at least) part of what Jesus referred to when he said in our text, "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

Let's consider the freedoms we celebrate today.

I. Political Freedom
First, we can celebrate political freedom. That's what this week's holiday is all about. It is good to celebrate our liberties. I fear many of us take for granted the liberties we enjoy in this land. We are blessed with freedom the like of which few elsewhere enjoy—freedom of worship, freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom to elect our own leaders and make our own laws, and then the freedom to complain and criticize. Whatever else is true—America remains the freest country on this planet.

You might wonder what political freedom has to do with our text. Didn't you catch the objection of the Jews in our text? Jesus had been explaining His mission and... (Continued... on page three)
President’s Corner

The summer months are finally upon us and we have several things to look forward to. Summertime is the time when we can look forward to outings and cookouts with family, camping, hiking, riding bikes, and ... for those that like to fish ... fishing when it is warm instead of below zero. This is also a time where we enjoy the vacations we can take with family as the kids and grandkids are out of school. I pray that God will watch over everyone and keep them safe throughout the summer months.

It is also a time to reflect and celebrate the fourth of July. This is the date we celebrate the freedom that our forefathers fought for over 200 years ago. Our forefathers fought for these freedoms so they could have freedom from taxation, freedom of speech and freedom of religion, the same as we continue the fight for not only ourselves, but others around the world today. July 4th is a time for family to come closer together and enjoy the festivities. It is a time to remember to remain safe around fireworks and don’t leave young kids unsupervised when handling sparklers and other fireworks.

When we are attending our picnics and gatherings with family and friends, let’s all take a moment to pray for peace and freedom and ask God to watch over those individuals who are keeping our land safe and our freedoms alive.

I wish everyone a safe and happy summer!

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Annual Chapel Picnic — Sunday, 28 July

Ah, the good old summertime: a time to enjoy the outdoors, to set your problems aside, and enjoy the company of others.

Summer is simply God’s way of rewarding us for surviving the winter. Thinking of summer, what would it be like without the traditional Chapel Picnic?

Please join us for the 13th Annual Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation Picnic, on Sunday, 28 July at the City of Richfield’s Veterans Memorial Park Picnic Shelter from 1–3:00 p.m.

It is a time to renew old friendships, meet new friends, and socialize with all of our church family members. Enjoy the new caterer’s menu (Dickey’s Barbecue Pit) and local entertainment by Craig Tennison. Watch for ticket sign-up/purchases in July, in the Fellowship Hall.

Come join in the fun!

— Connie Payette,
Fellowship Committee Chair

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His identity. He was the Son of God doing the Father's business. His listeners take exception — not only to His claims — but His assertion that He can make men free. We are nobody's slaves, they insist. The Jewish nation was famous for its stubborn resistance to rule by other nations. Individually, Jews (then and now) were known for financial independence. Jesus reminds them that there is more to freedom than that. He then points them to the ultimate source of freedom.

We in America need to hear that truth. We celebrate July 4th because on that day in 1776 our nation's Founders signed the Declaration of Independence. Many call it our country's 'Birth Certificate.' Do you remember its opening words? 'When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation. We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness."

Did you hear that all-important line? "... Endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights ..." Thomas Jefferson and company knew that our freedoms are a gift of God — not granted from the government. The Founding Fathers were not all Bible-believing Christians. Yet, to a man they anchored their convictions about liberty in a firm belief in the authority of the Creator.

Admittedly, our heritage has not always been consistent. It took nearly a century for our nation to recognize that slavery and a belief in (liberty for all) cannot stand side-by-side. It took even longer to challenge the evil of racial bigotry. No doubt, learning to live consistently as a free people is a process that will always continue. That can only happen when we remember that those liberties flow from our Maker.

But before we leave the subject of political freedom, one other reminder needs mentioning. Our freedoms are not free. Those who have gone before us paid a huge price for what we so easily take for granted. Some of you in this room fought for freedom on battlefields of foreign continents. Men and women in uniform still serve in harm's way; and we must never forget their sacrifice.

We must also realize — we all have a part in preserving freedom. It is not a small thing to be informed; to speak up for our convictions; to become involved in public service; and most of all — to vote at every opportunity. That's how freedom will be preserved for our children's children.

But hasten to add, there is more to freedom than political liberties.

II. Spiritual Freedom

Most of us in this room know the blessing of spiritual freedom. That's the main issue of our text.

Slavery comes in many forms ... as does true freedom! This was a notion Jesus' listeners didn't want to hear. They were proud of their heritage. Freedom was important to them. To suggest that they were anything less than free men and women was an insult ... they took personally.

What about you? Are you free? I would wager that there are more than a few slaves in this room. When I say "slave" I am talking about someone who is trapped by something or someone. They are not free to pursue the life they truly desire. Jesus suggests that at least some of His listeners who proclaimed so loudly that they were no man's slave were actually far from free.

Let me ask you, again: Are you free? Freedom and slavery come in many forms. Let me sight a few:

Let me start with an obvious one. Some are slaves to debt. That's one of the chief forms of slavery in Bible times. Obviously, a person might become a slave as a prisoner of war. However, among the ancient Jews, more often than not, it was a financial transaction. If a person couldn't pay their debts, they could sell themselves to the lender to satisfy the obligation or to someone else who would agree to pay the debt. They would work off their debt. After so many years, they would be released. If the statistics are correct, a lot of Americans are in debt over their heads. Many persons, are far from free. Financial choices can steal the future and limit our freedom.

Slavery to debt is directly related to another form of servitude. A
lot of folk's lives are a financial mess because of something deeper. The Bible calls it greed, envy, or covetousness. Whatever the name, a lot of people buy stuff and spend money in a vain attempt to fill an emptiness inside themselves. They seem to think that more of this or that will make them feel better or look more important in the eyes of others. Jesus called it "the deceitfulness of riches." He said, "That a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." The flip side is what the Bible advocates—contentment. This is an inner satisfaction that is not dependent on outward circumstances. The fact that somebody has something you don't—doesn't matter. A contented person knows that joy, happiness, and peace come from within. Some folk are slaves to want.

Similarly, other habits can enslave. I don't have to tell most of you this. We have all seen too many examples of social behaviors that take over a person's life. It is not a pretty picture when it happens. Alcohol, drugs, and tobacco trap millions into self-destructive, addictive behaviors. In our day, gambling and pornography can be added to the list. Even a necessity (like eating) can take over a person's life and enslave them. Even natural things like the desire to be loved and accepted can cause a person to sell their souls to an oppressive taskmaster.

Others are enslaved to the past. They can't get over something that happened years ago. Maybe they were wronged. Perhaps they were lied about or betrayed. It could even be a childhood experience. It is amazing how some unkind word, cutting remark, or a name that you were called years and years ago can stick with you. Falso, stupid, clumsy! Some off-hand criticism by an overly critical teacher can keep replaying itself over and over in the back of your head for a lifetime. The scars of the past can even include neglectful or abusive parents. It is sad, but it happens. The consequences can be devastating. But when a person cannot let go or forgive, they can become slaves of a negative past.

Some are trapped by fear and worry. I am not talking about the momentary anxieties and concerns that are a normal part of life. I am talking about a lifestyle of worry. We have all seen people who can't see anything but the dark side of life. When all the superficial stuff is skimmed away, the paralyzing kind of fear and worry actually flows from a lack of faith. If a person, doesn't know or believe that the God of the universe cares about them or is bigger than their problems, of course they will have reason to fret and worry about whatever may come down the pike next. There is something powerfully freeing about knowing that even if we don't know what tomorrow holds, we know who holds tomorrow!

The ultimate enslavement is to sin. In some ways, all of these other taskmasters are merely reflections of this one. Listen to how the Bible explains it: "Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you wholeheartedly obeyed the form of teaching to which you were entrusted. You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness." (Romans 6:14-18)

This is precisely the Good News of the Bible—the Truth that sets you free. Jesus came to set us free from the power of sin. We are all sinners; we have all broken God's commands and failed to give Him the love and allegiance He deserves. The wages of sin is death. God could have justly condemned us. Instead, He graciously offers forgiveness. Jesus Christ came. He lived a perfect, sin-free life. He went to the cross to lay down His life as a sacrifice for our sins. He paid the price for our sin. He forever satisfied the just demands of the law and at the same time demonstrated God's amazing grace toward us. When we confessed Christ as Savior and Lord, obeyed Him, and set out on the growing life of a Christian—we were set free. Sin has no more claim over us. If the Son sets you free, you are free indeed!

We are blessed with great freedom. Everyone in this land knows political freedom ... which much of the world only dreams about. Lest we forget, that freedom is a gift from the Creator. We owe it to our Forefathers ... and to those who will come after us ... to preserve that freedom and to never forget the foundation upon which it rests.

But simply being an American doesn't make you truly free any
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more than being a Jew made those in our text free men and women. There is a deeper, ultimately more important freedom — The freedom that flows from the heart ultimately comes only through Jesus Christ and the grace of God He offers.

To those who already know that freedom, I remind you that with freedom comes responsibility. You need to live as free men and women; you need to share that freedom.

To those who may not know such freedom, I say, “How long will you remain slaves?” You need not remain a slave! Isn’t it time to declare your independence?

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Ted Nemzek has dragged us ... with the kicking and screaming subsided ... into the 21st Century. Thank you Ted!

— Tom Coulter
Publicity Committee Chair

Independence Day Celebration — Sunday, 7 July

Known as the Fourth of July and Independence Day, July 4th has been a Federal Holiday in the United States since 1941; but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th Century and the American Revolution (1775-83). In June of 1776, representatives of the 13 colonies then fighting in the revolutionary struggle weighed a resolution that would declare their independence from Great Britain. On July 2nd, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later its delegates adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 until the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the Birth of American Independence, with typical festivities from parades, concerts, fireworks, and to more casual family gatherings and barbecues.

Please join your church family, at the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel for a memorable, patriotic Independence Day celebration on Sunday, 7 July. Following the 11:00 a.m. worship service, enjoy our FREE social event of strawberies and ice cream in the Fellowship Hall ... along with Dixieland jazz music entertain-ment by the Rueben Ristrom Trio.

Hope to see everyone there!

— Connie Payette,
Fellowship Committee Chair

Special Patriotic/Veterans Events . . .

Sun, 7 July 13 — Independence Day — celebrating the 237th birthday of our nation ... culminating in our ice cream social event.

Sun, 8 Sept 13 — 9/11 Remembrance — remembering the terrorist attack of 2001.

Sun, 15 Sept 13 — POW/MIA Remembrance — remembering those who are prisoners of war and those missing in action.

Sun, 29 Sept 13 — Gold Star Mother’s Day — honoring those parents who have offered up their sons and daughters on the altar of liberty.

Sun, 10 Nov 13 — Veterans Day Remembrance — recognizing U.S. veterans of all branches of the armed forces.

Sun, 8 Dec 13 — Pearl Harbor Remembrance — recognizing survivors ... with the tolling of the ship bell for those who have passed away since last year.

Mark your calendar with these dates ... and join us at 11:00 a.m.
Getting to Know You...

A young man spotted a good looking blonde driving in a new 1936 Cadillac convertible and pronounced “that’s for me.” This marks the beginning for Forrest Slater’s parents, and hence the story of Forrest.

Forrest Slater, Jr. was born on July 6th of 1938 in Council Bluffs, Iowa. His father drove beer and soda trucks before the war rolled along. Around this time his brother-in-law called for him to come out to California where he worked in defense plants. Forrest Slater, Sr. went to California and a couple of months later, Forrest and his brother, Larry, were brought out to San Jose by their mother to rejoin their father. Their sister, Deanna, was born nine months later. The San Jose earthquake, the largest recorded to date, that occurred soon after their move still remains vivid in Forrest’s memory although he was only five years old. Forrest and Larry were in their rollaway bed, having gotten a rude awakening when their bed slammed into the wall. No one was hurt, but it provided an interesting childhood experience.

After several years in California, the Slaters were prompted to move back to Iowa to be with family. Upon moving, the young Slater family was staying with some folks who lived two miles out of town. Forrest recalls how his mother made use of the street car. Every day for six weeks she would plop two nickels (one for each way) into Forrest’s six-year-old hands and send him on his way to school. She told the conductor where he needed to get off.

In 1949 his family bought a hobby farm of seven acres. Beginning when he was eleven, Forrest worked for his Polish neighbors for two dollars a day plus a lunch. He would plow corn, making sure to keep in a straight line. In school, there were only three other boys including Forrest. The other two boys casually announced one day that they would be leaving to work on a farm never to return even though they were only in the sixth grade. As it turns out, one could leave school if they passed through the eighth grade or were sixteen years of age. These boys turned out to be sixteen in the sixth grade!

After they left, Forrest was the oldest boy in the single room schoolhouse and rather alone. He developed a love of reading though, perhaps in part due to his status, and began consuming whatever books he could find, be they literature or mythology or poetry. According to Forrest through, it would be the “understatement of the year” to say that he did poorly during his school years. He simply didn’t care to do the schoolwork. He gleaned fields and filled truck as a hired hand, and really only paid attention to the vocational agriculture class in school.

However, everything changed on April 15th of 1956. That night his brother announced that the girl he was seeing was having other girls over to her house and suggested that Forrest should come. Naturally, Forrest went. It was there that he somehow started throwing sofa pillows at the “cute red head.” This “cute red head” was none other than Nina. They were supposed to go to a prayer meeting a few days later, but being late for it, they conveniently ended up going to watch airplanes together. They spent much time together and developed a certain fondness. Just four short months later, Forrest joined the Air Force and that put a damper on the budding romance.

For three and a half years he served as a surface weather observer, moving to California, to Illinois, and on to Arkansas. He was there for the chaos surrounding the racial tensions at Central High School in Little Rock. GIs were picked up off the streets by the APs in Little Rock and if anyone wanted to go into the town, it had to be strictly for business purposes or to visit family. Forrest just couldn’t understand or believe the segregation having grown up in a strong Christian household preaching that all are God’s children. His father would actually attend the Black Methodist church several times a month.

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On from Little Rock, his next journey began: Greenland, the land of twenty four hour darkness, eskimos, three year old car commercials, and giant wild dogs that ate people. Before he left, a man had told him that there was a "woman behind every tree" in Greenland. When he arrived, Forrest saw that there were no trees. Instead, there were about 1500 sailors/marines, 3000 Air Force and 4000 Army men. In January of 1958, at the commander's call, the troops were advised that they would never be involved in a fight. He expanded on this by informing them that rather, they would be the first target of a Soviet missile. This in turn would be the harbinger of a U.S. engagement with the Soviet Union. Quite a comfort this must have been! It was the large radar base allowing men to see 10,000 feet above the ground that the Soviets would be after. When Forrest had arrived in January, it was a period of twenty-four hour darkness, and by the time that he left in June, it was a period of twenty-four hour sunlight. He didn't tell me, but I'm guessing that he was thinking of Nina throughout this time.

When he came back home, there was marriage talk. Nina was just eighteen and Forrest was twenty. However, nothing seemed to be lining up; his Dad was ill, they couldn't get the right blood tests, and there wasn't approval by either the military (you had to be twenty one) or his mother. Yet still, love proved that it couldn't be hindered. Forrest and Nina decided to elope and on August 7th at 10:32 pm, they were married. The Justice of Peace read from Scripture and said prayers, while his wife played the piano. One short month later his father passed away from Hodgkin's Lymphoma with all the family at his side and the Lord's Prayer on their lips.

Photo Above: Forrest and Nina's wedding photo (1958).

Forrest and Nina lived in a trailer for a short time before the heater went out and everything froze. They moved into a more comfortable apartment in their early days of marriage. Still newly married, Forrest showed up late to work one day. The man whom he had covered for on many occasions when the man had come in drunk, did not cover for him. Thus Forrest earned an Article 15. Forrest promptly told the man that he would never cover for him again and never did.

In 1959, the NCOIC of the weather station pulled Forrest aside, only twenty one at the time, and asked him to fill in for him while he went to school for thirty five days. Accepting this position would mean that a good many of the men he would be in command of would be of a higher rank. Many of them were World War II veterans and the OTJ cross training had put them in various positions until they could be released from their years of service. These men wanted their pensions and Forrest's sergeant knew that if they gave him any trouble, he would have the ability to stop those pensions. Fortunately all went well in this time and from there, Forrest decided to begin the steps required to become a hot rod (jet pilot). Three men passed the test and Forrest was one of them. He then found out in the final physical that he had astigmatism, a condition which at the time prevented his acceptance into the program. It was a letdown, but in hindsight Forrest recognizes it as a blessing because many of those who had become jet pilots were buried in Vietnam. The Lord was evidently watching over him.

When people ask Forrest what he has done, his response is that he has done "everything but neurosurgery and that's because [he] couldn't get anybody to sit still." Indeed, after his years of service he worked as a hired man, a milk man, a business man for both a sandwich shop and gun store, and an industrial salesman. The first of their three children, Crystal, was born in 1962, followed by Forrest (III) and finally Alicia. In addition, Forrest and Nina are proud grandparents of 5 grandchildren, three boys and two girls. All live locally and Forrest and Nina are actively involved in their lives.

In 1978 Forrest and Nina were transferred to Minnesota where they have been ever since. Over the years they searched for a church home, trying countless churches around this area but never finding one that was true to the Word and Spirit. Then their friends, who sporadically visited the Chapel for several years, invited them to Fort Snelling. After the first sermon, Forrest

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Benevolent Giving ...

Hopeful is what students of the inner city school say they feel being a part of Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in Minneapolis, a college preparatory program you encourage and support through offerings, tithes, and with school supplies.

The third graduating class, class of 2013, is excited and grateful for their opportunity of participating in this quality educational experience. Each of this year's class of 47 graduates will continue with their college education. They do this having also accomplished a four-year work record, working five days every month of the school year to pay 70% of their tuition expense. This is a valuable business experience few other young men and women of this age can claim, and creates a poise and confidence evident in the manner and charm of this senior class.

There have been eight students who volunteered for military service in these first three graduating classes.

This year also began the National Honor Society Program at CRJHS. Qualified students with an overall grade point average above 3.1, and based on character, scholarship, leadership and service, were reviewed and selected by faculty of all four grade levels. There were 14 junior and 10 senior students chosen this first year.

A sports program began this year - basketball. The boys' team finished their season with twice a number of wins to losses, a pretty good record for the first year.

Some of our Chapel members also volunteer their time as tutors, mentors, businessmen and transport drivers - taking students to their job sites and collecting them at day's end.

It is a wonderful thing to be hopeful, to have a goal for which to strive, and an actual plan that works to achieve. These are the things you so graciously give to these students. I know they do so very much appreciate this and thank you most sincerely.

— Submitted by Richard Geis, Benevolence Committee Chair

This congregation tithes (10%) from its plate offerings. If you know of an organization/ministry ... that is in keeping with our purpose ... please feel free to secure an application to submit for financial support in 2013. Simply call the Foundation Office at 651/286-7296 ... and provide a name and mailing address.

Photo: Forrest & Nina Slater (2013)

In recollecting his life thus far, the four titles that Forrest proudly lays claim to be: Christian, husband, father, and farmer. His assured advice is to pray without ceasing, immerse yourself in the Scriptures, and read extensively.

Forrest Slater is a stalwart member of the Fort Snelling Chapel family and easily recognized by his hearty and robust “Amen!”

— Submitted by: Megan Michaelis
News from the ... Intergenerational Christian Ed Class

The Chapel Foundation conducts a Christian Education class every Sunday morning (10-10:30 a.m.) from September through May prior to the morning worship service. The class is open to all ages and different backgrounds; and is a great place to meet in a nondenominational setting. This past year the class has been diligent in crafting a comprehensive statement of faith uniquely suited to express the nondenominational yet Biblical nature of the congregation. The purpose for this concerted effort is to provide a working foundation for the life and ministry of the Foundation. As of the close of this year's study, the class has drafted eight statements that summarize Biblical truth in the context of our congregational life. (They are documented along side this article.)

These doctrines are in draft form only, and will be brought to our Board of Directors for consideration. We ask that all those who believe that such a statement is important for us during these times be in prayer for this process. One day the congregation may be asked to accept either this statement or one like it, and we need to respond with prayerful consideration. It should be noted that our adopted statement of faith will not be used as a litmus test for membership in the Chapel Foundation. It will be a guide for those who worship at the Chapel and a way to provide a clear testimony of what we believe and why we practice the Faith the way we do.

In conclusion, we are asking all concerned to be in prayer for the development and acceptance of a final statement of faith for the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation congregation. We are also asking for input on these various doctrines with a view to making each statement ring true to Scripture and to the concerns of the congregation.

May our Lord continue to bless us with His grace to save us, His mercy to provide for us, His wisdom to enlighten us, and His presence to encourage us.

— Rev. Michael Wallman, Associate Chaplain

Proposed Statement of Faith

I. Biblical Authority
We believe the historic Bible, both Old and New Testaments, to be God's truth revealed to man; these Divinely inspired words comprise God's unchangeable and everlasting authority in all matters of Christian faith and morality.

II. Our God
We believe in one God, Creator of all that is, eternally existing in Three Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

III. Human Life
We believe God created human life, male and female, in His image. By deliberate choice man disobeyed God and fell into sin. By the grace of God redemption is possible through faith in Jesus Christ.

IV. The Person and Work of Jesus Christ
We believe that Jesus Christ is true God and true man; He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He died on the Cross a blood sacrifice for our sins according to the Scriptures. He arose bodily from the dead, ascended into Heaven, where at the right hand of God, He is now our High Priest and Advocate.

V. The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit
We believe the Holy Spirit is truly God, whose purpose is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, and during this age to convict humanity of sin, to regenerate the believing sinner, to indwell, comfort, guide, instruct, and empower the believer for godly living and service.

VI. The Biblical Doctrine of Salvation
We believe that the shed blood of Jesus Christ and His resurrection provide the only ground for salvation for those who believe, and only such as receive Jesus Christ are born again and thus become children of God.

VII. The People of God, the Church
The Church is the living manifestation of Jesus Christ in the world. She is comprised solely of those who through faith in Christ's death on the Cross for our sins and His resurrection from the dead are born again and reconciled with God. Jesus calls His Church together to bear witness of Himself and to make disciples who follow Him, learning of Him and loving as He loved.

VIII. The End Times
We believe that God will fulfill human history according to His plan. At the end, Christ will return; He will call His faithful to Himself and establish His rule over Creation forever; all the living and the dead will be raised to face God's perfect justice. We believe that this blessed hope has a vital bearing on how the Christian lives.
Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation

This is a non-denominational Christian church founded in 1967. We invite you to join us for worship each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. at this historic Chapel.

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|  7  | 7th Sunday after Pentecost  
    Independence Day Sunday  
    11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
    Sermon: "Declaration of Dependence"  
    Music: Rueben Ristrom Trio  
    12:15 p.m. Ice Cream Social | 8   | 9   | 10  | 11  | 12  | 13  |
| 14  | 8th Sunday after Pentecost  
    11:00 a.m. Holy Communion  
    Sermon: "The Proper Attitude to Commune"  
    Music: The Accordion Quartet | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18  | 19  | 20  |
| 21  | 9th Sunday after Pentecost  
    11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
    Sermon: "Prophet Jeremiah’s WARNO for America"  
    Music: Donna Felix, Vocalist | 22  | 23  | 24  | 25  | 26  | 27  |
| 28  | 10th Sunday after Pentecost  
    11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
    Sermon: "Apostle Paul’s WARNO for America"  
    Music: Taylor Kern, Pianist  
    1:00 p.m. Annual Chapel Picnic | 29  | 30  | 31  |     |     |     |

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| **4 11th Sunday after Pentecost**  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Sermon: “Chaplain Ken’s WARNO for America”  
Music: Beth Cummins-Postigo | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| **11 12th Sunday after Pentecost**  
11:00 a.m. Holy Communion  
Sermon: “The Sacrament of Holy Communion”  
Music: North Suburban Chorus | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| **18 13th Sunday after Pentecost**  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Sermon: “God’s OPORD for America”  
Music: Sent Forth Quartet | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| **25 14th Sunday after Pentecost**  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Sermon: “America’s Black Regiment”  
Music: Zurah Shrine Chanters  
12:45 p.m. Root Beer Floats | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |
| | | | | | | **Mike Wallman’s B-day** |