



# Christ makes free!

How many times in the past have we made excuses such as:

- “The devil made me do it!!” Did he really?
- “I never had the opportunities others have had!” Don’t we really?
- “It’s who I am!” Are we really?

How exciting 2020 will be as we continue to strive to look past the flesh as Jesus did and to *free ourselves from sin and evil*:

- “Renounce Satan and all his works and ways”! He did for our sake and so can we!
- Realize we all come into the world the same way as innocent babes despite our natural surroundings, and we can all leave the same way as forgiving and blameless souls! He did for our sake and so can we!
- Stop comparing ourselves with each other and be thankful for the opportunities we’re given, despite our differences! He did for our sake and so can we!
- Stop the blame game and accept responsibility for our own mistakes, shortcomings, actions, and faults! He did for our sake and so can we!
- Soften our thoughts and voices to one another! He did for our sake and so can we!

How exciting 2020 will be now that we have been reminded that we need to allow ourselves to be liberated and accept the gift: **Christ Makes Free!**

## “What do we believe about...?”

‘I believe...’ begins most of our articles of faith or creed. In February and March our Small Groups are exploring what our creed is and means to us. Our creed is part of our doctrine and is explained in depth in our catechism. Ever wonder what else our doctrine says about certain topics? Check the catechism! It’s available in a complete volume or a shorter ‘Questions and Answers’ version. Both are downloadable at:

[www.nac-usa.org/welcome/what-we-believe/catechism.html](http://www.nac-usa.org/welcome/what-we-believe/catechism.html)



# THRIVE

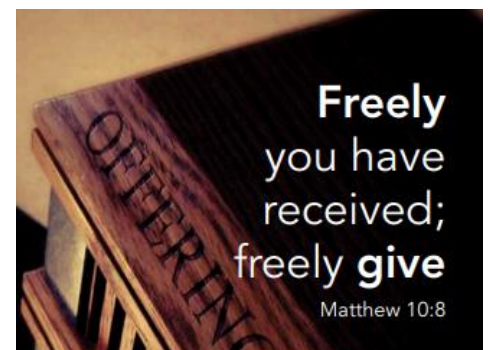
a way of life...

*THRIVE – Each letter stands for something*

## Value the church...

We appreciate the gift we’ve been given in our church/congregation by voluntarily tithing and offering, engaging in congregation life and true spiritual fellowship, and praying for one another.

**Do I see my church as a gift?  
Am I giving to and supporting  
congregational life?**



## What’s coming up...

- 2/16 - Bishop Fuerbach in Denver Metro
- 2/22 - Ministers and Wives service webcast, 6pm
- 2/26 - Beginning of Passiontide, Midweek service
- 3/1 - Divine Service for the Departed
- 3/7 - Set clocks AHEAD 1 hour
- 3/8 - Front Range service with Apostle Buehner
- 4/5 - Palm Sunday
- 4/10 - Good Friday, Divine Service at 7:30pm
- 4/12 - Easter Sunday
- 4/19 - Front Range Children’s Service in Colo. Springs
- 4/26 - Bishop Fuerbach in Colorado Springs