

SERIES: GROWING IN CHRIST



PRACTICING
What We
PREACH

*Be an example to all believers
in what you say, in the way you live,
in your love, your faith,
and your purity.*

1 Timothy 4:12b NLT



PO Box 427 - 500 S Penn Ave

Pastor Dave Martin

6 Epiphany – February 16, 2025

9:30 AM Worship – 10:45 AM Sunday School

God Gathers His People to Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Sharing the Peace of the Lord

Song “**Come Thou Font of Every Blessing**”

LBW 499

Confession & Forgiveness

P: We gather as the people of God to offer our repentance and praise, to pray for the unity of the church and the renewal of our common life. Trusting in God's mercy and compassion, let us ask for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to one another and to the Father: Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Lord, have mercy on us.

P: Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of pride and intolerance. Christ, have mercy on us.

C: Christ, have mercy on us.

P: Lord Jesus, you pardon the sinner and welcome the repentant. Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Lord, have mercy on us.

P: May almighty God grant us pardon and peace, strengthen us in faith, and make us witnesses to Christ's love.

C: Amen.

God Speaks to Us in His Holy Word

Scripture Lessons:

Psalm 105:8-15

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Mark 4:26-29

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Children's Sermon

Song “**Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus**”

GHF 257

Sermon **“Practicing What We Preach”**

Series: Growing in Christ

Give Thanks to God

Song **“I Love to Tell the Story”**

GHF 431

Apostles Creed

Offering

Offertory

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hands hath provided

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Prayers of the Church

Celebration of Holy Communion

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Communion Blessing

God Calls Us to Serve

Song **“Lift High the Cross”**

LBW 377

Benediction

Enter to Worship - Depart to Serve

Thank you for joining us this morning to worship with us! We begin a new sermon series “Growing in Christ.” Please join us for fellowship and coffee and cookies in the fellowship hall following the service.

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Feb 9 General Offering: \$3415.00 **Attendance:** 96
February Mission Fund Offering (*month to date*)
Marion Medial Mission: \$833.50
God’s Way Christian School: \$583.50

Greeters Feb 16—Scott & Heidi Dingus
Feb 23—Brad & Nicole DeVries

Available for Prayer Jerry Dykstra & Jan DuFrain

Ushers Feb 16—Eldon Qualm & Toby Qualm
Feb 23—Confirmation Students
March 2—Eldon Qualm & Toby Qualm

Communion Servers Donna Boysen, Alisha Nachtigal, Jay VanDerWerff

Coffee Cookie Servers

Feb 16—Marsha Cutler, Jonna DeHaan, Phyllis Daum
Feb 23—Karen DeGroot, Tammy Darling, Whitney DeHaan

Today we will be celebrating Holy Communion.

Visitors are welcome to share with us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, given and shed for us, for the forgiveness of sins.

Join us for a Hymn Sing at the Avera Care Center today at 2:30 pm.

Stay for coffee, goodies and fellowship following the hymn sing.

Thank you to everyone for your support, donations, and all the help making our soup supper a success!

Join us Monday, February 17 at 1:00 PM in the Fireside Room, for the **Bible study on the Gospel of Matthew**. Each week, we’ll watch a chapter of Matthew from *The Visual Bible*, then read it aloud and discuss it. To avoid conflict with the quilting group, we won’t meet on the first Monday of the month. We realize that no one can make it to every meeting but come join us when you can. You might just discover a new love for the Bible, you didn’t know you had.

Church Council meeting is Monday, February 17 at 7:00 PM

Priscilla Bible Study Group meets Thursday, February 20 at 9:00 AM
Studying Lesson 2, Leader: Deb VanDerWerff, Hostess: Donna Boysen

Hannah Bible Study Group meets Thursday, February 20 at 1:30 PM
Studying Lesson 2, Leader: Caroline Butler, Hostess: Peggy Martin

Martha Bible Study Group meets Thursday, February 20 at 6:30 PM
in the Fireside Fellowship. We will be studying Session 2 - A Moment of
Decision - in the Esther Bible Study. Hope to see you there!

Weekly Men's breakfast and Bible study meets this **Saturday, February 22 at 7 AM** in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast and then in the Fireside Room to watch the video, break into small groups, discuss the video, and pray with and for one another.

The next Children's Worship Sunday is Sunday, February 23. The Sunday School students will be participating in the worship service through ushering, the Children's Sermon, reading Scripture, and special music. **The Sunday School kids will be taking their next "noisy offering" also on February 23.** If any other parents, grandparents or congregation members have any loose change laying around and would like to contribute, please give it to a child to put in the bucket or feel free to put it in yourselves. Thanks so much for helping our youth understand the importance of giving back to the Lord for all we do receive. Board of Ed –Karis, Dan, Diane

We are changing how we are giving to monthly mission offerings. Instead of giving once a month, we have the opportunity to give weekly to missions. For all of February, we will be supporting:

- ✓ **Marion Medical Missions** – their mission is to bring clean water to people in Africa by building wells for only \$475 for a well (100% donations go towards well projects)
- ✓ **God's Way Christian School** – director Paschal Bakundukize, building new school for primary children In Tanzania, Africa. They need an additional \$40,000 to move into their new school. They should be able to accommodate 400 Students when finished.

Checks can be made out to Trinity Lutheran Church. Please clearly designate on the offering envelope or memo of your check which ministry you would like to donate towards.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: New Hope Camp Free-Will Fundraiser: **Come out to the Lyric Theater on Sunday, February 23rd at 2pm to see Luke Winger.** Luke is a juggler and inspirational speaker and has been entertaining audiences with his juggling and balancing skills. His message will inspire you and encourage you to grow deeper in your relationship with Jesus. This is a family friendly event!!!

Sleep in Heavenly Peace quilting group will work on cutting, tying and sewing quilts on Monday, February 24 and Tuesday February 24. We have had several quilts, quilt tops and fabric already donated for this project. Please bring rotary cutters or scissors to use. Mats are provided. Anyone from the community is welcome to come and be a part of these projects. Lunch will be provided.

If you are interested in becoming a **new member at Trinity** or would simply like more information regarding our beliefs, values, and methods, please join us **Sunday, March 16, 2025, at 10:45 AM.** Depending on the number of people interested, we will either meet in my office or the Fireside Room. There will be a light lunch served with the meeting. The meeting should take about 1 to 1-1/2 hours. Attending the meeting does not obligate you to join. Sign up on our form: <https://tlcplattesd.breezechms.com/form/4c78bf> Or email Pastor at email (tlcpastor57369@gmail.com) to let us how many will be attending.

Make a Lasting Impact on the Future of Healthcare: Become a Host Family! Are you interested in supporting the next generation of healthcare professionals? We are looking for caring and welcoming host families for medical students who are seeking hands-on experience in rural healthcare settings from the Southeast South Dakota Area Health Education Center's Rural Experiences for Health Professions Students (REHPS). For more information or to apply, contact Kelsey Meyerink at 605-337-3364 or kelsey.meyerink@avera.org. More information can be found on the bulletin board.

Prayer Praises and Concerns

Those in nursing and assisted living homes or home-bound:

Bud Bakken, Floyd Dimick, Mary Lee Erickson, Ruth Gruenig, Laura Johnson, Richard Johnson, George & Nancy Miller, Caroline Peterson

Please pray for:

- Please keep the family & friends of Brenda Bultsma in your prayers as they mourn her passing on Feb. 1st. Pray they would know the Lord's comfort, peace, & strength in all they face &, because of the resurrection, would be filled with hope & joy. Brenda is Bev Antonsen's sister. Pray Brenda's husband, Dave, their children, Joshua, Bridget, & Jarrod, & the entire extended family would walk in the Lord's close-abiding love.
- Please pray for Beau Koopal, his wife, Mandy, & their daughters, Devyn, Brienna, & Blaire, & the entire Koopal family as Beau faces a recent diagnosis of MS & difficulty walking. Doctors say with time & medication he will be able to walk normally again. Please pray for the Lord's hand of healing, protection, & provision to be with Beau & for him & the whole family to know the Lord's strength & peace throughout this trial.
- Please pray for Andrea Brennan, a close friend of Pr. Dave, Peggy, & their daughter, Brooke. She has been battling cancer for 4-1/2 years & after a period of remission, the cancer has returned more aggressively. Doctors have given her only a few months to live. Andrea was Brooke's best friend the year we lived in Woodbury, MN. She has a husband & 2 children. Please pray the Lord would do a miracle in this young woman's life & would keep them all in His mighty love, peace, & joy.
- Please pray for Pastor Steve Walters & his wife, Linda. They had traveled to Topeka, KS, to visit Steve's mom & brother last weekend. The 5-hour car ride from their home in West Point, NE, to Topeka caused a couple of fractured vertebrae in Linda's back to act up & she is now hospitalized in Topeka, awaiting transfer to a rehab facility there. She will have to spend 12 to 16 weeks in rehab doing exercises to strengthen her back muscles. Please pray God would expedite her healing & would give Linda & Steve peace as Steve splits time between Topeka & his church in West Point. Pray for God's close-abiding love to give them comfort & strength in this time of trial.
- Please keep Nancy & George Miller & their loved ones in your prayers. Thank Him for the many good days Nancy has had recently and for the strength He gives them to get through the bad days. Thank God for the peace He has given to all of them as they go through this trial together

and thank Him for the faithfulness of Nancy & George's children. Pray God's blessings over them daily.

- Please also keep Nancy's & George's daughter, Debbie Martin, her husband, Tom, & their whole family in your prayers as Debbie battles ovarian & uterine cancer. She is doing well & is now able to receive her cancer treatments in Rapid City. Please pray the healing hand of Christ would eradicate this cancer from Debbie's body & He would give her strength to see them through this trial.
- Please continue to pray for Mike Erickson. A recent scan revealed a blood clot somewhere in his abdomen. Doctors have given him medication to dissolve the clot & told him, despite his increased cancer markers, his tumor hasn't grown. Please pray for this clot to pass from his body soon, for his stomach pain to be gone, and for his cancer to be completely eradicated. Pray for Mike and all his loved ones to know God's close-abiding love & presence & for God to bless the results of his next scan.
- Praise God Mick Warejcka's surgical site is healing well following his gallbladder surgery. Please continue to pray for his heart to come into proper rhythm & for his blood pressure to stabilize in a healthy range. Pray for Mick, Sharon, & all their loved ones to know God's peace that surpasses all understanding & for them to feel His close-abiding presence.
- Thank God Kory Meyerink is feeling a little bit better every day following his back surgery. Pray the Lord would enable him to do everything asked of him in physical therapy and that he would feel himself improving daily. Pray he is soon able to live the active life he loves & pray he & his loved ones would know the Lord's love, peace, & presence throughout.
- Please keep Floyd & Karen Dimick in your prayers. Thank God Floyd is recovering well from a broken left femur & is holding up well under Physical Therapy. Thank God his pain is gone & he can sleep well. Pray both Floyd & Karen would know the Lord's presence, walk in His love, and abide in His peace. He is in Room Number 17 at Avera Care Center. Pray he might soon be able to secure a private room. Praise God as well that Karen's niece, Dana Hanson, is progressing well at the rehab center in Omaha. She is talking & walking again after her extended time in a coma.
- Praise God Calvary Baptist's new pastor, Jim Bennett, & his wife, Jeanni, have arrived in Platte. Please pray for their transition here to go well and for him to be a good fit for Calvary & this community. Pray they would quickly make friends here & that this would soon feel like home.
- Please continue to pray for Pastor Dave's friend, Kelly Scritchfield, who continues to be hospitalized in a psychiatric ward in Longview, WA. Pray the Lord would give him a moment of clarity and receive Jesus as his Lord & Savior and renounce the lies & deceptions of the enemy.