

SERIES: GROWING IN CHRIST



MOVING
Beyond the
BASICS

*Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine
of Christ and go on to maturity,
not laying again a foundation of repentance
from dead works and of faith toward God*

HEBREWS 6:1



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Pastor Dave Martin

7 Epiphany – February 23, 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

Songs **“Hear Our Praises”**

“The Power of Your Love”

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 105:16-22

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John 3:29-36

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Tommy Nelson & Hayes DeVries

Noisy Offering

Children's Sermon

Special Music

Sermon Text: Hebrews 5:11-6:2

Sermon **"Moving Beyond the Basics"**

Series: Growing in Christ

Joseph Gilbertz

Sunday School Kids

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Give Thanks to God

Song **"God Is Love"**

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

The Lord's Prayer

God Calls Us to Serve

Song **"Enough"**

Benediction

Enter to Worship - Depart to Serve

Thank you for joining us this morning to worship with us! We conclude the 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 16 General Offering: \$3596.00 Attendance: 107

February Mission Fund Offering (month to date)

Marion Medial Mission: \$963.50

God's Way Christian School: \$713.50

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Greeters Feb 23—Emerson Qualm, Jacoby Severson, Kensley Wollman
March 2—Spencer & Whitney DeHaan
March 9—Lee & Jonna DeHaan

Available for Prayer Jeff Engebretson & Mary Ringling

Ushers Feb 23—Confirmation Students
March 2—Eldon Qualm & Toby Qualm
March 9 & 16—Darrel Hildebrand & Jim Holter

Coffee Cookie Servers

Feb 23—Karen DeGroot, Tammy Darling, Whitney DeHaan
March 2—Ramsey DeHaan, Nicole DeVries, Heidi Dingus
March 9—Darcie DuFrain, Karis DuFrain, Jan DuFrain

Thank you our Sunday School students who are participating in the worship service today through greeting, ushering, reading Scripture, and special music. **"NOISY OFFERING"...**The Sunday School kids will be taking their the "noisy offering" **today**. If any parents, grandparents or congregation members have any loose change that 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

New Hope Camp Free-Will Fundraiser: **Come out to the Lyric Theater TODAY 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!!!

Thank you to everyone for your support, donations, and all the help making our soup supper a success! We raised \$1800 from the free will donations that we were able to give towards our local Wings & Hope.

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.

Join us Monday, February 24 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.

Priscilla Bible Study Group meets Thursday, February 27 at 9:00 AM
Studying Lesson 2, Leader: Deb VanDerWerff, Hostess: Donna Boysen

Hannah Bible Study Group meets Thursday, February 27 at 1:30 PM
Studying Lesson 2, Leader: Caroline Butler, Hostess: Peggy Martin

Weekly Men's breakfast and Bible study meets this **Saturday, March 1 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.

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.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season. To celebrate, we will be holding a service here at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, March 5. We will sing several Lenten songs, learn about the significance of ashes, be able to receive the imposition of ashes, read scriptures, have a short message, and pray. We are meeting early so our service does not interfere with that night's Senior High Youth Group.

Beginning Monday, March 10 at 2:15 PM, we will alternate Monday **Lenten services** between Twilight Vista and Avera Care Center. March 10, March 24 and April 7 will be at Twilight Vista. March 17, March 24 and April 24 will be at Avera Care Center.

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://tlcplattsd.breezechms.com/form/4c78bf> Or email Pastor at email (tlcpastor57369@gmail.com) to let us how many will be attending.

The next **Vine Table meal** will be Hearty Soups on Saturday, March 8 starting to serve at 11:30 am. Sign your name and phone number in the entryway at CRC or call Norma Lorenzen at 605-680-1691.

Let's remember **Mary Lee Erickson** for her 93rd birthday coming up on February 26th. Her address is White Lake Nursing Home Room 221, 408 S Johnston St, White Lake, SD 57383.

Men's Choir Festival Concert - 5 area men's choirs will come together TONIGHT! in Verdigre, Nebraska to provide an evening of music! Men's groups from Verdigre, Parkston, Delmont, along with men from our area—Dakota Jubilee, will be singing. Each group will perform two individual selections and the full group of approximately 50 men will perform seven selections as well. Come join us for a great evening of men's choral music, tonight at the Verdigre High School gym at 7 pm!

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 Connie Peterson & all her loved ones in your prayers. Connie has been transferred from the hospital in Mitchell to the Prairie Center in Sioux Falls, where they are better able to treat her blood infection & platelets issues. Please pray for the healing hand of Christ to be upon Connie & for her & all her loved ones to know His peace, His love, His comfort, & His strength. Connie is Meredith Suits' Mom, mother-in-law to Lucas, & grandmother to Isabelle, Holden, & Maisey.
- Praise God Beau Koopal's condition has improved dramatically. His balance & ability to walk are good enough that he is back at work again. He meets with a specialist in March to determine what medication he needs. Please keep Beau, his wife, Mandy, & their daughters, Devyn, Brienna, & Blaire, & the entire Koopal family in your prayers as Beau adjusts to life with MS. 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 continue to pray for African missionary, Steve Walters, & his wife, Linda. Linda has been admitted to a rehab center in Topeka, where she begins hydrotherapy tomorrow to strengthen her back muscles to relieve the stress on her 2 broken vertebrae. Steve has put his ministry on hold temporarily so he can be with Linda in her recovery. Please pray for the Lord to heal Linda, to protect her from bad side effects of her meds, & to fill her full of hope & expectation. Pray for God's close-abiding love to give them comfort & strength in this time of trial.
- Please pray for the family & friends of Andrea Brennan, a close friend of Pr. Dave, Peggy, & their daughter, Brooke. Andrea lost her long battle with cancer on 2/13/25. Please pray for the Lord's comfort, love, peace, & strength to carry her loved ones through this time of grief.
- 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 & her loved ones His comfort, love, peace, & strength to see them through this trial.

- Please continue to pray for Mike Erickson, who was admitted to the Platte Hospital Tuesday morning, following a fall at home. Mike is doing well in the hospital. Please pray for his quick recovery, for his blood clot to dissolve completely, & for his cancer to be healed. 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.
- Please pray for Mick Warejcka's appointment with the cardiologist to go well on 2/24/25. 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 on Dec. 19th. Pray his pain would diminish daily. 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 in Platte. 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.

Hear Our Praises

May our homes be filled with dancing,
May our streets be filled with joy
May injustice bow to Jesus as the people turn to pray.

Chorus: From the mountain to the valley, Hear our praises rise to You
From the heavens to the nations, Hear our singing fill the air.

May a light shine in the darkness as we walk before the cross
May Your glory fill the whole earth as the water o'er the seas.

Chorus x2

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The Power of Your Love

Lord, I come to You, Let my heart be changed, renewed,
Flowing from the grace that I've found in You.
And Lord, I've come to know the weaknesses I see in me
Will be stripped away by the power of Your love.

Chorus: Hold me close, let Your love surround me; Bring me near,
draw me to Your side. And as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle,
And I will soar with You—Your Spirit leads me on in the power of Your love.

Lord, unveil my eyes, let me see You face to face,
The knowledge of Your love as You live in me.
Lord, renew my mind as Your will unfolds in my life,
In living every day in the power of Your love.

Chorus x2

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God Is Love

How great this love, Oh it's moving all my mountains
This perfect love it's casting out my fear
How great this love, Oh it welcomes me like family
And anywhere I go it meets me there

Chorus: He is good and He is God
What I earned it's not what I got and He is just yet oh so kind
What I deserve it's not what I find
What more could I say about Him. My God is love

How great this love, Oh it's faithful through my failures
This trusted love is with me 'til the end
How great this love, Oh it's closer than a brother
This is love He died so I could live

Chorus x2

What more could I say about Him. My God is Love. (x2)

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Enough

You are my supply, my breath of life;
Still more awesome than I know.
You are my reward, worth living for;
Still more awesome than I know.

Chorus: And all of You is more than enough for all of me,
For every thirst and every need.
You satisfy me with Your love,
And all I have in You is more than enough.

You're my sacrifice of greatest price;
Still more awesome than I know.
You're my coming King, You are everything;
Still more awesome than I know.

Chorus

And all of You is more than enough for all of me,
For every thirst and every need.
You satisfy me with Your love,
And all I have in You is more than enough.

More than all I want, more than all I need,
You are more than enough for me.
More than all I know, more than all I can see,
You are more than enough.

Chorus Is more than enough, is more than enough.