

Freedom in Christ



So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him,
"If you abide in my word,
you are truly my disciples,
and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."
John 8:31-32



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Pastor Dave Martin

3 Trinity – July 6, 2025

9:30 AM Worship

God Gathers His People to Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Sharing the Peace of the Lord

Song **“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”** (vs. 1,3,6,7) **LBW 328**

We Confess Our Sin (together):

Lord, we come before You in prayer today, asking for forgiveness. We have not loved as we ought to love, we have not given as we ought to give, and we have fallen short of the mark of truly being your obedient sons and daughters. We recognize our sin and in this moment of silence, we privately remember our shortcomings in love and life.

Silence for Reflection

We Hear the Good News (Pastor):

God, our heavenly Father, hears the prayers of His children and answers those prayers. Our prayer for forgiveness is answered in the person of Jesus Christ, His Son, who died for our sin that we might have new life in Him. The distance between God and ourselves has been brought together by His love made perfect in the sacrifice of His Son. Praise God for His gift of love to us. Amen.

God Speaks to Us in His Holy Word

Scripture Lessons:

Psalm 119:41-48 (NIV)

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2 Corinthians 3:7-18

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Children’s Sermon

Song **“Faith of Our Fathers”**

LBW 500

Sermon **"The Truth Will Set You Free"**

Series: Freedom in Christ

Give Thanks to God

Song **"Freely, Freely"**

Nicene Creed

Offering

Offertory

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

Celebration of Holy Communion

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Communion Blessing

God Calls Us to Serve

Song **"There Is Power in the Blood"**

GHF 198

Benediction

Enter to Worship - Depart to Serve

Thank you for joining us this morning to worship! We begin the sermon series **"Freedom in Christ."** ***In this month in which we celebrate our country's freedom, let us also celebrate the freedom we have in Jesus Christ.*** Please join us for coffee and cookies in the fellowship hall following the service.

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June 29 General Offering: \$2484.00 Attendance: 92

June Mission Fund Offering – Wells Ministry: \$1637.50

(8.23 wells) YTD Giving: \$3910.00

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Musician Shirley Johnson

Greeters July 6—Todd & Shawna Strand

July 13—Kory & Tonya Standy

July 20—Steve & Liz Spawn

July 27—Kevin & Tara Severson

Ushers July 6—Scott Dingus & Marshall Ringling

July 13 & 20—Tony Schrank & Ryan Kott

July 27 & Aug 3— Mike Gilbertz & Jeff Engebretson

Communion Servers Mike Gilbertz, Alisha Nachtigal, Jason Huizenga

Available for Prayer (Classroom #3) Jeff Engebretson & Mary Ringling

Coffee Cookie Servers

July 6—Vicky Pavlis, LouAnn Qualm, Alisha Nachtigal

July 13—Rebecca Qualm, Donna Nelson

July 20—Nicki Reiser, Amy Ringling

July 27—Mary Ringling, Brittany Ruen

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.

Happy Summer! It is time for a new Bible study! ***Martha group will be beginning the Bible study UNASHAMED by Christine Caine.*** Some of you may remember her as she was the gal that cohosted the last Advent study we did. Unashamed is our usual format, a video with a study guide. It consists of 5 lessons that will conclude in November and then we will do an Advent study again. Study guides can be purchased for \$13 at Amazon. Mary Ringling has preordered some if anyone is interested, contact her. **Our first lesson will be Tuesday, July 15th at 6:30pm in the Fireside Fellowship room.** We hope many of you will consider coming!

July's Mission Offering is designated for Samaritan's Purse Food Ministry. We like the flexibility this ministry provides as it not only feeds people living in famine conditions but also provides individual families with a reliable, ongoing source of food, which can, in time, make them self-sufficient.

For instance, we gave \$402.10 to provide emergency rations of grain to starving people. The grain might be wheat, oats, barley, rye, or rice depending on what part of the world is being served. But wherever the people are helped, they will receive a grain compatible with their diet that will provide several nutritious meals. We also contributed money to provide a week of food for 20 severely malnourished children. This food is extra high in vitamins, minerals, and nutrients to get them through those tough initial days nursing them back to health. We also contributed money to a hot meal program that will feed 23 children for a week.

38 different families received a dozen chickens, which can provide nutritious eggs to be eaten or incubated into more chicks. If these families manage their eggs and chickens well, they can one day have a reliable ongoing source of food, while also possibly providing items to sell or barter. 5 farmers received 30 seedlings, which can provide valuable fruit as well as much needed shade. 7 families received goats, which can provide valuable milk, butter, and cheese. 2 farmers received a large piece of livestock such as an ox or cow, that can be used as a draft animal enabling the farmer to produce more crops. Cows, of course, also provide valuable milk, cream, butter, and cheese. And 6 farmers received disease-resistant plants and seeds, planting tools, and valuable training in successful farming techniques.

Please help support these efforts to feed people around the world. We can't feed everyone, but we certainly can make a difference in the lives of those we are able to feed. If you would like to donate, please make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church and note on check memo or in offering envelope "Mission Fund." There will be a basket in the narthex or it can be put in the offering plate with the general offering.

Community VBS will be held at Trinity Lutheran church on **Monday, July 28 - Thursday, July 31 from 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm** for students who completed half-day Kindergarten through 5th grade. *"Sometimes life can get a little messy. The good news is, Jesus loves messy people."*

There will be nursery available at First Reformed Church for volunteers who have younger kids. Supper will be provided each evening for students and volunteers! Scan the QR codes below to sign up.

Student
Sign-up



Volunteer
Sign-up



We are looking for donations of ground beef for VBS. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Please bring ground beef donations to the church kitchen freezers by Sunday, July 20.

HAMBURGERS will be the Thursday, July 10th Vine Table meal. We start serving at 5:30 pm. Sign up at Platte Christian Reformed Church entryway or call Norma at 605-680-1691. We are always looking for helpers to prepare, serve and help clean up. Please let us know if you would be willing to help in any way.

Freely, Freely

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name, I've been born again in Jesus' name.
And in Jesus' name I come to you to share His love as He told me to.

Chorus: He said: "Freely, freely, you have received
Freely, freely give. Go in My name, and because you believe,
Others will know that I live."

All power is given in Jesus' name, In earth and heaven in Jesus' name.
And in Jesus' name I come to you to share His power as He told me to.

Chorus

Carol Owens
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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 Sarah & Bob Hoffman in your prayers. Sarah is home suffering from intense sciatic pain in her right leg. Please pray God would: relieve the swelling & pain in her right leg and ankle & would take the floating bone chips from her ankle. Pray for her to be able to sleep well, to have a good appetite, and for her pain to diminish greatly. Pray Sarah, Bob, and all their loved ones would feel the Lord's comfort, love, peace, and strength throughout this trial.
- Praise God Gene Van Zee's surgery went well on June 30th. Thank Him that Gene has been doing well and has been able to sleep comfortably. Please pray for his pain to diminish & for him to be able to get by well on Tylenol alone. Pray for his recovery to be quick & complete with no complications and for physical therapy to go well. Pray Gene & Faith would rest in the Lord's loving presence throughout.
- Praise God Dave Kott was able to have his surgery July 3rd to repair a leaky heart valve. Please pray God would bless his recovery, guarding him from any complications or infections. Pray Dave would heal quickly, regain strength and energy, and be free from major pain. Pray Dave, Jeanne, and all their loved ones would feel the Lord's close-abiding presence, peace, love, and strength in his recovery.
- Please keep Larry Kuiper in your prayers as he recovers from surgery performed on June 13th. Doctors removed the staples from his incision on June 26th & said everything looks good. They won't know for 4-6 weeks if any further treatment is required. Please pray there would be no need for radiation or further treatment and there would be no return of the cancer. Pray for Larry, Mary Beth, & their loved ones to rest in the Lord's love, peace, comfort, & strength throughout.
- Praise God Floyd Dimick made it through his bout with chicken pox and shingles and is once again going to physical therapy. He is getting stronger and in good spirits. Please keep Karen in your prayers as well as she has experienced some recent dizziness and weakness. Pray for Floyd & Karen to be blessed with a long season of good health & for them to feel Christ's close-abiding presence throughout this trial.
- Please keep Joyce VanderHam's niece, Jennifer Groske, in your prayers as she recovers from brain surgery performed on May 16th. She is making slow & steady progress as her doctors expected. Pray for her hearing to

return completely and for her nerves to be restored good as new. Pray she knows God's strength & presence throughout this trial.

- Please keep Jean & Mike Binder & their family (friends of the Martins) in your prayers. Praise God Jean is recovering well from her brain surgery & is in good spirits. She has more energy & is taking longer walks. Praise God she is showing now ill effects from M-F radiation & chemo. Pray God would: protect her from the excesses of radiation & chemo, keep her pain level tolerable, restore her strength & energy levels, & cure her cancer. Pray this family would know God walks with them & they would thrive through this trial.
- Thank God Nancy Miller's hip is healing & that her pain has greatly diminished. Pray for her confusion to clear up & for her thinking to be lucid. Thank Him that George continues to do well. Pray God's hand would be upon George & Nancy & all those who love them.
- Please keep Beau Koopal & his loved ones in your prayers as he battles MOGAD. His insurance company has approved a pill he can take for now. Pray he would be able to find an in-network provider at Mayo that could give him access to the infusion doctors say he needs. Please pray the Lord will sovereignly heal him, that he will continue to feel good & be able to remain active, and he & his family would continue to feel the Lord's love & provision.
- Please pray for Jim Scoblic, a long-time friend of Pr. Dave's, that God would: heal his myeloma & a-fib, bring him to saving faith in Jesus Christ, and bless his brother, John, who cares for him in Anchorage, Alaska. Please pray that John & all his family would also know & trust in Jesus.
- Please pray for Tom Espland & his wife, Mary. Tom is getting weaker & is requiring more help from Mary. He is dreaming of his deceased mother & brother regularly and seems to be getting closer to death with each passing day. Please pray God would bless every day Tom has left & would have him & Mary well prepared for what lies ahead. We thank God for this couple's strong faith & ask God to be their strength & peace throughout.
- Please pray for Pr. Dave's & Peggy's daughter-in-law, Koni, that God would untangle the red tape around her visa application and would expedite her approval to enter & stay in the U.S. Pray for Koni & John, who were married 9-1/2 months ago, that God would keep their love for one another strong & would soon allow them to live together as husband & wife.