

Freedom in Christ series

FREEDOM *from Fear*

**For God has not given us
a spirit of fear and timidity,
but of power, love, and self-discipline.
2 Timothy 1:7 NLT**



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Pastor Dave Martin

5 Trinity – July 20, 2025

9:30 AM Worship

God Gathers His People to Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Sharing the Peace of the Lord

Songs **“Hope of the Nations”**

“How Great is Our God”

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:

Isaiah 41:8-13

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John 14:25-31

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Children's Sermon

Sermon Text: 2 Timothy 1:3-10 (NLT)

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Sermon **“Freedom from Fear”** Series: *Freedom in Christ*

Give Thanks to God

Song **"No Longer Slaves"**

Apostles 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 **"My Life is in You"**

Benediction

Enter to Worship - Depart to Serve

Thank you for joining us this morning to worship! We continue 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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July 13 General Offering: \$3206.00 Attendance: 84

July Mission Fund Offering – Feeding Ministry: \$695.00

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Greeters July 20—Steve & Liz Spawn

July 27—Kevin & Tara Severson

Ushers July 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) Pastor Dave & Peggy Martin

Coffee Cookie Servers

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.

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.

Church Council will meet on Monday, July 21st at 7:00 PM.

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 cookies & bars and also 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 Friday, July 25th and goodies to the kitchen by Sunday, July 27. *Any questions, contact Wendy Wollman (605) 680-0356.*

Martha kick off its new Bible Study - Unashamed on **Tuesday, July 29 at 7:30 pm** *(please note new date & time.)* 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. Mary Ringling ordered extra books so if you need one, please contact her.

We are prayerfully seeking individuals who feel called to help with our Sunday School program this year. Whether you're a seasoned teacher or have never taught before, we welcome your interest!

We've found that co-teaching works very well, allowing flexibility and shared responsibility. Newer volunteers can be paired with a veteran teacher who can guide you through the curriculum and supplemental materials and give direction on how to present the lesson. You'll have the chance to set your own teaching schedule with your co-teacher, making it easy to balance with other commitments.

To help everyone feel prepared and confident, we will host an in-service meeting before the new year begins. This time together will outline our curriculum, classroom expectations, the role of teachers in partnership with the Board of Education, and answer any questions you may have. ***If you're willing to serve or just want to learn more, please reach out to Karis DuFrain, Dan Daum, or Diane Gilbertz. We would love to have you as part of our Sunday School team!***

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. ***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."

The Benson Family are in Concert on Saturday, July 26 at 6:30 pm at the Prairie View Gospel Barn, Gregory. Doors open at 5pm. The Benson Family Singers are a family music group from Faribault, Minnesota. Peter and Rachelle, along with children have a unique ministry consisting of barbershop, bluegrass, and gospel music. They specialize in tight, a cappella harmonies and also play a variety of instruments, including guitar, banjo, bass, violin, and mandolin. The Bensons use their music, humor, and message to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. Don't miss this incredible family experience!

Ministry Opportunity! ***New Hope Christian Camp in Platte is seeking two people to serve on the Board of Directors.*** The board meets quarterly. Please prayerfully seek God's guidance as to whether He is calling you or someone you know to serve in the camping ministry. Please email us at newhopechristiancamp@outlook.com with contact information and any questions. You can also contact any board member, and they would be happy to talk to you about it. Board members are Tracy Nelson, Pastor Dave Martin, Melissa Huizenga, Amanda Hermanek, & Matthew Brink. Thank you for your support and prayers!

Dementia Dialogues

If you have a friend or a loved one you suspect may be suffering from dementia, or if you just want to learn more about this debilitating disease, plan to attend "The Dementia Dialogues" being held August 11th, 18th, and 25th at Platte Health Center Avera, 601 E. 7 St., Platte, SD, 57369. The classes are free and will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 pm in the Main Floor Conference Room. A light meal will be served each night.

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 Connie Peterson in your prayers as they mourn her passing on July 12. Please pray especially for her husband, Doug, their daughters, Amanda, Ashlee & Meredith & their families, and for sisters-in-law Paula Nelson & Trudy Qualm & their extended families. Please pray for Lucas & Meredith Suits as they mourn the passing of Meredith's mom, and for their children, Isabelle, Holden, & Maisey as they mourn the loss of their grandmother. Please pray they would all know God's close-abiding comfort, love, & peace in their loss.
- Pray for Jacque, Jill, Maverick, & James DeWit, asking God to bless Jill's July 28th PET Scan so that it shows no cancer. Pray for this family to have a long season of good health & vitality & for them to feel the Lord's hand.
- Please pray for the Lord to heal Dick Johnson's pneumonia & to restore his strength & energy levels. Pray for Dick to feel the Lord's presence & to live in His peace all the days of his life.
- Please pray for George & Nancy Miller, to heal George as he recovers from gall bladder surgery. Pray He would clear up the infection in George's body & restore strength & energy levels. Pray for Nancy's mind to be clear & for her hip to be healed. Pray they walk daily in the Lord.
- Please pray for Frank Cutler's brother, Curt, as he recovers from a 3-way bypass on July 15. Thank God the surgery was a success. Pray for the surgical site to heal & for his strength & energy levels to be restored. Pray God would keep his Parkinson's in check & blood pressure to be stable.
- Please continue to pray boldly in Jesus's name that the sciatic nerve pain in Sarah Hoffman's right leg would be gone completely, that the swelling in her right leg & ankle would be gone, & that the bone chips in her right ankle would cease to bother her. Pray she would feel the Lord's healing in body, soul, & spirit, & that she & Bob would feel the Lord.
- Praise God Gene Van Zee's leg & ankle continue to heal well. His first doctor's appointment revealed all is going well. Pray for his quick & complete recovery & for he & Faith to feel the Lord's presence & love.
- Praise God for Dave Kott's successful heart surgery & for how well he feels. Pray for God's healing, protection, & provision to be upon Dave & for him to follow his doctor's orders & not overdo it. May God bless Dave & Jeanne & all their loved ones with His presence, His peace, His love, & His joy as they walk out Dave's recovery together.

- Praise God for healing Jim Scoblic (Pr. Dave's friend) of bone cancer. When he went to talk about treatment options, doctors could find no sign of cancer in Jim's body. They called it a premature diagnosis. We call it God's sovereign response to prayer. Please continue to pray for Jim's A-fib to be healed & for him to fully accept Jesus as his Lord & Savior.
- Please keep Larry Kuiper in your prayers. He is recovering well from his surgery on June 13th but is facing radiation soon. Pray the radiation only kills cancer cells & does no harm to healthy tissue. Pray Larry would have no long-term ill effects from the radiation & that future scans will show no cancer in his body.
- Praise God Floyd Dimick continues to look & feel stronger daily. Pray for his continued improvement & for God to heal Karen of abdominal problems & for them to walk in confidence of Christ's love & provision.
- Please keep Jean & Mike Binder (friends of the Martins) & their family in your prayers. Jean is doing well but is fatigued by the radiation. Please pray her remaining 5 radiation sessions go well & for her upcoming scans to show no signs of cancer. Pray for Mike to stay strong as her caregiver.
- Please pray for Peggy's brother, Leroy Olesen. Pray he would recover quickly from his recent angioplasty & would soon be cleared for hernia surgery. Pray for a quick recovery as his business requires him to do lots of heavy lifting. Pray for him to grow closer to the Lord.
- 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. Pray God 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.
- Praise God Joyce VanderHam's niece, Jennifer Groske, is improving nicely from May 16th brain surgery. She is now walking & able to drive on some of the country roads near her home. Pray her sense of balance would improve daily & that her hearing would soon return to normal. Pray for all nerve functions to be restored.
- Please pray for Tom Espland & his wife, Mary. Tom is getting weaker & is requiring more help from Mary. 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.
- Please pray for Pr. Dave's & Peggy's daughter-in-law, Koni, that God would untangle the red tape around her visa application & would expedite her approval to enter & stay in the U.S. Pray for Koni & John, who were married 10 months ago, that God would keep their love for one another strong & would soon allow them to live together as husband & wife.

Hope of the Nations

Jesus, hope of the nations, Jesus, comfort for all who mourn
You are the source of Heaven's hope on earth.

Jesus, light in the darkness, Jesus, truth in each circumstance;
You are the source of Heaven's light on earth

In history You lived and died. You broke the chains, You rose to life.

You are the hope living in us, You are the rock in whom we trust
You are the light, shining for all the world to see.

Chorus: You rose from the dead, conquering fear,
Our Prince of Peace drawing us near;
Jesus, our hope, living for all who will receive;
Lord, we believe. (*repeat all*) 2nd Time: Lord, we believe.

In history You lived and died. You broke the chains, You rose to life.

You are the hope living in us, You are the rock in whom we trust
You are the light, shining for all the world to see.

Chorus Lord, we believe. Lord, we believe.

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How Great is Our God

The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice; All the earth rejoice
He wraps himself in Light, and darkness tries to hide
and trembles at His voice and trembles at His voice

Chorus: How great is our God, sing with me,
How great is our God, and all will see how great,
how great is our God

Age to age He stands and time is in His hands
Beginning and the end, Beginning and the end
The Godhead Three in One, Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb, The Lion and the Lamb

Chorus How great, how great is our God!

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No Longer Slaves

You unravel me, with a melody; You surround me with a song
Of deliverance, from my enemies; Till all my fears have gone

Chorus: I'm no longer a slave to fear. I am a child of God
I'm no longer a slave to fear. I am a child of God

From my mother's womb; You have chosen me Love has called my name;
I've been born again, into your family Your blood flows through my veins

Chorus x2

You split the sea so I could walk right through it
My fears are drowned in perfect love
You rescued me so could I stand and sing. I am child of God.

You split the sea so I could walk right through it
You drowned my fears in perfect love
You rescued me so I could stand and sing
I am a child of God. I am a child of God.
I am a child of God. I am a child of God.

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My Life is In You Lord

My life is in You, Lord. My strength is in You, Lord
My hope is in You, Lord. In You, it's in You. (x2)

I will praise You with all of my life
I will praise You with all of my strength
With all of my life; With all of my strength
All of my hope is in You. (Repeat all)

My life is in You, Lord. My strength is in You, Lord
My hope is in You, Lord. In You, it's in You. (x2)

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