
SILENT AMBASSADORS?

**We are therefore Christ's ambassadors,
as though God were making
his appeal through us.
2 Corinthians 5:20a**



**CARING
ENOUGH
TO SHARE**



PO Box 427 - 500 S Penn Ave
Pastor Dave Martin
8 Trinity – July 21, 2024
9:30 AM Worship

God Gathers His People to Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Sharing the Peace of the Lord

Song “**To God Be the Glory**”

GHF 449

Confession

P & C: Lord, God of our tomorrows, we confess our sinful condition before You. We desire something better than what we have and what we are. We know ourselves too well and see our human frailty. We know that our temporary gods are vulnerable and will crumble under the test. We realize that our desires are fickle and backfire on us at the worst times. God of our tomorrows, give us Your forgiveness. Let us see today the promise of something better in our lives.

Forgiveness

P: Our God is a tomorrow God. He knows our past and He knows where we are headed. He knows our needs and desires His children come to Him in prayer. As we confess our sin to Him, He is faithful and will forgive our sin and set us right with Himself. He knows that He is what we desire and that true fulfillment comes in knowing Him. His promise of something better is found in His forgiveness and in His love. Praise God for His goodness.

God Speaks to Us in His Holy Word

Scripture Lessons:

Isaiah 52:7-8

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Matthew 5:14-16

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Children’s Sermon

Song “**How Great Thou Art**”

LBW 532

Sermon **“Silent Ambassadors?”**

Series: Caring Enough to Share

Give Thanks to God

Song **“Cleanse Me”**

Apostles Creed

Offering

Offertory

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

Prayers of the Church

Celebration of Holy Communion

Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer

Distribution

Communion Blessing

God Calls Us to Serve

Song **“Faithful Men”**

Benediction

Enter to Worship - Depart to Serve

Thank you for joining us this Sunday morning to worship with us today!
We begin a new sermon series “Caring Enough to Share.”

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July 14 General Offering: \$4163.00 **Attendance:** 72
Mission Fund Offering: \$1640.00

Musician Shirley Johnson

Greeters July 21—Eldon & LouAnn Qualm

July 28—Jeff & Jackie Olsen

Aug 4—Kevin & Susan Nelson

Aug 11—Gary & Paula Nelson

Aug 18—Chris & Nicki Nelson

Aug 25—Andrew & Alisha Nachtigal

Ushers July 21 & 28—Tony Schrank & Ryan Kott

Aug 4 & 11—Mike Gilbertz & Jeff Engebretson

Aug 18 & 25—Jerry Dykstra & Morries Rommen

Communion Servers Mike Gilbertz, Alisha Nachtigal, Jason Huizenga

Coffee Cookie Servers July 21—Jan DuFrain, Karis DuFrain

July 28—Maggie Dyk, Alison Dykstra

Aug 4—Rhonda Engebretson, Pearl Feiok

Aug 11—Jodene Foxley, Diane Gilbertz

Aug 18—Julie Gustad, Donna Hanten

Aug 25—Amanda Hermanek, Valerie Hildebrand

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.

Monday, July 22 from 1:00-2:15 PM, we will continue a Bible Study on the book of John. Following an opening prayer, we will start each session by watching one chapter of the book of John on the Visual Bible. There is something powerful about hearing God’s Word and seeing it walked out on the television screen before us. After watching the video, we will read through the chapter and discuss it.

There is a tentatively scheduled time for **Immersion Baptisms on Saturday, July 27th, beginning at 4:00 PM.** I say, “tentatively,” because we can’t outguess the weather. If we get a good day, and I am successful in securing a couple of men to assist me, we will go for it. I am planning on using the beach at Snake Creek. This is also a time for anyone who wishes to renew their baptismal vows to do so. No, our old baptism didn’t lose its effectiveness. Our original baptism is good for life. But just as married couples renew their wedding vows to tell their spouse, “If I had it all to do over again, I would still choose you.” Renewing our baptismal vows says the same thing to the Lord. Additionally, for those of us who were sprinkled, immersion baptism provides a greater understanding of what really takes place in baptism. Being plunged under the water really does feel like we’ve died in a way.

“Alpha Sneak Peek” is scheduled for Sunday, August 11th. Alpha is a Christian program that aims to introduce people to the basics of Christianity and believers to strengthen their faith. It is an 11-week course that consists of eating a homemade meal together, watching a video together as a large group and then sharing conversation in small groups. Please contact the Trinity office at tlcplatted@gmail.com to let us know how many from your family will be attending. **To ensure that we can eat promptly at 12:30 PM, please arrive at the camp by 12:15.** Because this is a chance to check us out with no obligation, there won’t be any small group assignments at this session. Total duration of the Sneak Peek should be about 1 to 1-1/2 hours.

Carson Vanden Berge is running a Book Drive for his senior project! Books will be donated to the Platte Library and it will run from July 15-31. Donation Tubs will be located at the Platte Library, County Fair and Trinity Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall. Monetary donations are also accepted at the Platte Library. For questions or large donations please contact Carson at 605-680-5276.

Friends + Faith + Flourish Bible Study August 1st, 8th & 15th

To the upcoming 6th – 8th grade girls – you are invited to join Beza Fite in a middle school bible study, for her Senior Project. This study will be called Friends + Faith + Flourish. If you would like to participate, please contact Beza at 605.680.2076. The bible study will be held at Calvary Baptist Church on August 1st, 8th & 15th from 6:30 – 7:45.

Get ready for an outdoor adventure that starts in your own backyard and gets bigger as kids take the love of Jesus into their neighborhoods and communities!

At God's Backyard Bible Camp, kids will participate in the large-group excitement of Backyard Bash, experience God's Word at Backyard Bible Club, learn ways to serve others at Community Corner, plus explore and create through fun-filled crafts, snacks and games. Just step outside, take a look over the fence, and help kids discover how much fun they can have serving at Backyard Bible Camp!

Kids learn to serve their families, friends, neighbors, communities and JESUS at God's Backyard Bible Camp!

Join us **August 6, 7 & 8 from 5:00 - 7:30 PM**
for kids who completed 1/2 Day Kindergarten
through completed 6th Grade



Register
Your Child

VBS Volunteers needed! Contact the Board of Ed:
Carla Lantz, Karis DuFrain, Dan Daum if you are able
to help in any way



Become a
Volunteer

Sunday School begins Sunday, September 8 at 10:45-11:45 am. We would like to thank those of you who offered your time last year to teach one of our Sunday School classes. It is again to prepare for another year. We have found that co-teaching seems to work well and would like to continue with that. However, that does require 2 teachers per grade level (Preschool thru 6th Grade & High School) If you find yourself hesitating to volunteer because committing to every Sunday can be difficult, co-teaching does allow you more flexibility throughout the year! ***If you feel the Lord is calling you to teach this year, please contact the Board of Ed. Carla Lantz, Karis DuFrain or Dan Daum.*** Thank you for helping our youth grow in their faith & walk with God!

A big thank you to all who gave toward Operation Shoebox Guatemala! 404 shoeboxes and 20 bulk boxes have been taken down to Caddo Mills, TX to be loaded on a container! If you are interested in filling boxes next year, school supplies are selling at a low cost this time of the year. The benefit of "planning ahead"! There are some who are planning on going to the distribution this year which is Nov 29-Dec 7. For more information contact Nancy VanderPol 605-680-1139.

Prayer Praises and Concerns

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

Mary Lee Erickson, Ruth Gruenig, Laura Johnson, Moe Johnson, Richard Johnson, Arnie Larson, Caroline Peterson

Please pray for:

- Praise God Doug Holter's surgery to repair a broken vertebra went well on July 16th. Thank God he was able to walk with assistance and go through physical & occupational therapy on July 17th. X-rays show his spine to be in good alignment following surgery. Please pray for his pain to diminish, his strength & energy levels to increase, for God's protection against infections & complications, & for PT & OT to continue to go well. Pray Doug, Susan, Casey, & Nick would feel the Lord's close-abiding presence, know His love, experience His comfort, & walk in His peace as they walk out Doug's recovery.
- Please pray for Mary Lee Erickson's lungs to clear completely, for her breathing to be easy again, for God to remove all infections, & guard her from all complications. Pray she would soon be able to return to Twilight Vista & for her to know the Lord's comfort, strength, love, & peace throughout her recovery. Mary Lee is in room 105 at the Platte Hospital.
- Please pray for Pr. Dave's & Peggy's friends, Mike & Dee Diede & their loved ones. Mike's very aggressive form of GI cancer has now spread to his spine. He is very weak & fatigued. Pray for the hand of Jesus to eradicate every trace of cancer in Mike's body & to heal & strengthen every good cell in him. Pray for this family to feel the Lord's presence, love, & comfort, & for Mike to know His miraculous healing.
- Praise God Karla Kuiper continues to improve, and her pain is slowly diminishing. Please pray for increased strength & energy, protection against infection & complications, & for her to feel the Lord's presence, healing, comfort, love, & peace, in her recovery. Pray her 3-month CT scans would yield increasingly better news.
- Please pray Alison Dykstra's sister, Julie Pepper, would respond well to her new chemo & that it would completely eradicate her cancer. Pray for her to be pain & infection free, for her appetite to return, & for her to grow in strength & energy. Pray for her, her husband, Matt, & all their loved ones to know the Lord's comfort, peace, joy, & strength throughout.
- Please pray for Christ's hand of healing, protection, & provision to be upon John Rasmussen as he recovers from surgery to repair a detached retina. Pray his recovery would be free from infections & complications, & his vision would be clear & sharp. Pray for John, Dee, & their loved ones to know the Lord's comfort, love, & peace throughout.

- Praise God Sue & Denny Davis are recovering from recent surgeries at home, with the help of church friends. Pray God would guard them from complications & infections & would speed them to full recoveries. Pray they both would know God's comfort & peace throughout.
- Praise God Erica Kuiper has completed her first round of chemo & has come through it well. Pray the next round of treatment will go equally well. Pray against fatigue and loss of energy. Pray for Erica, Mike, & their entire family to feel the Lord's powerful presence, strength, and comfort throughout.
- Praise God Mike Erickson continues to do well. Thank Him Mike's cancer numbers continue to drop. Pray his cancer would be gone completely & that God would stabilize his blood sugar levels. Pray for Mike and all his loved ones to know God's close-abiding love & presence.
- Please keep Tom & Mary Espland in your prayers. Tom has begun pulmonary therapy, hoping that these exercises would strengthen his lungs & increase his lung capacity. Please pray the Lord will amaze them with the improvement He brings to Tom's health through therapy. Pray they would get a new lease on life & feel the Lord's close-abiding love & presence.
- Please continue to pray for Pr. Dave's & Peggy's son, John, as he prepares for an in-person interview in Pierre on July 26th. Pray he could be hired for this job so he & his future bride could be within a few hours of us. Thank you for your faithful prayers throughout this process.
- Please continue to pray for Bud Bakken as he recovers from his hip surgery. Pray he would have less pain & would feel stronger with each passing day. Pray he would feel the Lord's comfort, love, & presence in all he does.
- Please keep Pr. Mike DeJager from 1st Reformed Church in your prayers. He recently had another stem cell procedure for his neck in hopes of reducing the abnormal measurements even further. Praise God the procedure went well. Please pray the Lord's hand would be upon Mike in his recovery and that his neck would be greatly improved by this procedure. Pray for Mike & his family to know the Lord's comfort & peace throughout.
- Please keep Calvary Baptist Church in your prayers as they search for a replacement for Pr. Dave Anderson. Pray God would make clear to the Call Committee exactly who they are to call, and that person would not only bless Calvary but would bless our entire community. Thank God for the gift Pr. Dave has been to our city. Thank Him that their home has sold and closes on August 1st. Pray for the Anderson's to feel the Lord's guiding hand as they settle in Juneau.

Cleanse Me

Search me O God and know my heart today
Try me O Savior know my thoughts I pray
See if there be some wicked way in me
Cleanse me from every sin and set me free

I praise You Lord for cleansing me from sin
Fulfill Thy Word and make me pure within
Fill me with fire where once I burned with shame
Grant my desire to magnify Your Name

Lord take my life and make it wholly Thine
Fill all my heart with Your great love divine
Take all my will my passion self and pride
I now surrender Lord in me abide

O Holy Ghost, Revival comes from Thee;
Send a revival, Start the work in me.
Thy Word declares Thou wilt supply our need;
For blessings now, O Lord, I humbly plead.

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Faithful Men

Come and join the reapers,
all the kingdom seekers,
Laying down your life to
find it in the end.

Come and share the harvest,
Help to light the darkness,
For the Lord is calling faithful men. *(repeat all)*

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