

SERMON SERIES:  
THE 4 L'S OF DISCIPLESHIP

*Loving*

MATTHEW 22:34-40



PO Box 427 - 500 S Penn Ave

**Pastor Dave Martin**

9:30 AM Worship

8 Pentecost – July 23, 2023

## GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Song “**Love Lifted Me**”

**GHF 441**

Confession & Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin before God and in the presence of one another, trusting in God's mercy.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: God of grace,

**P & C: we confess our impatience, our failure to pray, our inhospitable actions, our unwillingness to recognize Christ in the least of our brothers and sisters. Forgive us for wanting to restrict your love to match our own understanding. In your mercy, renew us in ways of harmony and peace. Amen.**

P: God loves you and, for Jesus' sake, forgives you all your sin. As your life is renewed by the Holy Spirit, may you rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer, and live in harmony with one another.

**C: Amen.**

## GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS HOLY WORD

Scripture Lessons:

Deuteronomy 10:12-13

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1 John 5:3

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Baptism of Grayson Vance Qualm

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Children's Sermon

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22:34-40

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Sermon “**Loving**”

## GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Song "Jesus Loves Even Me"

GHF 492

Offering\*\*

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

## GOD CALLS US TO SERVE

Song "Isn't the Love of Jesus Something Wonderful" GHF 450

Benediction

## ENTER TO WORSHIP – DEPART TO SERVE

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**Thank you** for joining us this Sunday morning to worship our God together! We begin our sermon series "The Four L's of Discipleship." **We will have fellowship time with coffee and cookies following worship.** We hope you will join us!

\*\*The offering plate will be in the narthex so please place your donations in as you enter or exit. **To GIVE ONLINE through Breeze**, go to our website [www.tlclplatted.org](http://www.tlclplatted.org). Click on "GIVING" on our homepage and you will be directed to our online giving platform Breeze. It is a convenient, safe and simple way for our members or visitors to make automated payments through bank ACH directly or credit/debit cards. *Text-to-give (605) 741-4118.*

**July 16 General Offering:** \$3335.00 **Attendance:** 117

July MFO – Melanie Lubinus: \$1470.00

**Greeters** July 23: Larry & Mary Beth Kuiper

July 30: Doug & Gladys Kuipers

**Ushers** July 23 & 30: Mike Gilbertz & Jeff Engebretson

**Coffee Cookie Servers** July 23: Tara Severson, Stacy Severson

July 30: Liz Spawn, Tonya Standy

**Prayer Ministry Team:** Jeff Engebretson, Jan DuFrain, Kyle Meyerink,  
& Shirley Johnson

**Blessings to Grayson Vance Qualm who was baptized today!** He is the son of Cody & Rebecca Qualm. His sponsors are Wyatt Qualm and Sabrina Banghart. The rose on the alter is in honor of his baptism.

Please have info for the **August newsletter** turned in by Tuesday, July 25. Thank you!

Pastor Darrel and Jane Schubert are planning to spend 10 months in Australia following his retirement from New Home Lutheran Church in Mitchell the end of July. **An 11:30 lunch at Pizza Plus on Wed July 26 is planned for Jane to visit with her friends** from our church and the Platte area.

**Hannah Bible Study Group** has moved their meeting to Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM

***Get Ready....for a Howlin' Good Time!*** Go off-road for a Monumental adventure through the colorful canyons and sunbaked trails of the southwest. By exploring God's awesomeness, kids form a rock-solid faith for the road ahead.

Join us for Vacation Bible at Trinity Lutheran Church **August 8, 9 & 10 from 1-5 PM** for kids who completed 1/2 Day Kindergarten thru completed 6th Grade. Registration is due by August 4.  
*(please fill out one form for each student)*

<https://tlcplattesd.breezechms.com/form/508c30>

**We still need a few more volunteers!** Contact the Board of Ed (Carla Lantz, Caitlin DeGroot or Karis DuFrain) if you would be willing to help! Thank you!

**WOW Mission Project:** For July and August, we will be collecting paper products for the Helping Hands Food Pantry. Please place your donations in the blue tote in the fellowship hall. Thank you!

**On Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, we will offer a sneak peek at what the Alpha course** has to offer as we view the video “Is There More to Life than This?” We will show the video at 10:50 AM in the Fireside Room.

The Alpha course begins Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall, and lasts until 8:30 PM. Alpha is an 11-week course in the foundational elements of Christianity and is a great resource for people wherever they might be in their faith life. This could be one of the most significant sources of spiritual growth you will ever encounter. Sign up today on the bulletin board and let us grow together.

**Awana CONNECT-** *Helping Kids Live Out Their Faith In Jesus!* Awana Connect is a fun, quick-paced gathering designed to inspire, inform, and instruct, those ministering to CHILDREN and STUDENTS. *You will learn:* 1)10 Scary Things Today's Kids Think; 2)Navigating the Identity Minefield; 3)Teaching Self-Discipline; 4)5 Ways to Equip Kids to Become Life-Long Disciples of Jesus. **July 25<sup>th</sup> at Calvary Baptist 7-9pm.** Questions or More Info Contact Ross Erickson 680-4726; or Pastor Dave Anderson Cell# 206-755-3717 or Office# 337-3062.

**HYMN Sing and Share Night-** at Calvary Baptist, July 30 at 6pm. Bring the Whole Family for an evening of singing, encouragement, and JOY. Questions, Contact: Kurt or Bobbi Brink.

# PRAYER PRAISES AND CONCERNS

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

**Assisted Living:** Mary Lee Erickson, Ruth Gruenig, Adele Holter, Laura Johnson, Richard Johnson, Arnie Larson, Caroline Peterson

**Nursing Home:** LaDene Nelson, Maylou Stanforth

## Please pray for:

- Please keep Jay & Deb VanDerWerff & their loved ones in your prayers as Jay prepares for knee replacement surgery on Monday, July 24th. Please pray for his medical team to have every bit of God-given skill, ability, and discernment necessary to perform this procedure flawlessly. Pray for Jay, Deb, & all of the family to know God's peace before, during, and after the surgery. Pray for God's hand of protection, provision, and healing to be upon Jay and for his recovery and physical therapy to go amazingly well.
- Please pray for Pr. Dave's and Peggy's nephew, Sean Vann Orsdell, who was in a bad ATV accident this weekend. His injuries are to his right hand and Sean is right-handed. The accident "degloved" the top of his right hand, peeling the skin off in one big flap and driving dirt deep into the injury. He has already had 3 surgeries to clean the hand. He has 3 broken bones in the lower hand and 2 broken fingers. Please pray fervently that the flap of skin is alive and will reattach and grow successfully. Otherwise, he faces 6 months of skin grafts. Pray God equips his medical team to make all the right decisions and for God to keep that skin alive and guard him from infection and complications. Pray for his wife, Jessica, & son, River, & his parents, Allen & Blanche, who will have to take over Sean's farming duties until he recovers. Pray they all feel the Lord's presence & know His peace as they go through this.
- George & Nancy Miller thank you for your prayers & for the wonderful time they had during their family reunion last weekend.
- Praise God Evelyn & Larry Tucker's physical health continues to improve. Please pray their health will get better with each passing day. Pray for the Lord to pour out His refreshment upon them and to fill them with His peace.
- Please pray for Joan Hoversten, who is continuing to experience pain. The pain is localized from the point where the neck meets the spine down to the area between her shoulder blades. Please pray

for the Lord's hand of healing, protection, and provision to be upon her and for her to improve dramatically in the days ahead.

- Thank you for your prayers for Pastor Dave's sister, Gaylynn Afdahl. She has found some relief from her joint pain and now knows that her C5 and C6 vertebrae have bulging disks. Please pray for God to bring healing to those disks and that He would help her to be able to sleep well again. Please continue to pray for Pastor Dave's sister, Debbie Martin, that God would heal her meniscus and help her to walk again without pain.
- Please keep Alison Dykstra's sister, Julie Pepper, her husband, Matt, and their extended family in your prayers as Julie continues her battle with ovarian cancer. Pray the stent she had installed on July 13th will function well and that the maintenance drug she is on will not adversely affect her kidneys. Pray for them to know the Lord's comfort and presence as they go through this trial.
- Please keep Jerry Dykstra's brother-in-law, Rod Berg, in your prayers along with his wife, Vicki, and all their loved ones. Pray the new drug he has recently started would work safely and effectively to relieve him of the lesions he has experienced. Pray for Rod and his family to know the peace that surpasses all understanding and to be expectant of what God is going to do.
- Please pray God would bring the wildfires raging across Canada & the U.S. under control. Pray for the safety & well-being of the firefighters, their support crews, their families in their absence, and the people in the paths of these fires. Please pray as well for the air quality levels to improve across both countries.
- Please continue to pray for Pastor Mike De Jager of the First Reformed Church in Platte. Please pray for the Lord to heal his spine & stabilize his neck, especially where it attaches to the brain stem. Pray for the Lord to heal him quickly & completely & for Mike to be blessed with many years of active life ahead of him. Pray Mike, his wife, and his entire family would know the Lord's comfort, love, strength, and peace as they go through this trial.