

Freedom in Christ series

FREEDOM



to Worship

John 4:23-24

But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."



PO Box 427 - 500 S Penn Ave

Pastor Dave Martin

7 Trinity – August 3, 2025

9:30 AM Worship

God Gathers His People to Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Sharing the Peace of the Lord

Songs **“Hear Our Praises”**

“Lord, I Need You”

Confession & Forgiveness:

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

P: As God's beloved daughters and sons, let us call to mind our sin and our need for reconciliation with God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: God of the nations,

P & C: in baptism you anoint us to be your holy people in the world, yet we have not been faithful to you. We have not loved and accepted one another. We have not reached out to those who are poor, hungry, or lost. Forgive us, and fill us with your light, that we may delight in your goodness and serve you with joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: In Christ the grace and mercy of God are revealed among us. In Christ our sins are forgiven. Let us then walk as children of the light. **C: Amen.**

God Speaks to Us in His Holy Word

Scripture Lessons:

Psalm 95:1-11

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Ephesians 5:15-21

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Children's Sermon

Sermon **“Freedom to Worship”**

Series: Freedom in Christ

Give Thanks to God

Song **“Hymn of Heaven”**

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 **“The Blessing”**

Benediction

Enter to Worship - Depart to Serve

Thank you for joining us this morning to worship! ***As 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 27 General Offering: \$3206.00 Attendance: 98

July Mission Fund Offering – Feeding Ministry: \$1485.00

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Greeters Aug 3—LeRoy & Stacy Severson

Aug 10—Jarod & Brooklyn Severson

Aug 17—Tony & Chelsey Schrank

Aug 24—Justynn & Brittany Ruen

Aug 31—Morries & Sharon Rommen

Ushers Aug 3— Mike Gilbertz & Jeff Engebretson

Aug 10 & 17—Jerry Dykstra & Morries Rommen

Aug 24 & 31—Scott Vanden Berge & Steve Spawn

Communion Servers Lee Hanten, Jay VanDerWerff, Carey Hoffman

Available for Prayer (Classroom #3) Lee Hanten & Jan DuFrain

Coffee Cookie Servers

Aug 3—Chelsey Schrank, Stacy Severson

Aug 10—Brooklyn Severson, Tara Severson

Aug 17—Liz Spawn, Tonya Standy

Aug 24—Shawna Strand, Meredith Suits

Aug 31—Sheila Summerville, Marla Tegethoff

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.

I am excited to announce that Alpha is returning to Trinity in August. On Sunday, August 10th, we will offer a sneak peek at what the 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. Calvary Baptist Church will also be joining us on this endeavor. The 11 week course will begin on Sunday, August 24 from 5-7 PM - Pastor Dave

THANK YOU FROM VBS! Our VBS was “WHAT A MESS!” and what a week it’s been, and what a messy start we had on Monday! Even with tornado warnings and time spent in the basement, God reminded us right from the beginning that He is with us in every messy storm, both literal and spiritual. Through all the messes, planned and unplanned, this year’s Bible School was filled with joy, learning, laughter, and the truth that God brings beauty and purpose out of chaos. A huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped make this week such a success:

Thank you to the parents for bringing your children and supporting their faith journey, even with a wild start to the week!

Thank you to the volunteers for showing up with flexibility, energy, and love. You embraced every twist and turn with grace!

Thank you to the 116 awesome kids in attendance for jumping in with open hearts and big smiles! You reminded us every day that God is at work, even when things get a little messy.

Thank you to everyone who donated ground beef and goodies to make it possible that we could feed the crew each night!

Thank you all for making this week a powerful reminder that God is bigger than any messy storm and always at work in our lives.

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! **Sunday School begins Sunday, September 7th.**

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 on **Sunday, August 24 after worship**. 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 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!***

August's Mission Offering is designated for Marion Medical Mission. Thank you for your great generosity in contributing to the Marion Medical Mission Well Ministry this year. We donated \$1,637.50 in June. With our offerings we have been able to sponsor 8.23 wells! This helps provide clean drinking water for 8 villages.

What a difference these wells will make in the lives of those who receive them! Instead of drinking water laden with mosquito larvae, frog eggs, animal waste, and other pollutants, these people will now be able to drink water that compares favorably with our tap water. Wells are only constructed in the dry season from September to December. So, none of our donations have yet been used. We should begin getting reports of where our wells were built sometime in December.

We want to continue to help with this mission to sponsor more wells and hope to raise more funds to help support these villages with clean water. ***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."***

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.

The Vine Table Meal will be AUGUST 14 and will be Indian Tacos.

Starting to serve at 5:30 on Thursday, August 14.

You can sign up in the entryway of the Platte Christian Reformed Church or call Norma at 605-680-1691.

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 pray for the family & friends of Frank Cutler's brother, Curt, who passed away on Friday, July 25th. His funeral services were Friday, August 1st in Sioux Falls. Pray for his wife, Nancy, their son, Adam, their daughter, Anna, her husband Aaron, & their 2 daughters. Please also pray for Frank & Marsha & their extended family, as well as the Nelson & Cutler families. Pray they would know God's presence, comfort, love, & peace in their grief.
- Praise God George Miller is home after a 2nd trip to the hospital in Sioux Falls. Pray God would clear up the infection in George's body & restore his strength & energy levels. Pray for Nancy's mind to be clear & for her hip to be healed. Pray they walk daily in the Lord's love, joy, & peace.
- Thank God for healing Dick Johnson's pneumonia. Please pray He would restore his strength & help Dick to adjust to life in the nursing home. Pray Dick would feel God's presence & find peace in His love. Dick's new address is Avera Care Center, Room 17, Platte.
- Please pray in Jesus's name the sciatic nerve pain in Sarah Hoffman's right leg would be gone completely, the swelling in her right leg & ankle would be gone, & 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's close-abiding presence in everything they do.
- Praise God Gene Van Zee's leg & ankle continue to heal well. Please pray his Aug. 13th appointment will reveal he could put weight on that leg & for he & Faith to feel the Lord's close-abiding presence & love throughout.
- 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.
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- Please keep Jean & Mike Binder (friends of the Martins) & their family in your prayers. Praise God Jean's radiation is over. Pray God would restore her strength & energy & that her upcoming scans will show no signs of cancer. Pray for Mike to stay strong as her caregiver and for this entire family to feel the Lord's comfort, love, strength, & peace.
- 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 & for him to truly experience Christ's presence throughout.
- Praise God Beau Koopal had 3 recent MRIs that revealed things are improving in his battle with MOGAD & his lesions are smaller. His blood levels are still high, however, so it is important he be able to receive the infusion doctors say he needs. Please pray his appointment with a doctor at Mayo will reveal good news & will convince his insurance company to approve the infusion. 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.
- 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, & for her & all her loved ones to feel Christ at work in their lives.
- 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 10 months ago, that God would keep their love for one another strong & would soon allow them to live together as husband & wife.

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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Lord, I Need You

Lord, I come, I confess; Bowing here I find my rest
Without You I fall apart; You're the One that guides my heart

Chorus: Lord, I need You, oh, I need You; Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness; Oh God, how I need You

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more, Where grace is found is where
You are and where You are, Lord, I am free; Holiness is Christ in me

Chorus

Teach my song to rise to You; When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You. Jesus, You're my hope and stay

Chorus

You're my one defense, my righteousness Oh God, how I need You
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Reeves | Kristian Stanfill | Matt Maher

Hymn of Heaven

How I long to breathe the air of Heaven, Where pain is gone and mercy fills
the streets, To look upon the one who bled to save me and walk with Him for
all eternity

Chorus: There will be a day when all will bow before Him
There will be a day when death will be no more
Standing face to face with He who died and rose again, Holy, holy is the Lord
And ev'ry prayer we prayed in desperation, The songs of faith we sang
through doubt and fear, In the end we'll see that it was worth it
When He returns to wipe away our tears

Chorus

And on that day we join the resurrection, And stand beside the heroes
of the faith, With one voice a thousand generations
Sing worthy is the Lamb who was slain, Forever He shall reign

Chorus

So let it be today we shout the hymn of Heaven
With angels and the Saints we raise a mighty roar
Glory to our God who gave us life beyond the grave
Holy, holy is the Lord. Holy, holy is the Lord. Holy, holy is the Lord.

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The Blessing

Verse: The Lord bless you and keep you
Make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you
The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace (x2)

Chorus: Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen

Verse

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