

a Lesson from
**THE EARLY
CHURCH**

SERMON SERIES

*Our Great Need
for Christian Community*

And they devoted themselves
to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship,
to the breaking of bread and the prayers.
Acts 2:42-47



PO Box 427 - 500 S Penn Ave

Pastor Dave Martin

8 Trinity – August 10, 2025

9:30 AM Worship

God Gathers His People to Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Sharing the Peace of the Lord

Song **“Holy, Holy, Holy”**

LBW 165

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 25:1-7

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Matthew 18:19-20

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Children's Sermon

Song **“For the Beauty of the Earth” (verses 1-4)**

LBW 561

Sermon **"A Lesson from the Early Church"**

Series: Our Great Need for Christian Community

Give Thanks to God

Song **"Sweet Hour of Prayer"**

GHF 361

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

The Lord's Prayer

God Calls Us to Serve

Song **"Jesus Shall Reign"** (verses 1,2,4,5)

LBW 530

Benediction

Enter to Worship - Depart to Serve

Thank you for joining us this morning to worship! ***This month's sermon series is focused on our need for Christian Community.*** Of course, the church is a Christian Community, but we are talking about something deeper here. We are talking about a regular gathering of Christian friends, who explore God's Word together, share life's joys and sorrows together, pray together, and walk through life together. Please join us for coffee and cookies in the fellowship hall following the service.

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Aug 3 General Offering: \$2934.00 Attendance: 100

August Mission Fund Offering – Wells Ministry: \$878.00

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Musician Donna Nelson

Greeters Aug 10—Mike & Diane Gilbertz

Aug 17—Tony & Chelsey Schrank

Aug 24—Justynn & Brittany Ruen

Aug 31—Morries & Sharon Rommen

Ushers Aug 10 & 17—Jerry Dykstra & Morries Rommen

Aug 24 & 31—Scott Vanden Berge & Steve Spawn

Available for Prayer (Classroom #3) Kevin Severson & Jonna DeHaan

Coffee Cookie Servers

Aug 10—Brooklyn Severson, Tara Severson

Aug 17—Liz Spawn, Tonya Standy

Aug 24—Shawna Strand, Meredith Suits

Aug 31—Sheila Summerville, Marla Tegethoff

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. ***Our congregation has donated \$4715.00 this year so far. With our offerings we have been able to sponsor 9.9 wells!***

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.”***

I am excited to announce that Alpha is returning to Trinity in August. We will offer a sneak peek TODAY 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. Sign up using the QR code or on the bulletin board in the hallway. The 11 week course will begin on Sunday, August 24 from 5-7 PM - Pastor Dave



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 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!***

Sunday School begins Sunday, September 7th. We will be kicking off the year with a church family picnic with grilled burgers and hotdogs. We invite everyone to stay following worship for fun and games.

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.

The Craguns are in concert at the Prairie View Gospel Barn by Gregory, SD on Sunday, August 17th at 6:30 pm. The Craguns are a dynamic family group and you can expect to laugh, be challenged and leave encouraged! You will quickly realize why The Cragun name has become synonymous with great gospel music! The Cragun Family is absolutely committed to effectively ministering the Gospel through song. They will do this through Spirit filled, Christ honoring, musical excellence for people of all ages.

Worship Night: You're invited to a special night of worship and prayer at South Park on August 17 at 7pm, hosted by Molly De Haai and Emily Muilenburg, alongside a few other locals! Bring your friends and family—everyone is welcome!

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 Jerry Dykstra's brother, Randy, and his wife, Carmen, and all his loved ones in your prayers as Randy recovers from emergency surgery in Sioux Falls on August 5th to install a pacemaker. Please pray Randy would recover quickly & completely & that the pacemaker would keep his heart in a stable rhythm for years to come. Pray Randy, Carmen, & all their loved ones would feel the Lord's close-abiding presence throughout.
- 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.
- Praise God for healing Jim Scoblic (Pr. Dave's friend) of bone cancer. 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. Pray for Larry & Mary Beth & all their loved ones to feel the Lord's close-abiding presence, power, love, & peace in this trial.
- Praise God Floyd Dimick continues to look & feel stronger daily. Please pray for his continued improvement & for God to heal Karen of abdominal problems. Pray for them to walk in the confidence of Christ's love & provision.
- 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.