

*Our Great Need for Christian Community*  
*series*

# *Encouragement* **IN NUMBERS**

Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV)

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together,

as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.



PO Box 427 - 500 S Penn Ave

**Pastor Dave Martin**

9 Trinity – August 17, 2025

9:30 AM Worship

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## *God Gathers His People to Worship*

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Sharing the Peace of the Lord

Song **“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”**

**LBW 551**

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 25:8-15

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Matthew 5:21-26

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Children's Sermon

Song **“When Morning Gilds the Skies” (verses 1-4)**

**LBW 546**

Sermon **“Encouragement in Numbers”**

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*Give Thanks to God*

Song **“Cleanse Me”**

**GHF 166**

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 **“Isn’t the Love of Jesus Something Wonderful!”** GHF 450

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 10 General Offering: \$2790.00   Attendance: 82**

**August Mission Fund Offering – Wells Ministry: \$170.00**

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[www.tlcplattedsd.org](http://www.tlcplattedsd.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.

**Musician** Donna Nelson

**Greeters** Aug 17—Tony & Chelsey Schrank

Aug 24—Justynn & Brittany Ruen

Aug 31—Morries & Sharon Rommen

**Ushers** Aug 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)** Jerry Dykstra & Jan DuFrain

**Coffee Cookie Servers**

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.

**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, August 18 at 7:00 PM.

**Martha Bible Study Group** will be meeting Monday, August 18th at 6:30 in the Fireside Fellowship. We will be studying Session 2 -Today is The Day of the Unashamed Study.

**Priscilla and Hannah Bible Study Groups** join together this month to watch the movie of Esther, "One Night with the King". They will meet **Thursday, August 21 at noon** in the fireside room starting with a salad luncheon, hosted by the Priscilla group. Following lunch, they will all watch the movie.

**Alpha is returning to Trinity Lutheran Church!** The 11-week course will begin on Sunday, Aug 24 from 5-7 PM. Calvary Baptist Church will also be joining us on this endeavor and we will alternate between churches to meet. The full schedule can be found on the bulletin board. Sign up using the QR code or on the bulletin board in the hallway.



**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 \$4885.00 this year so far. With our offerings we have been able to sponsor 10.2 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."***

**Platte Community Student Ministry:**

**August 27:** JH Youth Group Kickoff at New Hope from 6:30-8:00 PM

**September 3:** Sr. High Youth Group Kick off at New Hope from 7:15-9:00 PM. Paintball is back! *Parents, if you'd like to know more about the teaching series or have any questions, please call Paul at 605-680-5069*

**Sunday School begins Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.** 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.

We continue prayerfully seeking individuals who feel called to help with our Sunday School program this year. **We're looking for 2 preschool teachers, 2 kindergarten teachers, 1 first/second grade teacher, 1 fifth/sixth grade teacher, and 1 music teacher.** 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. You'll have the chance to set your own teaching schedule with your co-teacher, making it easy to balance with other commitments. If you feel unsure or hesitant about teaching, please know that many of our best Sunday School leaders once felt the same way before taking that first step. You won't be on your own, your co-teacher and our supportive team will walk alongside you, offering guidance, encouragement, and resources to help you grow in confidence and joy as you serve. **To help everyone feel prepared and confident, we will host an in-service Sunday, September 8, 2025.** This time together we will outline our curriculum, classroom expectations, the role of teachers in partnership with the Board of Education (Karis DuFrain, Dan Daum & Diane Gilbertz), and answer any questions you may have.

**The Craguns are in concert at the Prairie View Gospel Barn by Gregory, SD on Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup> 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, Joan Falor, Ruth Gruenig, Laura Johnson, Richard Johnson, George & Nancy Miller, Caroline Peterson

### **Please pray for:**

- Keep in your prayers Joan Falor who just moved to Prairie Villa in Armour. Please for smooth transition into her new home and peace. Her new address is Prairie Villa, 1309 Braddock St. Apt 101, Armour SD 57313.
- Praise God Jerry Dykstra's brother, Randy, is recovering well from his pacemaker surgery last week. Please continue to 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.
- Please continue to pray for George & Nancy Miller, asking God to heal George completely from his gall bladder surgery & for Him to renew George & Nancy in body, soul, & spirit. Pray both would be in excellent health & spirits to celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary at the end of August.
- Please keep Peggy's brother, & Pr. Dave's brother-in-law, David Olesen, in your prayers. He was diagnosed with bladder cancer & will have surgery in Yankton on Aug. 19th. Please pray for his medical team to have every bit of skill, wisdom, & discernment necessary to perform this operation flawlessly. Pray for the Lord to protect David from all complications, infections, & illnesses, & for Him to heal David quickly & to give him & all his loved ones peace, comfort, & strength 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 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.
- Praise God Beau Koopal's recent appointment with a doctor at Mayo confirmed that his local doctor had prescribed the proper course of treatment. Please pray his insurance company will approve the infusions both doctors say he needs. 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 continue to pray for Gene Van Zee. His latest x-ray revealed he won't be able to put weight on his injured leg for another month. Please pray for Gene to have the Lord's patience & do just as the doctor instructs. Pray he & Faith continue to feel the Lord's close-abiding presence & love throughout.
- Please pray for Pr. Dave's nephew, Rob Snoozy, that he would be able to breathe easier, could have more strength and energy, and could get over some recent fainting spells. Pray the healing hand of Jesus would be upon him & would renew Rob in body, soul, & spirit.
- 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.
- Praise God Jean & Mike Binder (friends of the Martin's) are doing well. Jean has August off from all treatments & appointments. Pray when they do a scan that there will be no signs of cancer and she can permanently cease all treatments. Pray for them to know the Lord's peace, love, joy, & strength in this trial.
- 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.
- 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.
- Please pray for Alpha that more people would sign up and that all involved would experience a fresh touch from God. Pray God would raise up people to cook meals and to pray for Alpha's success.