SERIES: OUR GREAT NEED FOR CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

SUPPORTING each other in tough times

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 NIV



PO Box 427 - 500 S Penn Ave Pastor Dave Martin 11 Trinity — August 31, 2025 9:30 AM Worship

God Gathers His People to Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Sharing the Peace of the Lord

Song "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

LBW 543

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 34:15-22 Page 589

Luke 3:10-14 Page 1092

Children's Sermon

Song "This Is My Father's World" LBW 554

Sermon Text: 2 Corinthians 1:3-11 (NIV) Page 1225

Sermon "Supporting Each Other in Tough Times"

Series: Our Great Need for Christian Community

Give Thanks to God

Song "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

GHF 40

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 "Let All Things Now Living"

LBW 557

Benediction

Enter to Worship - Depart to Serve

Thank you for joining us this morning to worship! Today we conclude this month's sermon series is focused on our need for Christian Community. Please join us for coffee and cookies in the fellowship hall following the service.

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Aug 24 General Offering: \$4002.00 Attendance: 133

August Mission Fund Offering – Wells Ministry: \$67.00

To GIVE ONLINE through Breeze, go to our website www.tlcplattesd.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 Shirley Johnson

Greeters Aug 31—Morries & Sharon Rommen

Sept 7—Ross & Amy Ringling

Sept 14—Marshall & Mary Ringling

Sept 21—Aaron & Nicki Reiser

Sept 28—John & Dee Rasmussen

Ushers Aug 31—Scott Vanden Berge & Steve Spawn

Sept 7 & 14—Kevin Nelson & Chris Nelson

Sept 21 & 28—Randy Tegethoff & Foster Tegethoff

Available for Prayer (Classroom #3) Pastor Dave & Peggy Martin **Coffee Cookie Servers** Aug 31—Sheila Summerville, Marla Tegethoff

Sept 7— Laura Vanden Berge, Sue Vanderboom, Deb VanDerWerff, Wendy Wollman

Sept 14—Joyce VanderHam, Lizzy Warejcka, Sharon Warejcka

Sept 21—Bev Antonsen, Cheri Antonsen, Casey Bailey

Sept 28—Vickie Boltjes, Donna Boysen, Joyce Carter

Ted Vanderpan (our former pastor from '89-'93) and his wife Sara have joined us for worship today. They look forward to visiting with everyone after worship during fellowship time!

Alpha will not meet this week due to Labor Day weekend. We will return next Sunday, September 7 from 5-7 PM at Calvary Baptist Church.

August's Mission Offering is designated for Marion Medical Mission. Our congregation has donated \$5477.00 this year so far. With our offerings we have been able to sponsor 11.5 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: Wednesday, September 3
Junior High Youth Group meets at Platte Christian Reformed Church
from 6:30-8:00 PM
Senior High Youth Group Kick off at New Hope from 7:15-9:00 PM

AWANA Family Funtastic Day Saturday, September 6th from 11 am to 2 pm. This is the AWANA Kick off and registration. Many carnival-type booths and prizes! Parents and family are encouraged to join in the fun! Awana opening night is Wednesday, Sept 10 from 6:30-8:00 PM. Doors open at 6:15. Pizza nights will be the first Wednesday in the month; serving starting at 5:45 PM.

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.

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 7. 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.

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study will start back up on Saturday, September 6th at 7 AM after taking the summer off.

Coffee Break Bible Study resumes Wednesday, September 3 at 9:30 AM with Registration, when Study Guides will be handed out, along with some information in regards to Coffee Break. The first lesson will be on September 10.

Coffee Break is a Small Group Bible Study which meets weekly, Wednesdays, from 9:30 -11:00 AM at Platte Chr. Ref. Church. We encourage women of all ages to join this community Bible Study. No particular Bible knowledge is required. Using our Bibles and Study Guides we together discover and share God's promises found in His Word. Come, learn along with us. Feel free to bring a friend. New members are welcome! For mothers who attend, there is nursery care for your children. If you have any questions, please call Yvonne Bentz -- 337-3725.

Bible Study Fellowship women's Bible study will be held again this year at Calvary Baptist Church. This is our 4th year of hosting BSF and we are excited to be studying the Old Testament. This year's study, Exile and Return, invites you on a powerful journey through the Old Testament, where God's people were called to build His kingdom in a foreign land. Their story is our story—we, too, are strangers in a broken world, called to build for His glory. As we explore how God equips and positions His people, we're challenged to ask: Am I building my life for Christ? Exile and Return reminds us that our time to build is now. Books included in this year's study: Ezekiel, Daniel, Ezra, Esther, Haggai, Zechariah, Nehemiah, and Malachi.

BSF Bible Study will start on September 8 and will be held on Monday evenings at 7:30 pm. The study runs for 30 weeks. Please contact Jennifer Knecht @ 605-680-0210 if you plan to join the study for details on purchasing the book "Exile and Return".

Thursday, September 11 is the next Vine Table Meal. We will be serving a creamy, chicken pasta dish, vegetables and a variety of desserts. Please consider bringing a friend with you. We will start serving at 5:30. Sign up in the entryway of 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, Joan Falor, Ruth Gruenig, Laura Johnson, Richard Johnson, George & Nancy Miller, Caroline Peterson

Please pray for:

- Please pray for the students & families of the Annunciation Catholic School in Minneapolis, where two students, ages 8 & 10, were killed & 17 people were injured in a school shooting on Aug. 27th. Please pray for God to comfort those who lost loved ones and to heal those who were injured. Pray especially for God to heal those involved physically, mentally, emotionally, & spiritually so they can live their lives free from fear & anxiety.
- Please keep Larry & Mary Beth Kuiper in your prayers. Larry began radiation & chemo last Monday. Larry had a bad reaction to the chemo, but fortunately the problem was detected early & they stopped the infusion. He is scheduled for radiation for 5 days a week and chemo 1 day a week for 6-1/2 weeks. Please pray for God to: watch over their travels, to guard Larry from side effects of the radiation & chemo, to heal Larry & eradicate all cancer from his body, & to strengthen them with His closeabiding presence, love, peace, & comfort.
- 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. Thank God they were able to celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary at the end of August.
- Praise God Pr. Dave's nephew, Rob Snoozy, is recovering well from his surgery to implant a pacemaker & is beginning to feel more like his old self. Thank God the surgery has greatly improved the way he feels. Please pray for Rob's continued healing & well-being & for him to know & feel the Lord's close-abiding presence, peace, joy, comfort, & love.
- 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. Jennifer & her family thanks the congregation for all your prayers.
- 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.
- 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 continue to pray for Jean & Mike Binder (friends of the Martin's). Jean's recent MRI showed no sign of cancer in the area in which she had brain surgery & we are thankful for that. But her balance, strength, & energy have all gotten worse. Pray God would restore those areas & would eradicate all cancer from her body. Pray for them to know the Lord's peace, love, joy, & strength in this trial, & for Mike to have a double portion of God's grace as he cares for his wife.
- 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 thank God for every person taking part in Alpha. Please pray the
 Holy Spirit would lead each person to a deeper relationship with the Lord
 & with the people in their small group.