

WHAT'S



IN A MEAL?

JESUS SAID TO THEM,
"I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE;
WHOEVER COMES TO ME SHALL NOT HUNGER,
AND WHOEVER BELIEVES IN ME
SHALL NEVER THIRST.
JOHN 6:35



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Pastor Dave Martin

13 Trinity – September 14, 2025

9:30 AM Worship – 10:45 AM Sunday School

God Gathers His People to Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Sharing the Peace of the Lord

Song **“You Servants of God”**

LBW 252

Confession and Forgiveness

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

P: God, whose love is everlasting, welcomes sinners to the table of mercy. Let us confess our sin, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Gracious God,

P & C: have mercy on us. In your gracious compassion forgive us our sins, both known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Since we are justified by God's grace through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Almighty God has mercy on us, forgives us all our sins, and will bring us to life everlasting.

C: Amen.

God Speaks to Us in His Holy Word

Scripture Lessons:

Jeremiah 31:31-34

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1 Corinthians 5:6-8

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Children's Sermon

Song **“How Firm a Foundation”**

LBW 507

Sermon **"What's in a Meal?"**

Series: Understanding the Sacraments

Give Thanks to God

Song **"Jesus Paid It All"**

GHF 125

Apostles Creed

Offering

Prayers of the Church

Celebration of Holy Communion

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Communion Blessing

God Calls Us to Serve

Song **"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"**

LBW 259

Benediction

Enter to Worship - Depart to Serve

Thank you for joining us this morning to worship! Our sermon series for September is "**Understanding the Sacraments.**" On the 1st and 3rd Sundays, the messages will be centered on Holy Communion, while on the 2nd and 4th Sundays they will be centered on the Sacrament of Baptism. I think we often take both Sacraments for granted. I am hopeful that by taking an intentional look at Holy Communion and Baptism, we might grow in our understanding and appreciation of both. - Pastor Dave

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Sept 14 General Offering: \$4775.00 Attendance: 168

Sept Mission Fund Offering – God’s Way Christian School: \$820

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Musician Donna Nelson

Greeters Sept 21—Aaron & Nicki Reiser

Sept 28—John & Dee Rasmussen

Oct 5—Toby & Wendy Qualm

Oct 12—Cody & Rebecca Qualm

Oct 19—Eldon & LouAnn Qualm

Oct 26—Jeff & Jackie Olsen

Ushers Sept 21 & 28—Randy Tegethoff & Foster Tegethoff

Oct 5 & 12—LeRoy Severson & Jeff Konstanz

Oct 19 & 26—Jay VanDerWerff & David Kott

Communion Servers Donna Boysen, Scott Vanden Berge, Scott Dingus

Available for Prayer (*Classroom #3*) Lee Hanten & Peggy Martin

Coffee Cookie Servers

Sept 21—Sharon Warejcka, Cheri Antonsen, Casey Bailey

Sept 28—Vickie Boltjes, Donna Boysen, Joyce Carter

Oct 5—Lori Chambers, Marsha Cutler, Tammy Darling

Oct 12—Phyllis Daum, Karen DeGroot, Jonna DeHaan

Oct 19—Ramsey DeHaan, Whitney DeHaan, Nicole DeVries

Oct 26—Heidi Dingus, Maggie Dyk, Alison Dykstra

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.

Alpha group will meet tonight at 5:00-7:00 PM at Calvary Baptist Church.

September's Mission Offering is designated for God's Way Christian School in Tanzania. We are excited to share wonderful news from our brothers and sisters in Tanzania! God's Way Christian School is currently completing Phase 1 of its building project. This milestone is a testimony of God's faithfulness, but the journey is not finished yet. As the school prepares for Phase 2, resources are running low. The need is great, but so is our God. Every gift—large or small—helps provide a place where children can learn, grow, and be equipped with hope for the future where they will not only receive a quality education but also be nurtured in the love of Christ. We invite you to prayerfully consider supporting this wonderful ministry as we have done for the past few years in September. May we continue to be His hands and feet, helping to build a brighter future for the children of Tanzania. ***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."***

Youth Community Activities on Wednesday evenings:

GEMS: 3:45-5:45 PM at Platte CRC

Awana: 6:30-8:00 PM at Calvary Baptist

JH Youth Group: 6:30-8:00 at Platte CRC

SH Youth Group: 7:15-9:00 at Trinity Lutheran

Calling all men! If you are interested in making some new friends in Christ as well as growing in your relationship with the Lord, please join us at our Men's Breakfast at 7 AM on Saturday mornings. We'll share a delicious breakfast there with good fellowship before moving to the Fireside Room to watch a chapter of the Visual Bible. Then, we will read through the chapter and discuss it. We close our time together by praying for one another. We are currently studying the Gospel of John.

(Re)Baptize The Pastors! At next weekend's Haydaze Festival (Saturday, September 27), several of our area pastors will be participating in a Dunk Tank. Proceeds will support the work of the Platte Area Ministerial Association. Come take a shot at giving these pastors the plunge!

A Night of Worship: Come worship Sunday, September 28th starting at 7:00 PM at the First Reformed Church led by Dillon & Molly DeHaai

The next **The Vine Table Meal** is Thursday, October 9 serving at 5:30
Menu: CAN COOKER MEAL Please sign up in the entryway of the Platte Christian Reformed Church or call Norma Lorensen at 605-680-1691.
(If you would like to help with this ministry, please let Norma know.)

Bible Instruction for all third graders will begin Wednesday, October 22nd, and will meet weekly on Wednesdays through November 12th. Classes will be held in the North Overflow Room and will run from 3:45 to 5:00 PM. If possible, we would like to have a parent, grandparent, or other family member accompany each child to help them in our journey through God's Word. A light snack will be served each session. Please let Pastor Dave know if your child has any dietary restrictions. **Bible presentations will be made Sunday, November 23rd during the worship service.**

Mark your calendars for the Harvest Festival at New Hope Christian Camp on Saturday, October 18th from 10:00 AM – 1:30 PM. FREE fun for the whole family! Carnival games, prizes, inflatables, pumpkin decorating, train rides, hay ride, face painting. Lunch starting at 11 AM. Worship at 1:00 PM

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 keep Mary Espland & the family & friends of Tom Espland in your prayers. Tom passed away September 15th, after a long battle with respiratory problems. Please pray for all who knew & loved Tom that they would feel the Lord's close-abiding love, comfort, presence, & peace. May the Lord's strength see them through all that lies ahead.
- Please keep Vicky Pavlis in your prayers as doctors discovered a tumor in her brain two weeks ago. Please pray for God's hand of healing, comfort, & strength to be with Vicky & all her loved ones. Pray God would restore her balance, take away the pain in her back, & give her His peace.
- Please keep Larry & Mary Beth Kuiper in your prayers. He has 19 radiation treatments remaining. They have decided to pass on any more chemo treatments. Please pray for God to: watch over their travels, to guard Larry from side effects of the radiation, to heal Larry & eradicate all cancer from his body, & to strengthen them with His close-abiding presence, love, peace, & comfort.
- Praise God Pr. Dave's & Peggy's nephew by marriage, Ken Austin, is showing signs of improvement. He was able to sit in the recliner for 5 hours on Monday & had his speaking valve in the whole day. He is beginning to eat soft foods & was thrilled to find out he had 2 Monday night football games to watch. Please pray Ken's taste buds would return to normal & that he will continue to improve greatly here. Pray for him & all his loved ones to know God's comfort, love, peace, joy, & strength.
- Please continue to pray for George & Nancy Miller, asking God to bless every day they have together, that each day may be a good day. Pray they are so aware of God's love, comfort, presence, & peace that there is no fear or worry in them.
- Thank God Floyd Dimick has recovered well from a recent battle with bronchitis. Please pray for his continued improvement & for God to bless Karen's health as well. Pray for them to walk in the confidence of Christ's daily love, protection, & 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 will continue to feel the Lord's love & provision.
- Please continue to pray for Gene Van Zee. His physical therapy appointment revealed his leg & ankle healed well & he is ahead of their expectations. He is now able to walk without the boot & feeling stronger each day. Pray he & Faith will feel the Lord's close-abiding love & presence. Gene thanks the congregation for their many prayers.
- 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. She is also having memory issues. 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 over a year 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.
- Please pray against the violence in our country & for God's hand of comfort, healing, strength, and peace to be with the family Charlie Kirk & with all those affected by the recent school shootings in Denver & Minneapolis.