

Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13



God Gathers His People to Worship

Welcome & Announcements`` **Opening Prayer** Sharing the Peace of the Lord Song "The Church's One Foundation"

LBW 369

Confession (Together)

Lord, we confess our lack of faith. We see a glimpse of what we ought to be and we know we fall short of the goal. We desire faith that is solid and unchanging, yet we crumble under trials and temptations. We want to be strong, but we know our weakness. Our sinful condition strips us of any spiritual gain that we humanly devise. Lord, forgive us. Accept us as we are, unworthy for the task, yet gifted for Your purposes. Grant us Your gift of Faith.

Forgiveness (Pastor)

Our God is a great God. He knows our needs for all areas of life. He knows our weakness and our unbelieving hearts. Yet, He loved us enough to die on a cross to provide forgiveness of our sin. Now the focus is not on the faith that we can muster, but on the great gifts He gives us daily as we trust Him. God has given us the gift of faith–faith for the moment. . .faith for every trial. . .faith for every temptation. . .faith for every difficult situation. Praise God for His gift of faith.

God Speaks to Us in His Holy Word

Scripture Lessons: Deuteronomy 10:12-22 Romans 8:38-39 Children's Sermon Song "Take My Life, that I May Be"

Page 197 Page 1202 Jonna DeHaan **LBW 406** Sermon Text: John 15:12-17 Sermon **"Greatest Love"** Page 1147 Lee Hanten

Give Thanks to God

Song **"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"** (v. 1,3,6,7) LBW 328 Apostles Creed Offering Offertory We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be; All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee. Prayers of the Church The Lord's Prayer

God Calls Us to Serve

Song **"I Am Thine, O Lord"** Benediction GHF 314

Priter to Worship - Depart to Serve

Thank you for joining us this morning to worship! **Thank you to Lee Hanten for giving us our message this morning!** Please join us for coffee and cookies in the fellowship hall following the service.

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May 18 General Offering: \$3629.00 Attendance: 128 May Mission Fund Offering – Feeding Ministry: \$935.00

To GIVE ONLINE through Breeze, go to our website <u>www.tlcplattesd.org</u>. 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 May 25—Derek & Wendy Wollman June 1—Joyce VanderHam & Pearl Feiok June 8—Scott & Laura Vanden Berge June 15—Randy & Marla Tegethoff June 22—Alan & Sheila Summerville Ushers May 25—Tom Boltjes & Ryan Lantz June 1 & 8—Kevin Severson & Jarod Severson June 15 & 22—Dennis Meyerink & Jeremiah Konechne June 29 & July 6—Scott Dingus & Marshall Ringling Available for Prayer (Classroom #3) Lee Hanten & Shirley Johnson **Coffee Cookie Servers** May 25—Traci Kott, Gladys Kuipers June 1—Carla Lantz, Tricia Meyerink June 8—Peggy Martin, Erynn Meyerink June 15—Jill Moret, Jackie Olsen June 22—Alisha Nachtigal, Donna Nelson

Please join us Sunday, June 1st, for the Confirmation of Ella Schrank, our lone 8th grader this year. Ella has boldly decided to affirm her baptism individually rather than waiting to be confirmed next year with our current 7th graders. Come hear her give her Statement of Faith and receive the rite of Confirmation. It will be a glorious day!

WOW Mission Project for May & June:

Purse Project—Purse (new or gently used) filled with items such as Lotion, Nail file, Nail clipper, Chapstick, Comb, Small brush, Kleenex, Sanitary hygiene products, Band-Aids, Mints, Gum, Antibacterial hand wash, Devotional or anything you might carry in your purse.

*Collection will go through the end of June. There is a box in the fellowship hall to place the purses.

The next Vine Table meal is Thursday, June 12 starting at 5:30. We will have baked potatoes and many different toppings. A signup sheet for desserts will certainly have a variety to choose to satisfy your sweet tooth! Come have a meal and visit with new and old friends! A signup sheet for those who wish to attend is in the entryway of Platte Christian Reformed Church, or your call Norma Lorensen at 605-680-1691. Please sign up or call before June 10.

Samaritan's Purse Church Donation Makes a Big Impact

Our church is overjoyed to share the meaningful impact of a recent donation made through Samaritan's Purse. Thanks to the generous giving of our congregation, we were able to donate **\$1,957.10 in March**, which went directly toward providing life-sustaining resources to communities in need around the world. With this amount, we were able to fund:

- 1 livestock animal
- 360 chickens
- 5 goats/dairy animals
- 5 fruit trees
- 6 farm and garden kits
- Emergency food supplies

Each of these items plays a vital role in improving food security, providing income opportunities, and supporting long-term sustainability for families. From fresh eggs and milk to fruit harvests and garden produce, this gift helps ensure both immediate nourishment and a path toward self-reliance. We thank God for the opportunity to be His hands and feet in service, and we celebrate what can be achieved when a community comes together with compassion and purpose. We will be again in May designating our Mission Fund Offerings towards Samaritan's Purse – feeding missions. To donate, please make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church and note "Mission Fund" on offering envelope or check memo.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR VBS: Community VBS will be held at Trinity Lutheran church on Monday, July 28 – Thursday, July 31 from 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm for students who completed Half-day Kindergarten through 5th grade.

There will be nursery available at First Reformed Church for volunteers who have younger kids. Scan the QR codes below to sign up.

Student Sign-up



Volunteer Sign-up



Operation Shoebox

It's time once again to make a meaningful impact by filling shoeboxes for children in need across Guatemala and Central America! These boxes serve as both a blessing and a powerful tool for sharing the gospel to experience the love of Jesus. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has faithfully contributed in previous years! There are several ways you can participate:

- 1. **Fill shoeboxes** following the provided guidelines and suggestion sheets. Please include \$5 per box to cover shipping costs.
- 2. Donate items to be used in packing the boxes.
- 3. **Contribute financially** to help with shipping fees, shoebox supplies, and distribution expenses.
- Send checks to the Tom Vander Pol Memorial Fund at: 27406 377th Ave., Harrison, SD 57344. Larger donations may be sent directly to Living Water Teaching at: PO Box 1190, Caddo Mills, TX 75135.

For further details, feel free to contact Pat Vander Pol at (243) 2275 or (680) 2166, or email lwt@lwtusa.org. **Important Dates:** Shoeboxes are due by **June 15.** Distribution will take place from **Nov 28 to Dec 6.**

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 the family & friends of Mike Erickson in your prayers as they mourn his passing on May 8th. Praise God Mike had a strong faith & wasn't afraid to die. Please pray Mary Lee, Terry, Cheri, Rick, & all Mike's family & friends will be able to grieve properly but will not be crushed by their grief. Pray their faith would grow, they would feel Christ's presence with them, and they would know the peace that surpasses all understanding.
- Please keep Joyce VanderHam's niece, Jennifer Groske, in your prayers as she recovers from brain surgery performed on May 16th. Thank God they were able to remove the tumor almost completely and that it was benign. Pray, now that it's removed, that her hearing would be completely restored, that she would heal quickly, that there would be no long-lasting ill effects from the tumor, & that she would feel the Lord's comforting presence throughout.
- Please keep Joel & Pam Olson in your prayers, thanking God that his bladder biopsy revealed no cancer and that His MRI revealed no cancer in the cervical area. Pray: future MRIs would be cancer free, they would know the Lord's comforting presence, & they might have a long season of good health & vitality ahead of them.
- Please keep Dave & Jeanne Kott in your prayers, thanking God Dave's second TEE revealed his heart valve can be repaired via the groin, & July 3rd has been set for his surgery. Pray the Lord's hand of protection, provision, & healing are with Dave as he awaits surgery, goes through surgery, & recovers from surgery. Pray Dave, Jeanne, & all their loved ones would know God's peace, love, & strength throughout this trial.
- Please keep Jean & Mike Binder & their family (friends of the Martins) in your prayers. Praise God Jean is recovering well from her brain surgery & is in good spirits. Pray as she begins chemo & radiation in a few weeks that she will continue to do well and will, in fact, improve dramatically. Pray this family would know God walks with them & they would thrive through this trial.
- Praise God Mick Warejcka's heart went back into rhythm following his cardioversion May 6th. Pray his heart will maintain proper rhythm & his blood pressure will stabilize in a healthy range. Pray for Mick, Sharon, & all their loved ones to know God's presence throughout.

- Please pray God would: bless George & Nancy Miller & help her to recover from a hairline hip fracture; keep her pain at a minimum; give George the grace with which to care for & encourage Nancy; & fill them with His comfort, peace, strength, & joy, and give them many good days together. Praise God as well that their daughter, Debbie Martin, continues to do well in her battle with ovarian & uterine cancer & was able to quit chemo. Pray she, her husband, Tom, & the whole family know God's peace throughout this trial.
- Please pray for Peggy Martin's sister, Bonnie Hubbs, who has an abscess on her appendix. It is positioned in a way that doctors cannot drain it. She will be on antibiotics until her surgery sometime in June. Pray she & all her loved ones would feel the Lord's love & presence in all this.
- Please keep Floyd & Karen Dimick in your prayers, asking God to: restore Floyd's kidney function, reduce his fluid retention, strengthen them both & fill them with His love, peace, joy, & hope. Pray they could have a season of extended good health & vitality & be blessed with great joy & peace. His new address is Room 4, Avera Care Center.
- Please keep Beau Koopal & his loved ones in your prayers as he battles MOGAD. Pray: he would continue to feel good & be able to remain active, his insurance company would keep their word & make a decision by May 24th & that they will agree to pay for needed medication, and he & his family would continue to feel the Lord's love & provision.
- Please pray for Karla & Conrad Kuipers, asking God to provide answers for Karla's recent seizure. Please pray the battery of tests performed on her recently would reveal new truths about her health and would give them new ways to treat her more effectively. Pray for her cancer to be healed & for both Karla & Conrad to grow in strength, energy, & hope. Pray they would be actively aware of God's love & presence in their lives.
- Praise God for Kory Meyerink's daily improvement from back surgery, but there is a point in his physical therapy regimen where he seems to get "stuck." Pray God would help him get "unstuck" & he could begin to feel a real improvement in the health, flexibility, & strength of his back. Pray for Kory & his loved ones to know God is with them every step of the way.