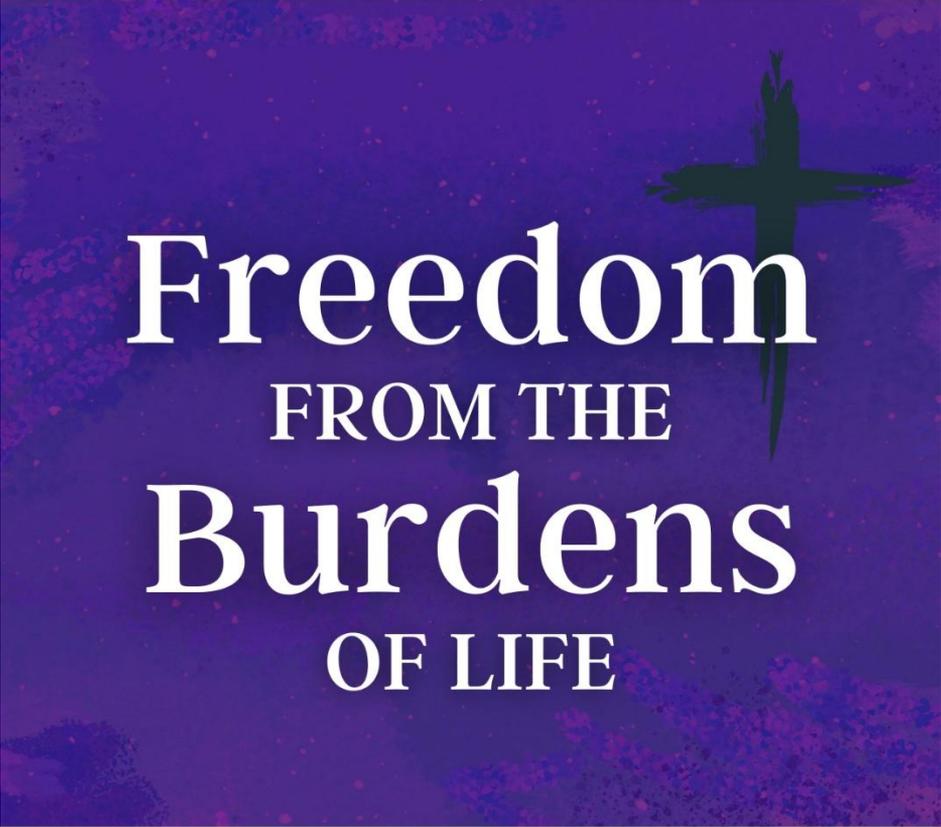


series

---

LESSONS FROM JESUS



# Freedom FROM THE Burdens OF LIFE

**Matthew 11:28-30**

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,  
and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me,  
for I am gentle and lowly in heart,  
and you will find rest for your souls.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”



PO Box 427 - 500 S Penn Ave

**Pastor Dave Martin**

1 Lent – February 22, 2026

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 **“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”**

**LBW 293**

Confession & Forgiveness

P: We gather as the people of God to offer our repentance and praise, to pray for the unity of the church and the renewal of our common life. Trusting in God's mercy and compassion, let us ask for the forgiveness of our sins.

***Silence for reflection and self-examination.***

P: Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to one another and to the Father. Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Lord, have mercy on us.**

P: Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of pride and intolerance. Christ, have mercy on us. **C: Christ, have mercy on us.**

P: Lord Jesus, you pardon the sinner and welcome the repentant. Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Lord, have mercy on us.**

P: May almighty God grant us pardon and peace, strengthen us in faith, and make us witnesses to Christ's love. **C: Amen.**

## God Speaks to Us in His Holy Word

Scripture Lessons:

Psalm 115:12-18

Page 648

Galatians 5:13-15

Page 1239

Ella Holter & Kensley Wollman

Noisy Offering

Children's Sermon

Special Music

Sunday School Kids

Sermon **“Freedom from the Burdens of Life”**

*Series: Lessons from Jesus*

*Give Thanks to God*

Song **“The Church’s One Foundation”** (v. 1,2,4,5) **LBW 369**

Apostles Creed

Offering

Prayers of the Church

The Lord’s Prayer

*God Calls us to Serve*

Song **“On Our Way Rejoicing”** **LBW 260**

Benediction

*Enter to Worship - Depart to Serve*

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

Today, we’re continuing the six-part sermon series entitled, **Lessons from Jesus**. These six sermons are based on the gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke and represent some of my favorite teachings and miracles of Christ. In five of these lessons, we learn much about Jesus from the people with whom He interacts. So, to a degree, these people are teaching us **Lessons About Jesus**. I hope you will enjoy this sermon series as much as I have enjoyed working on it.

Love in Christ, **Pastor Dave**

Website: [tlcplattensed.org](http://tlcplattensed.org) [tlcplattensed@gmail.com](mailto:tlcplattensed@gmail.com) (605) 337-3881

Pastor’s Cell (605) 680-9958 Email: [tlcpastor57369@gmail.com](mailto:tlcpastor57369@gmail.com)

*email bulletin info by Thursdays 8 AM*

**Feb 15 General Offering:** \$4159.00 **Attendance:** 130

**Feb Mission Fund Offering:** \$1110.00 *month to date*

*(\$620 senior meals - \$490 God’s Way Christian School)*

**To GIVE ONLINE**, go to our website [tlcplattesd.org](http://tlcplattesd.org). Click on GIVE 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.

**Greeters** Feb 22—Addison Gilbertz, Bohden Schrank,  
Breyden Wollman, Paxton Dyk

March 1—Hunter & Katie Johnson

March 8—Chad & Darla Johnson

**Ushers** Feb 22—Bryce Kahler, Jordan Ruen, Dani Meyerink

March 1 & 8—Darrel Hildebrand & Jim Holter

**Available for Prayer (Classroom #3)** Jeff Engebretson & Mary Ringling  
**Coffee Cookie Servers**

Feb 22—Brittany Ruen, Chelsey Schrank, Stacy Severson

March 1—Brooklyn Severson, Tara Severson, Liz Spawn

March 8—Tonya Standy, Shawna Strand, Sheila Summerville

**Thank you our Sunday School students** who are participating in the worship service today through greeting, ushering, reading Scripture, and special music. **"NOISY OFFERING" ...**The Sunday School kids will be taking their the "noisy offering" **today**. If any parents, grandparents or congregation members have any loose change that would like to contribute, please give it to a child to put in the bucket or feel free to put it in yourselves. Thanks so much for helping our youth understand the importance of giving back to the Lord for all we do receive.  
Board of Ed—Dan, Diane, Jonna

**The mission offerings for February are designated for God's Way Christian School in Tanzania and Platte Senior Meals.** We have been donating to God's Way Christian School since 2023. Our contributions have been used to ensure that every student attending school there will receive a good nutritious meals every day throughout the school week. Platte Senior Meals ensure that hungry senior citizens in Platte can receive a nutritious meal five times a week at noon. We feel these two offerings will touch the hungry across the world and across our town. Please designate how you would like your contributions split between the two missions. Those not designated will be divided equally between the two. ***If you would like to donate, please give online or make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church and note on check memo or in offering envelope "Mission Fund."***

**Campers and Parents**, come to the sanctuary during Sunday school music time to hear more about camps and the Easter breakfast fundraiser. Registration opens March 1 for some camps. Thank you! Camping Committee: Wendy Wollman, Estelle Konechne, Peggy Martin

As we've done every year since I've been here, we will once again hold **Lenten Worship Services** at Twilight Vista and Avera Care Center, alternating between the two on Monday afternoons at 2:00 PM. Each service will consist of singing several Lenten hymns, three scripture readings, a short message, and Holy Communion. Following the service, we will fellowship with the residents, sharing baked goods, coffee, and our lives. Come join Shirley Johnson and me in brightening the lives of our senior citizens.

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Location:</b>	<b>Time:</b>
February 23	Twilight Vista	2:00 PM
March 2	Avera Care Center	2:00 PM
March 9	Twilight Vista	2:00 PM
March 16	Avera Care Center	2:00 PM
March 23	Twilight Vista	2:00 PM
March 30	Avera Care Center	2:00 PM

**Sleep in Heavenly Peace quilting** will be on Mondays Feb 23 and March 9 & 23 at Trinity Lutheran Church, starting at 10:00 AM. Come when you can, leave when you must, lunch will be provided. Come in the door labeled office, and we are located in the basement. (Elevator provided). Bags of fabric ready to sew will be on a table in the southwest corner of the fellowship hall, if you would like to grab and sew at home. All welcome!

Our **Soup Supper is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11.** We'll serving homemade soups, sandwiches and desserts **from 5-7 PM.** There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. **Please consider signing up** to help serve at the soup supper, bring food or donate money for supplies.

New Hope is having a **Junior High Retreat March 6-7 for grades 5th-8th!** We are so excited to offer this opportunity for 5th-8th graders to grow deeper in their faith during the school year! Worship, Team Building, Games, Bible Lessons. More info on the bulletin board.

First Reformed Church Youth Mission Trip to Mozambique, Africa  
TIP NIGHT at 44 Pizza Plus

**Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm**

We bus the tables...You bless the mission!

***Save The Date!*** Women's Retreat at New Hope Christian Camp, Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> featuring Chris Bordewyk as speaker. More information to follow. <http://www.newhopechristiancamp.org> for more information.

**MEN'S AREA CHORUS FESTIVAL:** The Annual Men's Chorus Festival Concert will be presented this year on **Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> @ 7pm at the Dakota Christian school** gym east of Platte on Highway 44. Singers from Verdigre, Delmont, Tripp, and the Dakota Jubilee Chorus from the Platte-New Holland-Corsica-Stickney- Harrison-Geddes areas will join together to form a chorus of approximately 60 male singers. The guest conductor for the combined chorus will be Susan Porter. Piano accompanist for the combined chorus will be Kay VanZee. The combined men's chorus will sing a variety of music styles including classic sacred music, gospel style, spirituals, and patriotic music. **The public is invited to attend! No admission will be charged but a free will offering will be accepted.**

## *Prayer Praises and Concerns*

### **Those in nursing and assisted living homes or home-bound:**

Bud Bakken, Mary Lee Erickson, Joan Falor, Ruth Gruenig,  
Laura Johnson, George & Nancy Miller, Caroline Peterson

### **Please pray for:**

- Please keep the family & friends of Bud Bakken in your prayers as they mourn his peaceful passing on February 19th. Pray especially for his daughter, Linda, his son, Steve, & their extended families in their loss. At Bud's request, no service is planned.
- Please keep Howard Severson in your prayers as he awaits major surgery on March 2nd, to repair an aneurysm in his aortic arch via the Bentall Procedure. Doctors say he will have to stay in the hospital for about 5 days. Pray he & his loved ones would know the Lord's peace prior to, during, and after the surgery, & that God would protect him from complications & infections, would heal him quickly, & would give Howard a new lease on life.
- Please pray for Kay & Jim Stern (close friends of Pr. Dave & Peggy in WI). Thank God Kay's Feb. 13th surgery to install an implant in her brain went well. Please pray her Feb. 20th surgery to install an implant in her body will go equally well. The two implants are intended to reduce her tremors due to Parkinson's. Please pray for her quick & complete recovery & for Kay & Jim to know the Lord's close-abiding presence, love, comfort, peace, & strength throughout.
- Praise God Amy Ringling is home and recovering well from her recent surgery. Thank God her tumors were found to be non-cancerous. Pray God will heal Amy quickly & completely & that all her tests would yield encouraging results. Please pray Amy, her husband, Ryan, and their children, Hudson, Emerson, & Logan would know the Lord's comfort, love, peace, & strength throughout this trial. Pray that same blessing over her entire extended family.
- Praise God Mary Beth & Larry Kuiper were able to return home Feb. 13th. Please pray God would renew their strength & energy levels, greatly reduce Mary Beth's back pain, and allow all future tests to yield good news. Pray they would know the Lord's comfort, love, peace, & strength throughout this trial.
- Praise God Iona DuFrain (mother of Dan DuFrain & Cheri Antonsen) continues to recover well at Avera Care Center. Please pray she will continue to heal well & will be strong in physical therapy. Pray God will guard her from complications & infections & will bless her with His comfort, love, peace, & joy.

- Praise God Larry Tucker continues to recover well at home. Please pray God would restore Larry's strength & energy & would ease his breathing. Pray he & Evelyn would feel the Lord's comfort, love, strength, & peace throughout.
- Praise God Caroline Butler's son's brother-in-law, Ron, is recovering well at home from his heart valve replacement on Feb. 9th & the installation of 3 stents in his heart on Jan. 26th. Pray God would heal him quickly & completely & would protect him from complications. Pray he & his loved ones feel the Lord's comfort, love, strength, & peace throughout.
- Praise God Pearl Feiok continues to improve following her Dec. 29th surgery & that her Feb. 10th follow-up yielded good news. Please continue to pray her eyes would not be so light-sensitive. Pray for God's healing, protection, & provision to be upon her, & for her to feel the Lord's comfort, love, strength, & peace throughout.
- Please pray for LeRoy Severson as he recovers from his thyroid surgery & subsequent treatment. Thank God doctors say the radioactive iodine is doing what it is meant to do. Pray God would: eradicate all cancer from his body, protect him from any side effects of his treatment, restore his strength & energy levels, & regulate his body temperature. Pray LeRoy, Stacy, & all their loved ones would know God's comfort, love, peace, & strength throughout.
- Please keep Jacob Daum, his wife, Alicia, and their children Braeden, Brynlee, & Bennet in your prayers during Jacob's deployment to Germany. He will be gone for 10 to 12 months. Please pray for God's protection over Jacob, Alicia, & the kids. Pray for their health, safety, and well-being, and for all of them to feel the Lord's love, peace, joy, & provision in their time away from one another. Jacob is the son of Dan & Phyllis Daum.
- Praise God Tommy Nelson is recovering well from the bone graft surgery on his right knee. The graft is growing and doing what doctors had hoped. Pray his physical therapy would go extremely well & he would feel Christ's comfort, peace, strength, & protection daily.
- Praise God Beau Koopal continues to do well in his battle with MOGAD. Pray for God's continued healing over Beau & for Beau & his loved ones to feel God's close-abiding presence, love, comfort, peace, & strength in this trial. Pray Beau would soon receive a diagnosis telling him he is healed of this disease.
- Praise God Pr. Dave's & Peggy's daughter-in-law, Koni, had her application for a visa approved. Pray the remaining process could be fast-tracked so she could soon be here with John 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.