

A Journey through  
the Book of Philippians



**FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLE**  
**of Jesus**

In your relationships with one another,  
have the same mindset as Christ Jesus  
Philippians 2:5 NIV



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**Pastor Dave Martin**

4 Easter – April 26, 2026

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

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## God Gathers His People to Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Gideon's Presentation

Darrel Kraayenbrink

Opening Prayer

Sharing the Peace of the Lord

Song "Isn't the Love of Jesus Something Wonderful!" GHF 450

We Confess Our Brokenness (together):

**Lord, we have sinned and fallen short of the mark. We have pulled away and charted our own course. We have searched everywhere for loving arms and caring words, but have only found confusion and discontent. We would like to change and be different, but we know our limitations. God of tomorrows, forgive our sin and make life right again.**

We Hear of Our Healing (Pastor):

Our God is a God of comfort and healing. Our God has extended the hand of unconditional love and offers to hold us in loving arms for all eternity. Our God, in Jesus, had hands nailed to a cross in order that we could know the joy of life and living together. Jesus' hands of love continue to beckon us daily, calling for us to follow and serve. The resurrected and ascended Jesus offers healing for our bodies and our spirits. Praise God for the gift of new life. **C. Amen**

## God Speaks to Us in His Holy Word

Scripture Lessons:

Psalm 145:15-21

Page 666

Matthew 6:1-4

Page 1030

Breyden Wollman, Chase Lantz, Jordan Ruen

Noisy Offering

Children's Sermon

Wyatt VandenHoek

Special Music

Sunday School Kids

Sermon **“Following the Example of Jesus”**

*Series: A Journey through the Book of Philippians*

*Give Thanks to God*

Song **“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”**

**GHF 397**

Apostles Creed

Offering

Offertory

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hands hath provided

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Prayers of the Church

The Lord’s Prayer

*God Calls Us to Serve*

Song **“At the Cross”**

**GHF 129**

Benediction

*Enter to Worship - Depart to Serve*

Today, we continue the sermon series from the book of Philippians, **“A Journey through the Book of Philippians.”** Philippians is one of the four letters the apostle Paul wrote while under house arrest in Rome. The words **joy** or **rejoice** are used 14 times in four chapters, so we know Paul has a lot to say on that topic. He also shares about his amazing love for the Philippians, the need to emulate Christ’s humility and life of service, having the proper appreciation of what Christ has done for us, and learning the secret to contentment. Philippians is the most personal of all Paul’s writings and is filled with lots of advice on making the most out of our walk with Christ. I hope you enjoy this journey as much as I know I will enjoy preaching on it. God bless, Pastor Dave

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

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**April 19 General Offering:** \$3917.00 **Attendance:** 129

**April Mission Fund Offering:** \$930.00 *month to date*

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**Greeters** April 26—Emersyn Hermanek, Dani Meyerink, Paxton Dyk, Bexley Timmerman, Blakely Johnson, Kensley Wollman  
May 3—Joel & Jodene Foxley  
May 10—Payton & Gabi Foxley  
May 17—Jeff & Rhonda Engebretson

**Ushers** April 26—Jacobus Severson & Cash Lantz  
May 3 & 10—Derek Wollman & Jaxen Wollman  
May 17 & 24—Tom Boltjes & Ryan Lantz

**Prayer Ministry** (*Classroom #3*) Kyle Meyerink & Shirley Johnson

**Coffee Cookie Servers**

April 26—Phyllis Daum, Karen DeGroot, Vickie Boltjes  
May 3—Whitney DeHaan, Ramsey DeHaan, Nicole DeVries  
May 10—Darcie DuFrain, Karis DuFrain, Jan DuFrain  
May 17—Heidi Dingus, Maggie Dyk, Alison Dykstra

**Today Sunday, April 26th, we will have a presentation from Darrel Kraayenbrink, one of our local Gideons** sharing with us highlights from their ministry and the ministry of Gideons International. The **mission offering for April 26th** is designated entirely to our local Gideons chapter to support them in their work to put God's Word in as many hands as possible. Please give generously as this organization does so much to make the Word of God known throughout the world. ***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."***

**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

**Instructions for First Communion for our 5<sup>th</sup> graders** meets for the last time this Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 5:15 PM in the church council room. **First Communion** will be celebrated on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> with First Communion Celebrants and their families receiving Holy Communion before the rest of the congregation. ***Blessings to our First Communion students who are communing for the first time:***  
Reed DuFrain, Paxton Dyk, Addison Gilbertz, Jaxton Reiser, Logan Ruen, Jemma Severson, Tessa VandenHoek

**National Day of Prayer:** The Platte Area Ministerial Association invites the community to gather for a special time of prayer and praise & worship on Sunday, May 3. A prayer service will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to come together as we lift up the needs of our nation and our community in prayer. *"Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples." 1 Chronicles 16:24 NASB*

**On Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>,** our High School Seniors: **Jye Bailey, Braelyn Qualm, and Kyler Strand** will be presented with a quilt made by the ladies of our congregation to congratulate them on their accomplishment.

**The last day of Sunday School** will be Sunday, May 10.

**Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> is Confirmation Day.** Blessings to our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students as they are confirmed into the faith. Please join us to support and encourage our students and be encouraged yourselves as you hear our confirmands share their Statements of Faith.

**Save the Date!** Vacation Bible School at Trinity Lutheran Church will be July 6-9. More details to come.

## Prayer Praises and Concerns

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

Mary Lee Erickson, Joan Falor, Ruth Gruenig, Laura Johnson,  
George Miller, Caroline Peterson

### **Please pray for:**

- Please pray for the family and friends of Nancy Miller as they mourn her passing on April 16th. Pray they would all know God's comfort, love, peace, & strength and that their time together at Nancy's services brought comfort & encouragement to everyone. Pray God's journey mercies over everyone as they travel back home.
- Please pray for Joan Falor, who was transferred to Avera Borman Manor in Parkston April 1st. Pray she would adjust well to her new home, make lots of new friends, and thrive there. Her room # is 218A.  
**Joan's New Address:** Avera Borman Manor  
Joan Falor – Room 218A  
401 Glynn Drive  
Parkston, SD 57313
- Please continue to pray for Sammi Ringling, her husband, Keagan, & their baby daughter, Anne. Sammi had a blood transfusion April 21st and is scheduled for radiation April 24th & 27th, with chemo to resume April 29th. Pray the radiation & chemo destroys her cancer, has little effect on healthy tissue, and causes few side effects. Sammi is very tired & isn't feeling very well. Please pray for her to have more energy & to feel better. Pray Sammi & all her loved ones would know God's comfort, love, peace, & strength & would sense His closeness.
- Praise God Pr. Dave's & Peggy's good friend from WI, Jan Clarke, is recovering well from surgery to install two stents in two clogged arteries. She is feeling good and asks for God's continued blessings of healing, comfort, presence, peace, & strength. Pray her recovery is swift & she would have many healthy years ahead.
- Praise God Mary Beth & Larry Kuiper are feeling so good that they've asked to be taken out of the Prayer Concerns. They are very thankful to the congregation for your faithful prayers.
- Please continue to pray for Amy Ringling's daily improvement, asking God to give her new victories each day. Pray she, Ryan, Hudson, Emerson, Logan & her entire family feel God's hand upon them & walk daily in His comfort, love, peace, & strength.
- Please continue to pray for Larry & Evelyn Tucker, asking God to: renew their strength & energy levels, improve Larry's breathing, & give Evelyn

clarity of thought. Pray their home & hearts would be filled with God's love, strength, peace, & joy.

- Praise God Pearl Feiok's eyes are no longer overly sensitive to light & she continues to improve daily from her year-end surgery. Praise God the surgery to remove her kidney stent went well. Please pray she feels God's comfort, love, peace, & strength in all she does.
- Please pray for LeRoy Severson's continued health & well-being. Ask God to eradicate all cancer from him, to restore things the cancer & treatment stole from him, & to bless him with new victories daily. 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. Pray God would watch over & protect them all & would bless their communications with one another so that even in their absence they feel close. Pray for 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 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 & a half ago, that God would keep their love for one another strong & would soon allow them to live together as husband & wife.