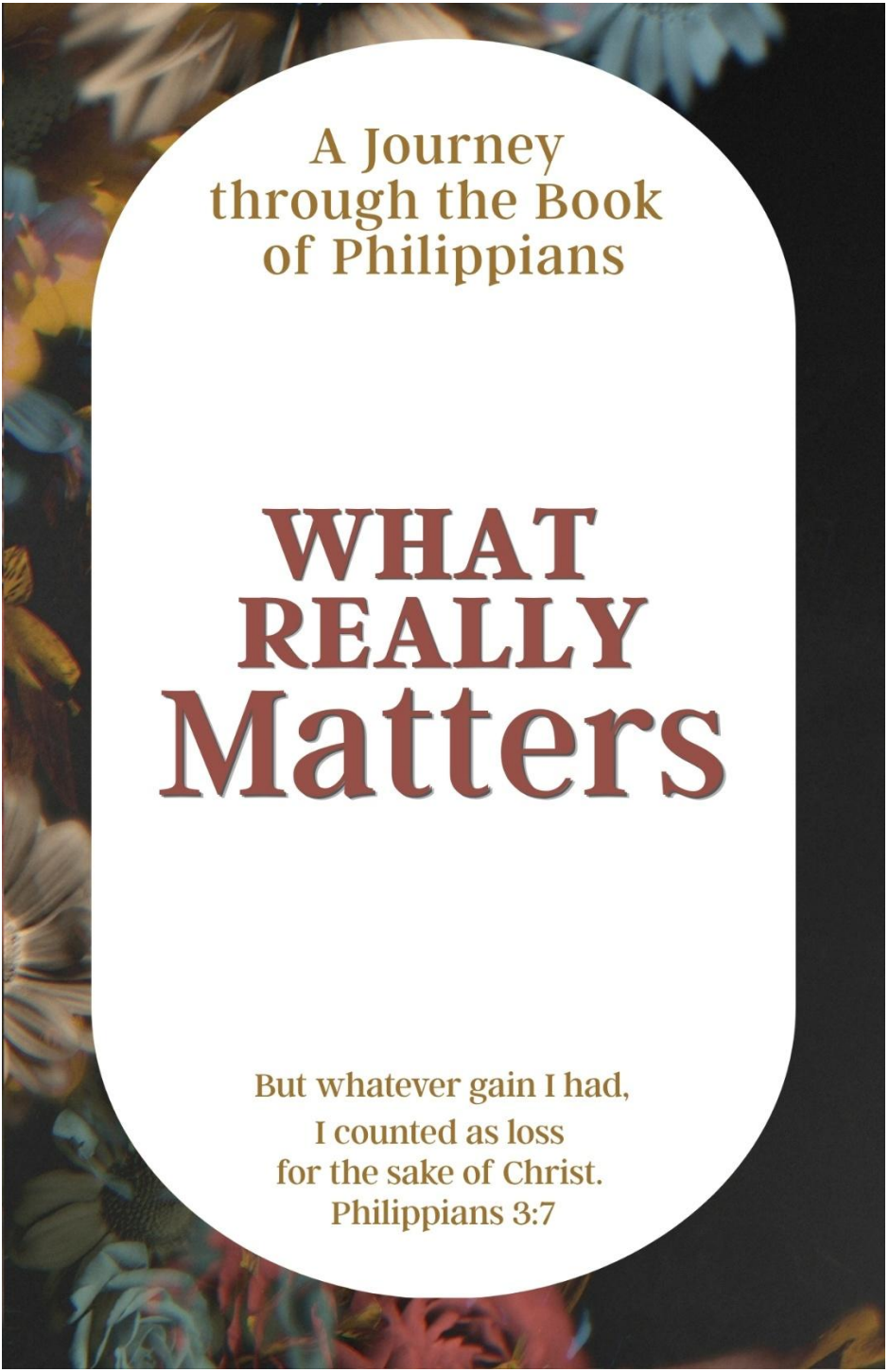

A Journey
through the Book
of Philippians

# WHAT REALLY Matters

But whatever gain I had,
I counted as loss
for the sake of Christ.
Philippians 3:7

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*6 Easter* – May 10, 2026
9:30 AM Worship – 10:45 AM Sunday School

## God Gathers His People to Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Sleep in Heavenly Peace Presentation — Vince Boddicker

Opening Prayer

Sharing the Peace of the Lord

Songs **"Made for More"**

**"Gratitude"**

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. **C: Amen**

## God Speaks to Us in His Holy Word

Scripture Lessons:

Psalm 147:7-11 — Page 667

Matthew 7:1-6 — Page 1032

Children's Sermon

Sermon Text: Philippians 3:1-11 Page 1249

Sermon **"What Really Matters"**

*Series: A Journey through the Book of Philippians*

## Give Thanks to God

High School Graduates Quilt Presentation *insert*

Song **"Goodness of God"**

Apostles Creed

Offering

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

## God Calls Us to Serve

Song **"I Believe"**

Benediction

## Enter to Worship - Depart to Serve

**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.

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

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**May 3 General Offering:** $4719.00 **Attendance:** 165
Mission Fund Offering: $264 *(month to date)*

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**Greeters** May 10—Payton & Gabi Foxley
May 17—Jeff & Rhonda Engebretson
May 24—Jerry & Alison Dykstra
May 31—Tyson & Maggie Dyk

**Ushers** May 10—Derek Wollman & Jaxen Wollman
May 17 & 24—Tom Boltjes & Ryan Lantz
May 31 & June 7—Kevin Severson & Jarod Severson

**Prayer Ministry** *(Classroom #3)* Jeff Engebretson & Mary Ringling

**Coffee Cookie Servers**
May 10—Darcie DuFrain, Karis DuFrain, Jan DuFrain
May 17—Heidi Dingus, Maggie Dyk, Alison Dykstra
May 24—Amy Ringling, Emily Ringling, Shelby Ringling
May 31—Rhonda Engebretson, Pearl Feiok

The Mission Board has designated the **Marion Medical Mission** as our May Mission of the month. Thank you for your generosity in giving to this mission. In March 2026, we raised $1,574.00 for another 3.00 wells, bringing our 2026 total to $2,186.86 or 4.17 wells. The price per well has increased from $475.00 to $525.00 per well. Let's see how many more wells we can sponsor this year! ***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."*** Wells have been built in *Malawi, Zambia, Tanzania and Mozambique*, so people in those villages now have healthy, clean drinking water. They no longer have to drink water from contaminated streams and waterholes. Thank you for giving the gift of life with the gift of clean water.

Since our lone Life Group is on hiatus for the summer, Life Group Notes will not be available again until after Labor Day. Also, this will be the last week for sermon notes until Confirmation resumes in September. (Even pastors need a little break.) ***God bless & have a great summer! Pastor Dave***

We welcome Vince Boddicker from Sleep in Heavenly Peace today. He will be sharing about their ministry and the impact it's making. On the back of the pews are the **"Sleep in Heavenly Peace" quilts** that the Trinity Quilters and others from our community have made! They quilted 63 quilts to go to children who don't have a bed in the Mitchell and surrounding areas.

**Today our High School Seniors** will be presented with a quilt made by the ladies of our congregation to congratulate them on their accomplishment. *Congrats to Jye Bailey, Braelyn Qualm & Kyler Strand!*

**Today is our last day of Sunday School** before summer break.

**Martha Bible Study Group** will meet Monday, May 11 at 6:30 PM in the fireside fellowship studying Session 4- The Path to Victory

**Sunday, May 17th is Confirmation Day.** Blessings to our 8th grade students: Mikenna Gilbertz, Dani Meyerink and Jordan Ruen 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.

<u>WOW Mission Project for May & June:</u>

**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 o*r 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.*

We appreciate the love shown toward the children in Guatemala through **Operation Shoebox 2025**. We know that it was love that filled the shoeboxes, sent in bulk items and sent money to buy toys and help the shipping costs for 2 containers. We are thankful for every gift sent. We ask that you consider how you can help us to bless even more children during the Christmas season this year. With every box sent, we have an opportunity to present the greatest Gift ever given to the world, Jesus Christ, the Son of God!

Marion Zirkle Wright, Living Water Teaching.

**Ways you can give:**

1. Fill boxes according to the guidelines & suggestion sheets available with the boxes & attach $5 per box for shipping
2. Donate items to be used in filling boxes
3. Donate financially, which will be used for shipping costs, shoebox items, or other distribution expenses

All checks should be written out to: Tom VanderPol Memorial Fund & sent to 27406 377th Ave, Harrison, SD 57344. For more information you can contact Pat VanderPol at 605-680-2166. The deadline for the shoes boxes is June 7. The distribution dates this year are December 4-12 & you are invited to be a part of this outreach & love on the children!

# 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:**

- Praise God Blake Qualm, age 7, is recovering well from an emergency appendectomy done on May 6th. Though her appendix was abscessed & perforated, doctors were able to remove it before it ruptured. She will be hospitalized until May 11th so doctors can monitor her & make sure she doesn't experience any complications or infections. Please pray God would: relieve Blake's pain, guard her from infections & complications, & heal her quickly & completely. Pray Blake, her parents, Cody & Rebecca, her sister, Lyndy, brother, Grayson, & all their loved ones would feel God's love, know His comfort, walk in His peace, be filled with His strength, & feel His joy.
- Please pray for Pr. Dave's & Peggy's good friend from Longview, WA, Pete Crosby. Pete lost his beloved wife, Frannie, to pancreatic cancer on May 4th. Praise God Frannie & Pete are strong believers & that Frannie heard Jesus telling her He was about to take her home a few days before she passed. Please pray Pete, their children, grandchildren, & entire extended family would know God's close-abiding presence, comfort, love, peace, strength, & joy in these difficult times.
- Please continue to pray for Sammi Ringling, her husband, Keagan, & their baby daughter, Anne. Sammi had blood work done on May 4th. The number of cancer markers in her blood dropped from 9000 to 3000, indicating that her treatments are working. Pray the radiation & chemo destroys her cancer, has little effect on healthy tissue, and causes few side effects. 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, continues to recover 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.
- 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. She looked good & was in good spirits when I visited her on May 1st.

- 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 Beau's & Mandy's daughter, Blair, recovered well from the head injury she suffered when she fell from her scooter.
- 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 be here with John in the U.S. for our daughter, Brooke's wedding on June 27th. Brooke would like her to be her maid of honor. Please also pray for Koni to be safe & enjoy the driver's education course she is taking in the Philippines. Pray she would catch on fast & adapt easily to driving in the U.S.
- Please pray for our Community Youth Group, asking God to raise up new leaders to fill the void left when Paul Kimball retired to pursue a career in Christian counseling. Please ask God to bring forward a strong leader for the Middle School Youth and another strong leader for the Senior High Youth. Pray God would bless upcoming fund-raising efforts & would bless Paul in his new endeavors.

# High School Graduates Quilt Presentation

Leader: As you mark this important educational milestone in your life, we, your family of faith, give thanks to God for His blessings poured out in your life. We especially thank Him for gifts of learning; for knowledge and skills, for curiosity and discovery, for abilities and talents, for school teachers and school staff and for supportive parents. And we give thanks for you!

**Congregation: For all these gifts, we thank you, Lord!**

# Presentation of Quilts

Representatives from Good Will Quilters:

May your quilt – made from many pieces into one quilt – remind you of your place in God's family through your baptism.

May your quilt – tied and held together with many knots – remind you as you face new opportunities and challenges that it is in God and His Word that your life holds together.

May your quilt – soft and warm – comfort you, warm you and remind you of God's loving comfort and mercy towards you in Jesus Christ.

As you travel new paths and make new friends may your quilt remind you of your friends in Christ here at Trinity Lutheran Church and may it remind you that you are always welcome here among your old friends.

**Congregation: May God bless you and keep you as you follow new paths in life. May He make his face shine on you and be gracious to you as you move on to new experiences and places. May He look upon you with favor and give you peace where you may be, now and always. Amen.**

# Class of 2026

Jye Bailey

Braelyn Qualm

Kyler Strand

## Made For More

I know who I am 'cause I know who You are,
The cross of salvation was only the start,
Now I am chosen free and forgiven,
I have a future and it's worth the living

*Chorus:* 'Cause I wasn't made to be tending a grave,
I was called by name, Born and raised back to life again,
I was made for more
So why would I make a bed in my shame
when a fountain of grace is running my way,
I know I am Yours and I was made for more *(repeat all)*

Hallelujah! You called out my name, so I'll sing out Your praise
Hallelujah! You buried my past, I'm not going back *(x2)*

*Chorus*

Hallelujah! You called out my name, so I'll sing out Your praise
Hallelujah! You buried my past, I'm not going back

*Chorus*

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## Gratitude

All my words fall short. I got nothing new
How could I express All my gratitude
I could sing these songs as I often do
But every song must end and You never do

*Chorus:* So I throw up my hands and praise You again and again
'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah hallelujah
And I know it's not much but I've nothing else fit for a king
Except for a heart singing hallelujah! Hallelujah!

I've got one response. I've got just one move
With my arms stretched wide I will worship You

*Chorus*

So come on my soul Oh don't you get shy on me
Lift up your song 'Cause you've got a lion inside of those lungs
Get up and praise the Lord *(x3)*

*Chorus*

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## Goodness of God

I love You Lord, Oh Your mercy never fails me, All my days I've been held in Your hands. From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head. I will sing of the goodness of God

*Chorus:* All my life You have been faithful, All my life You have been so, so good. With every breath that I am able, I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice, You have led me through the fire
In darkest night, You are close like no other, I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend, I have lived in the goodness of God

*Chorus*

Your goodness is running after, It's running after me *(x2)*
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now
I give You everything, Your goodness is running after it's running after me

*Chorus x2* I will sing of the goodness of God.

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## I Believe

I believe there is one salvation. One doorway that leads to life
One redemption one confession, I believe in the name of Jesus Christ

I believe in the crucifixion, By His blood I have been set free
I believe in the resurrection, Hallelujah His life is death's defeat

*Chorus:* All praise to God the Father, All praise to Christ the Son
All praise to the Holy Spirit, Our God has overcome
The King who was and is and evermore will be
In Jesus' mighty name I believe

I believe in the hope of heaven, He's preparing a place for me
Far beyond what hearts imagine, Ears have heard or eyes have seen

I believe that day is coming, He's returning to claim His bride
Light the altar keep it burning, See the Lamb who rose a roaring Lion

*Chorus* In Jesus Mighty Name I believe

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