

A Journey through
the Book of Philippians



STRAINING
Forward
TO WHAT LIES
Ahead

I press on toward the goal
for the prize of the upward call
of God in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 3:14



PO Box 427 - 500 S Penn Ave
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7 Easter – May 17, 2026
9:30 AM Worship

God Gathers His People to Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Sharing the Peace of the Lord

Songs “**Lord, I Need You**”

“**I Speak Jesus**”

Confession & Forgiveness

P: God so loved the world that while we were yet sinners Jesus Christ was given to die for us. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, God promises to heal us and forgive us. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Gracious God,

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

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

God Speaks to Us in His Holy Word

Scripture Lessons:

Psalm 147:12-20

Page 668

Matthew 7:7-11

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Children’s Sermon

Sermon **“Straining Forward to What Lies Ahead”**

Series: A Journey through the Book of Philippians

Give Thanks to God

Song **“Thank You Jesus for the Blood”**

Confirmands’ Statements of Faith

Rite of Confirmation

LBW pg. 199

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

Celebration of Holy Communion

Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer

Distribution

Communion Blessing

God Calls Us to Serve

Song **“The Blessing”**

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.

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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

May 10 General Offering: \$4615.00 **Attendance:** 165

Mission Fund Offering: \$1174 (*month to date*)

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Greeters May 17—Jeff & Rhonda Engebretson

May 24—Jerry & Alison Dykstra

May 31—Tyson & Maggie Dyk

Ushers May 17 & 24—Tom Boltjes & Ryan Lantz

May 31 & June 7—Kevin Severson & Jarod Severson

Communion Servers Lee Hanten, Jay VanDerWerff, Scott Dingus

Prayer Ministry (*Classroom #3*) Kevin Severson & Jonna DeHaan

Coffee Cookie Servers

May 17—Heidi Dingus, Maggie Dyk, Alison Dykstra

May 24—Amy Ringling, Emily Ringling, Shelby Ringling

May 31—Donna Hanten, Pearl Feiok

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.

Since our lone Life Group is on hiatus for the summer, Life Group Notes will not be available again until after Labor Day. Also, sermon notes will not be available until Confirmation resumes in September.

God bless & have a great summer! Pastor Dave

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. ***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 must drink water from contaminated streams and waterholes. Thank you for giving the gift of life with the gift of clean water.

Today 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.

Church Council meeting is Monday, May 18th at 7:00 PM

Priscilla Bible Study Group will meet Thursday, May 21 at 9 AM studying Lesson 5 Leader: Lou Ann Qualm, Hostess: Donna Boysen

Hannah Bible Study Group will meet Thursday, May 21 at 1:30 PM studying Lesson 5, Leader: Peggy Martin

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.*

New Hope Christian Camp is looking for more summer counselors, especially male summer counselors. Email Winston or Renee LaJesse at newhopechristiancamp@outlook.com or call/text (605) 682-1992 if you are interested.

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

Operation Shoebox

It is again time to fill shoeboxes for the needy children in Guatemala & Central America. These boxes are a great blessing & a wonderful tool for the gospel presentation!

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 shoeboxes 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 doing good from an emergency appendectomy done on May 6th. Though her appendix was abscessed & perforated, doctors were able to remove it before it ruptured. She came home and she went back to school on Tuesday. She is still sore so 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 continue to pray for Sammi Ringling, her husband, Keagan, & their baby daughter, Anne. Sammi was extremely ill for 9 days after her last chemo treatment. Pray that the medication regime the doctors have set up will help with the nausea with her chemo treatment on Thursday, May 14. Her level of pain has gone down so that is awesome! Sammi has a great attitude through all of this. 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.

Lord, I Need You

Lord, I come, I confess; Bowing here I find my rest
Without You I fall apart; You're the One that guides my heart

Chorus: Lord, I need You, oh, I need You; Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness; Oh God, how I need You

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more, Where grace is found is where
You are and where You are, Lord, I am free; Holiness is Christ in me

Chorus

Teach my song to rise to You; When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You. Jesus, You're my hope and stay

Chorus

You're my one defense, my righteousness Oh God, how I need You
My one defense, my righteousness Oh God, how I need You

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I Speak Jesus

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus over every heart and every mind
'Cause I know there is peace within Your presence, I speak Jesus

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus til every dark addiction starts to
break. Declaring there is hope and there is freedom, I speak Jesus

Chorus: 'Cause Your Name is power, Your Name is healing,
Your Name is life, Break every stronghold, Shine through the shadows,
Burn like a fire

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus over fear and all anxiety
To ev'ry soul held captive by depression, I speak Jesus

Chorus

Shout Jesus from the mountains, Jesus in the streets, Jesus in the darkness
over every enemy, Jesus for my family, I speak the holy Name Jesus (x2)

Your Name is power, Your Name is healing, Your Name is life, Break every
stronghold, Shine through the shadows, Burn like a fire (x2)

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus over every heart and every mind
'Cause I know there is peace within Your presence, I speak Jesus

Thank You Jesus For The Blood

I was a wretch I remember who I was, I was lost I was blind I was running out
of time, Sin separated the breach was far too wide
But from the far side of the chasm You had me in Your sight

So You made a way across the great divide, Left behind Heaven's throne to
build it here inside, There at the cross You paid the debt I owed
Broke my chains freed my soul for the first time I had hope

Chorus: Thank You Jesus for the blood applied, Thank You Jesus it has washed
me white, Thank You Jesus You have saved my life
Brought me from the darkness into glorious light

You took my place laid inside my tomb of sin, You were buried for three days
But then You walked right out again, And now death has no sting and life has
no end, For I have been transformed by the blood of the Lamb

Chorus

There is nothing stronger than the wonder working power
of the blood, the blood that calls us sons and daughters
We are ransomed by our Father through the blood, the blood (x2)

Chorus

Glory to His name, Glory to His name
There to my heart was the blood applied, Glory to His name

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The Blessing

Verse: The Lord bless you and keep you
Make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you
The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace (x2)

Chorus: Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen

Verse

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