A Journey through the Book of 1st John



See what great love the Father
has lavished on us,
that we should be called children of God!
And that is what we are!
1 John 3:1a

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18 Trinity – October 4, 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

Songs **"Gratitude"**

"He Has Done Great Things"

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Let us seek the face of God, confessing our sin.
Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Holy God,

C: we have sinned against you and each other. We pray for your forgiveness and healing. The good we would do, we often fail to do. The evil we do not want, we find ourselves doing. Deliver us, O God; save us from shame; and guide us in your way. Amen.

P: Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us, and God raised him up from death that we too might walk in newness of life. Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through Jesus Christ, 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 104:1-9	Page 638
John 1:14-18	Page 1127

Children's Sermon

(join in singing "Jesus Loves Me" while children come up)

Sermon Text: 1 John 3:1-10 (NIV) Page 1303

Sermon **"The Lavish Love of God Our Father"**

Series: A Journey through the Book of 1st John

Give Thanks to God

Song **"Jesus Paid It All"**

Nicene 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

Celebration of Holy Communion

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Communion Blessing

God Calls Us to Serve

Song **"Hymn of Heaven"**

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 sermon series entitled **"A Journey through the Book of 1st John."** I love 1st John because it does such an incredible job of explaining who Jesus is and who we can be in Him. It is extremely practical in spelling out the love of God and how it was made manifest to mankind in and through Jesus Christ. It also tells us what our response should be to God's love and how to know with certainty we are walking in His love. Bring your Bible to church with you and fill it with notes and highlights on this highly informative book. This book is one of my favorite epistles, and I pray it will soon become one of your favorites as well. Happy listening & learning, *Pastor Dave*

September 27 General Offering: $3982.00 **Attendance:** 135

September Mission Fund Offering

God's Way Christian School: $1743.00

Marion Medical Mission: $1223.00

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Greeters Oct 4—Mick & Sharon Warejcka
Oct 11—Jay & Deb VanDerWerff
Oct 18—Joyce VanderHam & Tammy Darling
Oct 25—Sunday School Students

Ushers Oct 4 & 11—LeRoy Severson & Jeff Konstanz
Oct 18—Jay VanDerWerff & David Kott
Oct 25—Confirmation Students

Communion Servers Alisha Nachtigal, Jason Huizenga, Jay VanDerWerff

Prayer Ministry *(Classroom #3)* Lee Hanten & Peggy Martin

Coffee Cookie Servers
Oct 4—Mary Ringling, Brittany Ruen, Chelsey Schrank
Oct 11—Brooklyn Severson, Stacy Severson, Tara Severson
Oct 18—Liz Spawn, Tonya Standy, Sheila Summerville
Oct 25—Marla Tegethoff, Laura Vanden Berge, Emily VandenHoek

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.

October is Pastor Appreciation and is a great opportunity to minister to those who minister to us. Please take a moment to let Pastor Dave and Peggy know how much we appreciate all their work at here at Trinity and the Platte area. A short note, gift, smile or a heartfelt "thank you" can be a great encouragement to thank them for their faithful service and devotion to God.

October Mission Fund Offering is designated towards our Goodwill Quilters. Our local quilting ladies are putting their gifts to work by creating handmade quilts for children in need through Sleep in Heavenly Peace. These quilts are more than fabric and thread- they are reminders to each child that they are seen, loved, and valued. We invite you to support this month's mission offering going towards the local quilting ladies for making the Sleep in Heavenly Peace quilts. Please pray for the children and families who will receive these quilts. Together we can ensure every child has their own quilt to treasure. ***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."***

Martha Bible Study Group is going to meet Monday, October 5th at 6:30 in the Fireside Fellowship room. We finished the last Bible study and will start an Advent one in late November. In the meantime, we will be doing stand alone videos for October and November. This month we will be watching a video by Kristi McLelland. It is one of her "Pearls" videos titled "Jesus, Good Shepherd in the Gate". There is no written lesson, just watching the video and discussion afterwards. Hope to see you there! *Stay tuned for info about the upcoming Advent study.*

The next Children's Worship Sunday is Sunday, October 25. The Sunday School students will be participating in the worship service through ushering, the Children's Sermon, reading Scripture, and special music. **The Sunday School kids will be taking their next "noisy offering" also on October 25.** If any other parents, grandparents or congregation members have any loose change laying around and 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

Bible Instruction for all third graders will begin Wednesday, October 28th, and will meet on Wednesdays, November 4, 11 and 18. Classes will be held in the Church Council room and will run from 3:45 to 5:00 PM. If possible, we would like to have a parent, grandparent, or other family member accompany each child to help them in our journey through God's Word. A light snack and bottle of water will be served each session. Please let Pastor Dave know if your child has any dietary restrictions. **Bible presentations will be made Sunday, November 22nd during the worship service.**

Live in Concert: The Watoto Children's Choir, from Uganda, East Africa - "Love Never Fails" **Sunday, October 4 at 6:30 PM at Calvary Baptist Church** "Come join us as we celebrate God's unfailing love!" A Love Offering for the choir will be collected during the concert. Hosted by the Platte Ministerial Association.

The next **Vine Table Meal** you don't want to miss is CAN COOKER!!! Thursday, October 8th serving at 5:30. Deadline for signing up is Sunday, October 4th on the signup sheet in the entryway of CRC or calling Norma Lorensen at 680-1691.

Tim Lovelace & The Pauls will be at the Prairieview Gospel Barn on Saturday, October 10 at 1:30 & 6:30 PM. Tickets are available for one or both concerts by calling Geoff at 605-830-1545 or at BankWest in Gregory.

FALL FESTIVAL--Sat. Oct. 10, 2026 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at the Geddes Community Methodist Church in Geddes SD. There will be lunch items, baked goods and candies, Christian greeting cards, cookbooks and lots of Trash and Treasure items.

Mark your calendars for the Harvest Festival at New Hope Christian Camp on Saturday, October 17th from 10:00 AM – 1:30 PM. FREE fun for the whole family! There will be inflatables, carnival games, pumpkins, prizes, and more! Lunch starting at 11 AM. Worship at 1:00 PM

Prayer Praises and Concerns

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

Ila Vae Antonsen, Mary Lee Erickson, Joan Falor, Ruth Gruenig, Laura Johnson, George Miller, Caroline Peterson, Evelyn & Larry Tucker

Please pray for:

- Please keep Glenn Higgins & all his loved ones in your prayers. His body is shutting down & his organs are failing. He is being transferred into hospice care. Please pray God would bless Glenn, that his remaining time on earth would be peaceful, that family & friends would surround & support him in his final days, & that he would not fear what lies ahead of him. Pray for Glenn & all his loved ones to feel the Lord's close-abiding presence through it all.
- Please keep Randy Foxley in your prayers. He was admitted to McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls September 29th with pneumonia. He is improving daily. Please pray God would completely heal his pneumonia, restore his strength & energy levels, & allow him to soon return home. Pray Randy & his loved ones feel the Lord's comfort, love, peace, & strength throughout.
- Please continue to pray for Larry Tucker as he recovers from a recent heart attack & foot surgeries. He is back at Avera Care Center in Room 16. Pray for his back pain to diminish, for the pain & phantom pain in his left foot to abate, for his surgical sites to heal well, and for clear & lucid thinking. Pray Larry, Evelyn, & all his loved ones feel the Lord's comfort, walk in His peace, & know His strength in this trial.
- Please pray God would bring Pearl Feiok's son, Heath, to full recovery from his recent neck & carpal tunnel surgery. Thank God Pearl's friend, Clint Pearson had successful foot surgery on 9/18, and received a good report at his doctor's appointment on 9/28. Please pray God would heal Pearl's right eye & restore clear, full vision to her & that she, Clint, & their loved ones would feel the Lord's peace, love, comfort, & strength throughout.
- Please pray for Pr. Dave's & Peggy's friend, Paul Clarke, as he recovers from treatments for tongue cancer. Pray God would heal the sores in his mouth & esophagus caused by radiation, & that God would protect Paul & his wife, Holly, in their travels to & from his treatments. Pray for God's hand of healing, protection, provision, & peace to be with them all.
- Praise God Joan Falor continues to improve from her stroke. I visited her on 9/8 & she was in very good spirits. Please continue to pray God would improve her speech & to enable her to find the words she is searching for

more easily. Pray for Joan & her loved ones to feel the Lord's presence, comfort, love, peace & strength in this trial.

- Praise God Sammi Ringling's cancer markers have improved so dramatically. Please pray they might find a new chemo for her that would have milder side effects but would work just as well. Pray Sammi, Keagan, Anne, & all her loved ones feel the Lord's presence, comfort, love, peace & strength in this trial.
- 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 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 doctors would be able to properly regulate his medication so his body temperature could remain more stable. Pray LeRoy, Stacy, & all their loved ones would know God's comfort, love, peace, & strength throughout.
- 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.
- Please pray for Pr. Dave's & Peggy's daughter-in-law, Koni, asking God to open the door for her visa application to be approved. Please pray God would bless us with the good news that she will soon be able to join John in the U.S. They celebrated their 2nd anniversary 9/8 apart from one another. Praise God John has found the perfect house for the two of them. Pray the closing & all improvements would go extremely well. Please pray we would all feel God's mighty hand at work in the weeks ahead.
- Praise God the opening month of Youth Group went well. Please pray for God's hand of blessing to continue to be on this ministry & that He would bless their fund-raising efforts. Pray for many young people to give their lives to Christ & for all the adults working with them to grow in their faith as well.

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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He Has Done Great Things

He has done great things, He has done great things
Arms open wide the Lamb crucified, Worthy is He

He has done great things, Our God has done great things
Thorns on His brow grace flowing down, Worthy is He

Chorus: As high as the heavens above, Great is His everlasting love
Rivers of mercy run over us, As far as the east from the west
He has removed all our sin, We are forgiven by His blood *(repeat all)*

Chorus

Thank God I'm forgiven by His blood

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Jesus Paid It All

I hear the Savior say, Thy strength indeed is small;
Child of weakness, watch and pray, Find in Me thine all in all.

Refrain: Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find Thy power and Thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone.

Refrain

And when before the throne I stand in Him complete,
Jesus died my soul to save, my lips shall still repeat

Refrain

Oh, Praise the One who paid my debt
and raised this life up from the dead. *(x3)*

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Hymn of Heaven

How I long to breathe the air of Heaven, Where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets, To look upon the one who bled to save me and walk with Him for all eternity

Chorus: There will be a day when all will bow before Him
There will be a day when death will be no more
Standing face to face with He who died and rose again, Holy, holy is the Lord

And ev'ry prayer we prayed in desperation, The songs of faith we sang through doubt and fear, In the end we'll see that it was worth it
When He returns to wipe away our tears

Chorus

And on that day we join the resurrection, And stand beside the heroes of the faith, With one voice a thousand generations
Sing worthy is the Lamb who was slain, Forever He shall reign

Chorus

So let it be today we shout the hymn of Heaven
With angels and the Saints we raise a mighty roar
Glory to our God who gave us life beyond the grave
Holy, holy is the Lord. Holy, holy is the Lord. Holy, holy is the Lord.

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