

\*If it is comfortable, please stand

Guests – thank you for joining us. We would love to connect with you!  
Please fill out the Welcome side of the bulletin insert or use this QR code.



Prayer Request - If you have a prayer request, we encourage you to fill out the prayer request side of the insert and either give it to an usher or put it in the offering baskets.

## GATHERING

PRELUDE (*Welcome One Another*)

LIGHT OF CHRIST COME INTO OUR MIDST

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GRATITUDE

*1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV)*  
Lift up words of gratitude to God.

## \*OPENING HYMN

*Victory In Jesus, v. 1, 2*

UMH # 370

## REFLECTION AND REPENTANCE

*Proverbs 28:13 (NLT)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **Thank you, Lord, for Your grace. We confess that we want Your forgiveness, but we often struggle to forgive others. Help us to receive Your grace fully and extend it to others. Amen.**

## EXALT

*Psalms 145:1, 3*

*You Are My King*

WS # 3102

## ASK

Ephesians 6:3

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SONG

*Where Children Belong*

FWS # 2233

## OUR TITHES, GIFTS, & OFFERINGS

We will be passing the offering plates, or you can leave your giving in the baskets at the back. Please scan the QR code to give your worship offering.



## \*DOXOLOGY

UMH # 95

OFFERTORY PRAYER: **God of love, you invite us to go deeper this season of Lent, deeper in generosity, sacrifice, and care for others. We offer these gifts and our lives to you. Use them to share the love of Jesus in the world and shape us into more faithful disciples. Amen.**

SONG

*Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

WS # 3104

## TRUST

*Isaiah 26:3-4*

## \*HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

*Matthew 18: 21-35*

PRAYER: **Lord, Astonish us anew with your Word. Amen**

L: Word of God for the people of God,

C: **Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE

DEEPER

Pastor Trudy Hanke

HYMN

*Freely, Freely*

UMH # 389

## \*BENEDICTION

## \*LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES OUT BEFORE US

## \*SENDING FORTH

*Surely the presence*

UMH # 328

POSTLUDE

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**Organists-** Pete Cordes & Sandra Quiring      **Praise Team-** Laura McDougall & John Meister  
Church Office Hours:      Monday – Thursday- 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.      Friday- 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Leadership Board Members:** Bill Lundy, chair; John Bennett, Wally Bryne, Pat Hotovy, Leo Kringle, Barry Redfern, Kristi Scheele, Jean Thiele, Sally Bailey, Lay Member to Annual Conference

## The Church in Action

Today      **Leadership Board Update – March 22** (Following Worship during Fellowship Time)  
*Good communication helps us stay connected as a church community. The Leadership Board will share a brief update on their work and current happenings in the life of the church, along with an opportunity for questions.*

Monday	5:30 p.m.	<b>Leadership Board</b>
Tuesday	8:00 p.m.	<b>NA Group-</b> basement
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	<b>Wednesday Bible Study</b>
	5:45 p.m.	Gathering & Praise
	6:00 p.m.	Sharing a Meal together
		Short Message Around the Table
Thursday	8:00 p.m.	<b>NA Group-</b> basement
Saturday	7:00 p.m.	<b>NA Group-</b> basement

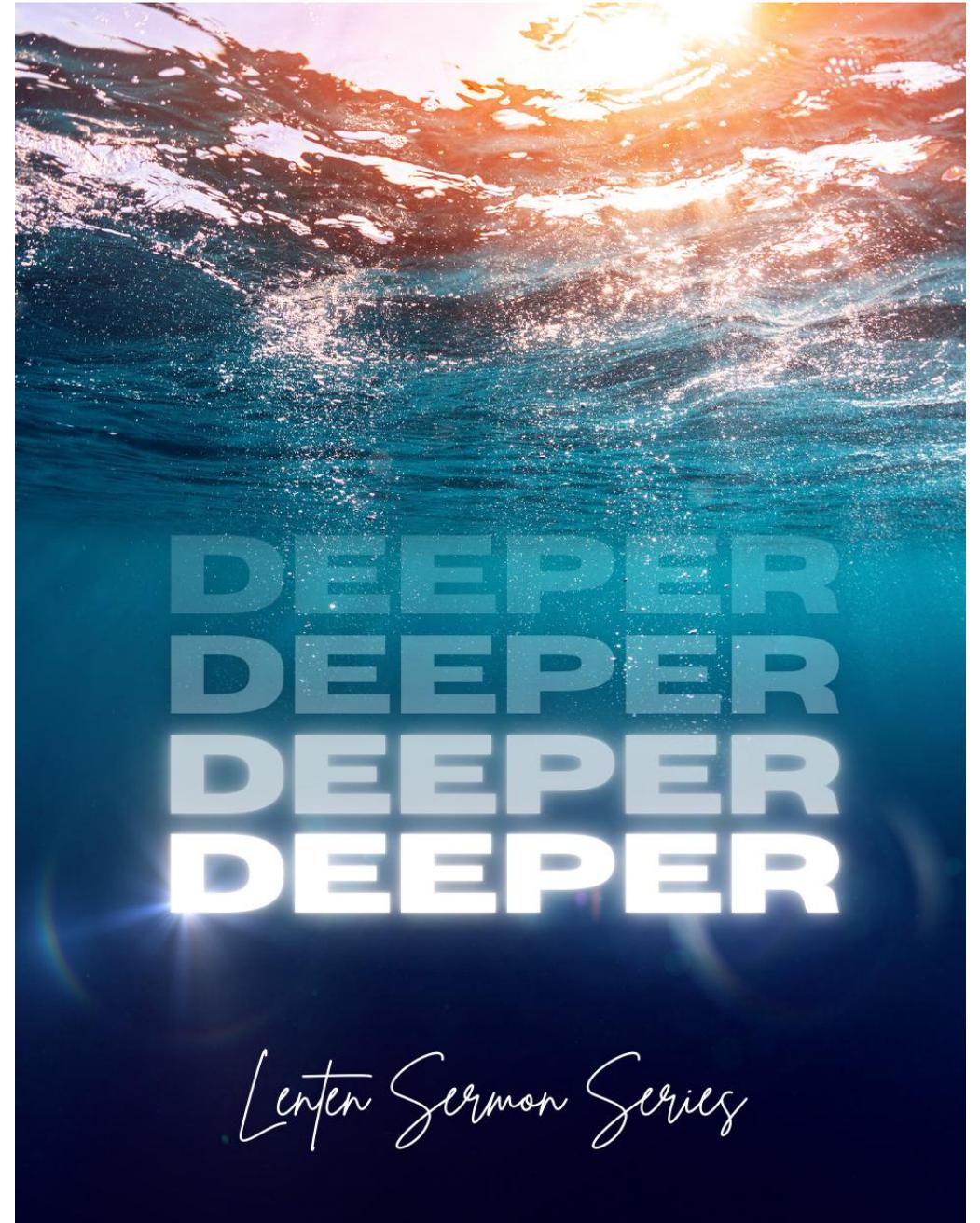
**Easter Egg Hunt** – we can use candy to fill the eggs, small bite size.  
Donations can be brought to the church by **Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

The family of Wendell Walkup will be hosting an open house for his 95th birthday on Saturday, March 28, from 2-5 p.m.  
It will be held at the Benedict Community Building, at 206 Sherman, Benedict, NE. Cards can be sent to Wendell at 1812 Road L, York, NE 68467.

### Holding One Another In Prayer

Art & Ruth Roemmich	Lisa (Arbogast) Eilers	Steve Newman
Jackie Rath	Rod Smith	Joy Bay

Call or text Pastor Trudy 308-940-0382 or email her at [thanke@greatplainsumc.org](mailto:thanke@greatplainsumc.org), with any prayer or visit request, or call the church office and leave a message with Susan for Pastor Trudy.



# Venture out of the Shallows

MARCH 22

MATTHEW 18:23-35

Approach the text with honesty and curiosity, not just quick answers. Let it shape, challenge, and encourage you. Make space for God to speak into your life.

1. Read the text carefully & notice God at work.
2. Reflect honestly on hope, struggle, or questions it raises in your life.
3. Decide on the next faithful step for yourself or the church.

<sup>23</sup>“Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup>As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. <sup>25</sup>Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. <sup>26</sup>“At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ <sup>27</sup>The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go. <sup>28</sup>“But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins.<sup>[b]</sup> He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded. <sup>29</sup>“His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’

## MATTHEW 18:23-35

<sup>30</sup>“But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened. <sup>32</sup>“Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. <sup>33</sup>Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ <sup>34</sup>In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. <sup>35</sup>“This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

### Reflection & Prayer

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