



"WHERE IS HE WHO
HAS BEEN BORN
KING OF THE JEWS?
FOR WE SAW HIS
STAR WHEN IT ROSE
AND HAVE COME
TO WORSHIP HIM."

*Matthew 2:2,
ESV*



PO Box 427 - 500 S Penn Ave

Pastor Dave Martin

9:30 AM Worship

1 Christmas – January 1, 2023

GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Song **“We Three Kings”**

Confession & Forgiveness

P: Let us, as we end one year and begin another, bring our sins before God, asking Him for forgiveness. Let us pray.

P & C: Creative God, you make all things new and you hold out a new day and a new year for us. Yet how often we squander the opportunities, letting our doubts overwhelm us, letting our sins bind us, letting our fears stop us. You offer us new dreams, and we succumb to old weaknesses; you offer us hope and we choose despair.

Creative God, we have touched the joy of Christmas. Let us carry a measure of delight and bounty of love into your new day and year. Fill us with the joy of living and the spirit of giving as we approach the new year. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

P: The Apostle Paul writes, "If anyone is in Christ he or she is a new creation, the old has gone, the new has come." Through Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven! Let us go into the new year with peace and joy. **C: Amen.**

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS HOLY WORD

Scripture Lessons:

Jeremiah 31:15

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Romans 1:18-20

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Children’s Sermon

Sermon Text: Matthew 2:1-12

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Sermon **“The Wise Men Revisited”**

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Song “As with Gladness Men of Old”

GHF 96

Apostles Creed

Offering**

Prayers of the Church

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer

Distribution

Song during Communion

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

LBW 54

Communion Blessing

GOD CALLS US TO SERVE

Song “Go Tell It on the Mountain”

LBW 70

Benediction

ENTER TO WORSHIP – DEPART TO SERVE

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Dec 18 General Offering: \$5863.00 Attendance: 164

Ushers Jan 1 & 8: Andrew Nachtigal & Brad DeVries

Jan 15 & 22: Chad Johnson & Jason Huizenga

Jan 29: Jeff Olsen & Kyle Meyerink

Communion Servers: Shirley Johnson, Jan DuFrain, Kyle Meyerink

Coffee/Cookie Servers Jan 1: No Cookies

Jan 8: Bev Antonsen, Cheri Antonsen, Casey Bailey

Jan 15: Vickie Boltjes, Donna Boysen, Caroline Butler

Jan 22: Joyce Carter, Lori Chambers, Marsha Cutler

Jan 29: No Cookies (Annual Meeting/Potluck)

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.

No Sunday School or Confirmation today. We will resume on Jan 8.

The High School Sunday School will be starting the **Alpha Youth series on Sunday, January 8th**. Students, please plan to attend and engage in conversations about your faith, life and purpose. Parents, please encourage your students to attend our congregations' Sunday School program. This is a unique program that will empower our youth's faith walk.

Join for prayer group on **Tuesdays at 9:30 AM** in the Pastor's study.

PCSM (Platte Community Student Ministry) will **resume on Wednesday Jan. 4th**. We will be starting our series on Christian Sexuality titled "*Christian Sexuality: Conversations Surrounding Sex, Jesus, & Gender*" by **Preston Sprinkle**.

Men, **please join us Saturday, January 7 at 7 AM** in the Fellowship Hall for our **weekly Men's Breakfast**. After eating, we will adjourn to the Fireside Room, where we will watch a video from the Authentic Manhood 33 Series. Following the video, we will break into small groups, discuss the video, and pray with and for one another.

Trinity Lutheran's **congregational annual meeting** will be held Sunday, January 29 at 10:30 AM following morning worship. We will be having a potluck following our annual meeting. No Sunday School on Sunday, January 29th due to annual meeting. Please email information for the annual report to the office (tlcplatteds@gmail.com) by **Monday, January 9**.

If you need to submit a picture for the updated picture directory, please email to **tlcplattsd@gmail.com**. Packets are available on the narthex table to order your pictures taken with Tammie. Please fill out and return to the church office door slot. Thank you.

This year, the **offering envelopes** are a little different. We are able to keep track of contributions now through our system Breeze just using your name. Instead of having individual boxes for each member, there will be generic ones available. You can place cash donations in these envelopes to put towards your total contributions.

Shirley Johnson and Gloria Kok are collecting items for the needy. Please sort, bag and mark your donations for men, women, children, shoes, quilts, etc. **Call Gloria (605-207-0096) or Shirley (605-207-0388) and they will arrange to pick up or delivery to their garage.** The various place that will be delivered to are the Abbot House, St. Francis House, Glory House, Kingdom Boundaries and Union Gospel Mission. **There is a need for men's clothing and winter gear (boots, gloves, hats) sizes XL to 3 XL.** PLEASE ONLY WINTER SEASON clothing; the various missions don't have room to store other seasons. Thank you!

Looking for places to donate cards to repurpose. St. Jude's no longer takes them. Anyone have ideas? Contact Shirley Johnson

Thank you to all who donated the beautiful poinsettias this Christmas season! *(Please take home today following worship)*

Many anonymous

In memory of Tom & Rose Soukup and Merrill & Ruth DeWald

In memory of Harlan & Shirley Ringling

In memory of Harold & Sally Daum

PRAYER PRAISES AND CONCERNS

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

Mary Lee Erickson, Mike Erickson, Laura Johnson, LaDene Nelson

Please pray for:

- Shirley Johnson got word that her sister-in-law, Sue Westerling, passed away. She lived in Craig, CO.
- Jill DeWet, her husband, Jacques, her son, Maverick, & her entire extended family as Jill prepares to enter the hospital on Dec. 29th. She will be given a series of 4 shots which help “release” blood stem cells from the marrow into the bloodstream. The shots will be followed by a regimen of chemo starting January 6th. Following the chemo, doctors will “harvest” the blood stem cells to be used as a defense against the invasion of any more cancer. Please pray for Jill & all her loved ones to know the Lord’s peace that surpasses all understanding. Pray for the Lord to guide the minds, hands, & hearts of her medical team, and for there to be a glorious victory at the end of this for Jill and her family.
- Lee Hanten as he prepares for knee replacement surgery on Jan. 17th on his “good” knee. Please pray for the Lord to minimize Lee’s pain in that knee so he can sleep and get around with minimal discomfort. Pray for the Lord to guide the hands, hearts, & minds of his medical team & for them to be able to perform this procedure flawlessly. Pray for protection against infections & complications, & for his physical therapy to go amazingly well. Pray for him to know the Lord’s peace, love, & comfort as he goes through this trial
- All those who have experienced devastation from tornadoes, hurricanes, blizzards, floods, & forest fires that they would know the Lord’s provision, peace, & comfort, & feel the tangible love of God & the church helping them through their heartache.
- For the homeless, who find themselves struggling for survival against bitterly cold temperatures, snow, rain, and howling winds. Pray for local governments & churches to be able to step up & provide the services necessary to keep them safe, warm, & well-fed. Pray for God to open doors that help many find their way out of homelessness & into stable, healthy lifestyles.

- For those who administrate ministries for the homeless that they would be proactive in providing care, careful to use their budgets wisely & in a timely manner & would help the homeless to feel like more than a number.
- For those in authority that they would rule well and wisely and would have the best interests of the country at heart. Pray for those newly elected to make a positive difference in how this country is governed.
- For the people of Ukraine that they would know the Lord's hand of comfort, protection, & provision as they seek to survive the horrors of the war with Russia.
- Alpha at Trinity that we would be able to secure the needed leaders, helpers, & guests for the winter session beginning Jan. 22nd.
- Our Annual Meeting coming up January 29th that we would have the budget firmly in place and would have a slate of qualified candidates to fill Council & Committee positions.
- Praise God Skyler Hanten continues to recover well from his knee surgery. Please pray the Lord would expedite his physical therapy so he might be able to participate in track this spring. Thank Him Skyler is walking well without his brace.
- Nicole Olesen (Pr. Dave & Peggy's niece) in her battle with cancer. Praise God her double mastectomy was successful, and she is recovering well. Pray her upcoming radiation treatments to eradicate the cancer in her lymph nodes would go well and her body would remain strong through the regimen. Pray for her, her husband, Mark, & their children to know the Lord's peace, strength, & presence throughout.
- Dan Hauser (Pr. Dave's & Peggy's brother-in-law) in his battle with bladder & kidney cancer. Praise God for the encouraging reports Dan continues to receive from his doctors. Please pray the cancer would be completely eradicated & would not return. Pray he & his wife, Brenda, would know the Lord's love, peace, strength, & comfort as they go through this trial.