

When Does

Eternal Life

Begin?

TRULY, TRULY, I SAY TO YOU,
WHOEVER HEARS MY WORD
AND BELIEVES HIM WHO SENT ME
HAS ETERNAL LIFE.

JOHN 5:24



PO Box 427 - 500 S Penn Ave

Pastor Dave Martin

Epiphany – January 7, 2024

9:30 AM Worship - 10:45 AM Sunday School

GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Songs **“He Has Come for Us”**

“Behold”

Confession & Forgiveness

P & C: Dear and glorious Lord, since ancient times, seekers after wisdom have sought you—and found you. By a marvelous star you led the mysterious kings of the East to your side, where they learned to love and know you. Help us know you deeply and personally.

Forgive us when we look to other loves for the fulfillment and understanding we need, unfairly demanding of them what only you can supply. By the light of your Word, lead us through the peaks and valley of our lives, until at last we stand in the light of your presence. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Announcement of Forgiveness

P: Christ, the bright morning star dispels the darkness of sin and gives us light. Our sins are forgiven through Jesus the Light of the World.

P & C: Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS HOLY WORD

Scripture Lessons:

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Children’s Sermon

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Sermon **“When Does Eternal Life Begin?”**

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Song **“Gratitude”**

Nicene Creed

Offering**

Prayers of the Church

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Communion Blessing

GOD CALLS US TO SERVE

Song "Amen"

Benediction

ENTER TO WORSHIP – DEPART TO SERVE

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Thank you for joining us this Sunday morning to worship our God together! **Join us** for coffee and cookies following the service.

***The offering plate will be in the narthex so please place your donations in as you enter or exit. To GIVE ONLINE through Breeze, go to our website www.tlcplattedsd.org. Click on "GIVING" on our homepage and you will be directed to our online giving platform Breeze. It is a convenient, safe and simple way for our members or visitors to make automated payments through bank ACH directly or credit/debit cards. Text-to-give (605) 741-4118.*

December 31 General Offering: \$2251.00 Attendance: 94

Greeters Jan 7—Tom & Vickie Boltjes

Jan 14—Kenny & Cheri Antonsen

Jan 21—Derek & Wendy Wollman

Jan 28—Zach & Lizzy Warejcka

Ushers Jan 7 & 14—Andrew Nachtigal & Brad DeVries

Jan 21 & 28—Chad Johnson & Jason Huizenga

Communion Servers: Shirley Johnson, Jan DuFrain, Kyle Meyerink

Coffee Cookie Servers

Jan 7—Lisa Johnson, Hailee Johnson, Shirley Johnson

Jan 14—Wanda Johnson, Connie Kirsch, Estelle Konechne

Jan 21—Dawn Konstanz, Jeanne Kott, Traci Kott

Jan 28—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.

“Something More in ‘24” On Monday, January 8th, we will begin a Bible Study on the book of John. We will meet from 1:00 to 2:15 PM on Mondays in the Fireside Room. Following an opening prayer, we will start each session by watching one chapter of the book of John on the Visual Bible. Every word spoken on this video is directly from the Bible. There is something powerful about hearing God’s Word and seeing it walked out on the television screen before us. After watching the video, we will read through the chapter and discuss it verse by verse.

Church Council Meeting is Monday, January 8th at 7:00 PM

Men, **please join us Saturday, January 13th 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.

The Mission Board has recommended our **Mission Offering for January be given to Melanie Lubinus’s ministry**, which provides food, clothing, hygiene kits, and other essentials to Venezuelan refugees in Costa Rica. This offering will be taken next Sunday, January 14. Please make checks payable to “Trinity Lutheran Church.”

Trinity Lutheran’s **congregational annual meeting** will be held Sunday, January 28 at 10:30 AM following morning worship. We will be having a potluck following our annual meeting. No Sunday School on Sunday, January 28th due to annual meeting. Please email information for the annual report to the office (tlcplatteds@gmail.com) by **Tuesday, January 9.**

Missions in Sioux Falls are in need **men's gloves, socks and stocking hats** for this winter. Also looking for donations of Bibles, devotionals, and Bible Study books for adults, teenagers and children. These items can be placed in the box in the narthex.

We are working together with Calvary Baptist Church and New Hope Christian Camp to establish a Community Alpha in our area. We believe by working together on this project that we can greatly increase the number of people who will be able to attend Alpha. Though it is only an eleven-week course, Alpha has an outstanding track record for leading unchurched people to Christ and greatly increasing the faith of those who are church.

Join us for **Platte Community Alpha Sneak Peek** "Is There More to Life than This?" on Sunday, January 21st at 6:30 PM at New Hope Christian Camp.

Coming Up! Our **Soup Supper will be Wednesday, February 7 serving from 5-7 PM.** We will be serving homemade soups, sandwiches and desserts. There will be a sign-up sheet soon in the narthex. Please **consider signing up** to help serve at the supper, bring food or donate money for supplies.

The Vine's Table will be moving to Saturday noons for January, February, and March. Our next meal will be January 13, 2024. Menu: Egg Bake Sign up TODAY in the foyer of Platte CRC or call Norma at 680-1691. *Anyone 50 years old or older is welcome to join us for our once a month meal and fellowship. Please come! We'd love to have you!*

Spring Cursillo-a weekend retreat in Christian living and a time to be refreshed. It is open to anyone where you are 18 or 85, there is no cost to attend. Men's weekend starts Thursday evening Feb 22nd - to Sunday afternoon the 25th. The women's weekend starts Thursday Feb 29th to March 2nd . Cursillo will take place a Swan Lake Christian Retreat by Viborg, SD . For those working there is a \$25 discount for early registration and payment by January 15. Any questions, need a registration form or would like more information on the weekend contact Karla Overweg 605-680-4848

PRAYER PRAISES AND CONCERNS

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

Assisted Living: Mary Lee Erickson, Ruth Gruenig, Laura Johnson, Richard Johnson, Arnie Larson, Caroline Peterson

Please pray for:

- Please pray for the family and friends of Juanita & Bruce Bosworth. Juanita passed away last week & Bruce passed away in early December. Please pray especially for their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren that they would know the Lord's comfort, love, peace, and joy as they go through this difficult time. Juanita is Moe Johnson's sister-in-law.
- Please pray for John & Dee Rasmussen as they mourn the passing of their sister-in-law Mary Ann this past week. Pray as well for all those who knew and loved Mary Ann that they would know hope and joy in the sure and certain truth of the resurrection, that they would feel the Lord's close-abiding presence, feel His comfort & love, & be filled with His peace, joy, and strength at this difficult time.
- Please keep Mike Erickson in your prayers. Mike had a biopsy taken from his pancreas on January 4th. Please pray: this biopsy would reveal good news for Mike, that the healing hand of Jesus would be upon him, that he could sleep well, and that his digestion would be good. Pray for him to know the peace that surpasses all understanding as he goes through this trial.
- Please pray for Floyd & Karen Dimick as Floyd recovers from a fractured left collarbone and bruises and lacerations on his left hand and cheek suffered in a fall last week. Pray the Lord's healing hand would be upon Floyd, that he would feel an increase in strength, energy, stamina, and balance, and that his pain would diminish daily. Pray for Karen to have a double portion of God's grace that she could take great care of Floyd without getting run down herself. Please also pray for them to have the wisdom & discernment to find a place to live in town where both would be comfortable.
- Please pray for Mary Beth & Larry Kuiper's daughter-in-law, Erica, their son, Mike, and their entire family. Erica has been diagnosed with an aggressive form of breast cancer. Her course of treatment has still not been determined and she has several doctors' appointments ahead of her. Pray for the healing hand of Jesus to be upon Erica & for her to respond well to her treatment. Pray for them to know the Lord's peace in this trial and for them to fully feel His love, comfort, strength, and joy.

- Please keep Alison Dykstra's sister, Julie Pepper, her husband, Matt, and their extended family in your prayers as Julie continues her battle with ovarian cancer. Pray her January 5th scan will show the cancer is completely gone and that symptoms she has recently experienced are not due to progression of the cancer. Praise God Matt is doing very well. Pray for them all to know the Lord's peace, love, comfort, and strength in this trial.
- Praise God Rod Berg's September MRI at Mayo showed complete resolution of the lesions in his brain. Rod and Vicki are so grateful and are thanking Jesus for this awesome result. They want to thank each one of you for all your prayers. Rod will continue the infusion treatments monthly and return to Mayo in December for a brain MRI and re-evaluation.
- Please continue to pray for Dan Daum's brother, Jim. The ablation surgeries he had recently have done little to diminish his back pain. Please pray for the Lord to sovereignly heal him and give him a new lease on life. Pray he would feel God's hand upon him throughout his recovery and would experience the Lord's love, peace, and joy in a powerful way.
- Thank you for your prayers for Peggy's mom and my mother-in-law, Phyllis Olesen, who continues to improve. Please pray God would heal her completely of the sciatica pain in her left leg, restore her to full health, and give her many good years ahead. Pray for her to feel the Lord's comforting presence in all of this.
- Please continue to pray for Pastor Mike De Jager of the First Reformed Church in Platte. Please pray for the Lord to heal his spine and stabilize his neck, especially where it attaches to the brain stem. Pray for the Lord to heal him quickly and completely and for Mike to be blessed with many years of active life ahead of him. Pray his next check-up would reveal his stem cell transplants are doing well and they wouldn't have to repeat the procedure.

He Has Come For Us

God rest ye merry gentlemen let nothing you dismay
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day
To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray

O tidings of comfort and joy comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

Chorus: He has come for us this Jesus. He's the hope for all mankind
He has come for us the Messiah. Born to give us life

From God our heav'nly Father a blessed angel came
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name

O tidings of comfort and joy comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

Chorus

All the angels sing, "Hallelujah, Jesus Christ is born!"
All the children sing "Hallelujah! He is Christ the Lord!"

Chorus Born to give us life.

All the children sing "Hallelujah! He is Christ the Lord!"

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Behold

Behold the King has come, Divinity incarnate
Creator of the world breathing our air
Behold what light has come and the dark cannot contain it
The Savior of the world is finally here

Chorus: O come let us adore Him. Come let us adore Him
For He alone is worthy Christ the Lord

Behold the Father's love beyond all comprehension
He gave His only Son to die in our place
Go and see that empty tomb. He's not there for He is risen
Every heart prepare Him room, Jesus Christ the King of Heaven

Chorus

We give You all the glory. We give You all the glory.
We give You all the glory, Christ the Lord (x2)

We praise Your name forever. We praise Your name forever
We praise Your name forever, Christ the Lord

Chorus (x2) Christ the Lord. He is Chris the Lord.

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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

Chorus

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Amen

Behold Jehovah seated on the throne
Abba Father the Well that overflows
The God who was and is and shall be forevermore. Holy is the Lord

Chorus: Amen amen. Blessing and honor and glory and power Amen
Amen amen. Blessing and honor and glory and power Amen

Behold the Way the Truth and the Life
Perfect Savior the Blood that washed us white
The God who was and is and shall be forevermore. Holy is the Lord

Chorus

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