

SERIES: GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

**LIVING**  
as an  
**AMBASSADOR**  
for Christ



2 CORINTHIANS 5:20

THEREFORE, WE ARE AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST,  
GOD MAKING HIS APPEAL THROUGH US.  
WE IMPLORE YOU ON BEHALF OF CHRIST,  
BE RECONCILED TO GOD.



PO Box 427 - 500 S Penn Ave  
**Pastor Dave Martin**  
Epiphany – January 12, 2025  
9:30 AM Worship – 10:45 AM Sunday School

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## God Gathers His People to Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Sharing the Peace of the Lord

Song **“Bright and Glorious Is the Sky”** (verses 1,2,5,6) **LBW 75**

Confession & Forgiveness

P: God, whose love is everlasting, welcomes sinners to His throne of grace. Let us confess our sin, confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

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

P: Since we are justified by grace through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Almighty God has mercy on us, forgives us all our sins, and will bring us to life everlasting.

**C: Amen.**

## God Speaks to Us in His Holy Word

Scripture Lessons:

Psalm 118:13-18

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Luke 4:18-19

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Children's Sermon

Song **“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”**

**LBW 448**

Sermon Text: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

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Sermon **“Living as an Ambassador for Christ”**

*Series: Go Tell It on the Mountain*

## Give Thanks to God

Song “**Victory in Jesus**”

**GHF 496**

Apostles 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

The Lord’s Prayer

## God Calls us to Serve

Song “**As with Gladness Men of Old**” (*verses 1-4*)

**LBW 82**

Benediction

## Enter to Worship - Depart to Serve

Thank you for joining us this morning to worship with us! We continue the series for the new year “**Go Tell It on the Mountain.**” Please join us for coffee and goodies in the fellowship hall following the service.

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[www.tlcplattsd.org](http://www.tlcplattsd.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.

**Jan 5 General Offering: \$12,585.00 Attendance: 94**

**Greeters** Jan 12—Jerry & Alison Dykstra

Jan 19—Tyson & Maggie Dyk

Jan 26—Ethan & Karis DuFrain

**Ushers** Jan 12—Andrew Nachtigal & Brad DeVries

Jan 19 & 26—Chad Johnson & Jason Huizenga

**Available for Prayer** (*Classroom #3*) Jeff Engebretson & Mary Ringling  
**Coffee Cookie Servers**

Jan 12—Joyce VanderHam, Deb VanDerWerff, Wendy Wollman

Jan 19—Lizzy Warejcka, Sharon Warejcka, Bev Antonsen

Jan 26—No Cookies – Annual Meeting/Potluck

**Reminder:** Please call Pastor Dave's cell phone number:  
(605) 680-9958 when trying to get ahold of him or to leave a message

***Thank you to all who donated poinsettias*** during our Advent season.  
Please bring home today after worship if you haven't done so already.

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 today Sunday, January 12. Please make checks payable to "Trinity Lutheran Church."

**Correction in the WOW booklet for 2025:** on Page 12, Mission Action Committee should be Lisa Johnson, Donna Nelson, and Jan DuFrain (on Page 3, this is correct) Please make note of this correction on page 12 in your booklet. Thank you!

**Priscilla Bible Study Group** meets Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM  
Studying Lesson 1 in Esther Bible Study

Leader: Gladys Kuipers, Hostess: Mary Beth Kuiper

**Hannah Bible Study Group** meets Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM  
Studying Lesson 1 in Esther Bible Study

Leader: Peggy Martin, Hostess: Caroline Butler

***New Year! New Bible Study!*** **Martha Bible Study group is starting a new study on Tuesday, January 21 at 6:30 PM** in the fireside fellowship. The new 5 session study is called "You Were Made for this Moment" by Max Lucado. Join us as we learn how the Story of Esther inspires us to step up and stand out for God.

Weekly Men's breakfast and Bible study meets this **Saturday, January 18 at 7 AM** in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast and then in the Fireside Room to watch the video, 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 26 at 10:30 AM following morning worship. We will be having a potluck following our annual meeting. No Sunday School on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> due to annual meeting. Please email information for the annual report to the office (tlcplatted@gmail.com) by **Thursday, January 9.**

*Mark your calendars!* Our **Soup Supper is scheduled for Wednesday, February 12.** We'll serving homemade soups, sandwiches and desserts **from 5-7 PM.** Free will donations will go towards our local Wings & Hope.

**Men's Retreat "Renewing the Mind"** will be on January 24-26 at New Hope Christian Camp. Register online at [newhopechristiancamp.com](http://newhopechristiancamp.com) Cost is \$25. Speaker: Aaron Stephens, Music: Tim Collins

**We continue to collect donated items you so generously give to the needy.** We bring to so many places and everything is VERY appreciated. We are collecting winter clothes at this time as they don't have room to store a lot of things. **They are in need of good used towels, coats, hats, gloves, sweatshirts, shoes and boots.** Please put items in garbage bags and write on the outside of the bag what's inside if it's men's, women's, boys, girls, blankets, or misc. Devotional books are also appreciated. Items can be dropped off at Gloria Kok or Shirley Johnson's garages. Please call ahead so we can be there when you stop. For questions on what to donate, call Gloria (605-207-0096) or Shirley (605-207-0388). Thanks again for all you donate to a worthy cause!

## Prayer Praises and Concerns

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

Bud Bakken, Floyd Dimick, Mary Lee Erickson, Ruth Gruenig, Laura Johnson, Richard Johnson, George & Nancy Miller, Caroline Peterson

### **Please pray for:**

- Please keep the family & friends of Moe Johnson in your prayers, as they mourn his passing on Christmas Day. Please pray for his daughter, Vicki Koopal, her husband, Todd, their son, Beau, his wife, Mandy, & their daughters, Devyn, Brienna, & Blaire, their son, Brady, his wife, Taylor, & their daughters, Raegan & Riley as they go through this time of loss. Pray they would be able to grieve properly, know the Lord's comfort, peace, & strength in their time of sorrow, and that they would be filled with hope & joy in the sure & certain truth of the resurrection.
- Please continue to keep Nancy & George Miller & their loved ones in your prayers. Thank Him for the many good days Nancy has had recently and for the strength He gives them to get through the bad days. Thank God for the peace He has given to all of them as they go through this trial together and thank Him for the faithfulness of Nancy & George's children. Pray God's blessings over them daily.
- Praise God Mick Warejcka was able to come home from the hospital on January 6th. Pray God will stabilize his heart rhythm & blood pressure, protect him from infections, complications, & other sicknesses, and will heal the surgical site & relieve his pain. Pray for Mick, Sharon, & all their loved ones to know the Lord's presence, peace, comfort, & love in this trial.
- Praise God Dave Carter's knee replacement surgery went well on Jan. 7th & he is home rehabbing comfortably. Please pray God protects him from all infections, complications, & illnesses, blesses him with diminishing pain daily, & enables him to do well in his physical therapy. Pray for Joyce to have a double portion of God's grace & for Dave, Joyce, & their loved ones to feel God's peace & presence.
- Please keep Evelyn Tucker in your prayers, asking God to heal her broken right hand & injuries suffered in a bad fall on December 22nd. Pray for the Lord's blessings in Evelyn's & Larry's lives and pray they would live in His love, peace, joy, & strength daily.
- Thank God Kory Meyerink is recovering well from his back surgery on Dec. 19th. Please pray for his pain to diminish daily, especially when walking or getting out of bed or up from a chair. Pray the Lord would enable him to do everything asked of him in physical therapy and that he would feel himself improving daily. Pray he can soon be able to live the active life he

loves & pray he & his loved ones would know the Lord's love, peace, & presence throughout.

- Praise God the baby boy developing in Jill DeWet's womb is healthy & over 8 lbs. already. Thank Him that Jill's checkups have gone well, and the baby's birth is imminent. Pray for Jill, Jacques, & Maverick to feel the Lord's presence, provision, & protection throughout this pregnancy, labor, & delivery & to know the overwhelming joy of another healthy boy in their family.
- Please continue to pray for Mike Erickson. Pray God would drastically lower the number of his cancer markers, would stabilize his blood sugar levels, relieve the arthritic pain in his knee and the frequent pain in his stomach, back, & side, & eradicate all cancer from Mike's body. Pray for Mike and all his loved ones to know God's close-abiding love & presence & for God to bless the results of his next scan.
- Please keep Floyd & Karen Dimick in your prayers. Thank God Floyd is recovering well from a broken left femur. Thankfully, he is no longer having pain and he is gaining strength with physical therapy twice a week and restorative excise sessions at the nursing home. Pray for Karen for physical, mental, and emotional strength. Pray both Floyd & Karen would know the Lord's presence, walk in His love, and abide in His peace. He is in Room Number 17 at Avera Care Center in Platte. Pray he might soon be able to secure a private room.
- We rejoice that Calvary Baptist Church has called a pastor to replace Pr. Dave Anderson. Pastor Jim Bennett & his wife, Jeanni will be arriving sometime this month and hope to start February 2nd. Pray all the transitional things that need to be done when moving go well, that their move would be smooth and safe, that they would feel immediately at home here, would quickly make new friends, and would feel blessed to be here even as they bless Calvary and our community.
- Please pray for Kelly, the son of a friend of Peggy & Pastor Dave in Longview, WA, that God would heal him from the nervous breakdown he suffered & has been hospitalized for. Pray he would renounce the lies & deceptions of the enemy & embrace the love & truth of Jesus Christ. He seems to realize that he needs Jesus in his life. Please pray Kelly could receive Christ & be made new in Him.