

SERMON SERIES:
KNOWING WHERE YOU'RE GOING

LIVING ON THE
Bread of Life

JESUS SAID TO THEM,
"I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE;
WHOEVER COMES TO ME
SHALL NOT HUNGER,
AND WHOEVER BELIEVES IN ME
SHALL NEVER THIRST.

JOHN 6:35



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2 Epiphany – January 14, 2024

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

GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Song **“Bright and Glorious is the Sky”** (v. 1,2,5,6) **LBW 75**

Confession of Sin & the Promise of God's Forgiveness:

P: Before we set out upon the week, we stop for refreshment, food for the journey--God's Word to convict, comfort and strengthen.

(A Moment of Silence)

All: Almighty and gracious God, we confess to you our sin. For deeds and words that hurt another, for neglect of prayer and praise, for silence in the presence of wrong and fear in the presence of opportunity, for failure to follow our Lord, and failure to strive for justice and peace, please forgive us.

P: Because the Father's Word is truth, because Jesus died on a cross and was raised up from the grave, because the Spirit gives us faith, we are free to live in victory, free from the sin of our self-deceit and free from Satan's power. Praise God for His goodness. Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS HOLY WORD

Scripture Lessons:

Psalm 34:9-16

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Hebrews 7:23-25 (NIV)

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Children's Sermon

Song **“When We All Get to Heaven”**

GHF 498

Sermon Text: John 6:35-40

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Sermon **“Living on the Bread of Life”**

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Song **“I Need Thee Every Hour”**

GHF 318

Apostles Creed

Offering

Offertory

Come and join the reapers, all the kingdom seekers,
Laying down your life to find it in the end.

Come and share the harvest, help to light the darkness,
For the Lord is calling faithful men.

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

GOD CALLS US TO SERVE

Song "Victory in Jesus"

GHF 496

Benediction

ENTER TO WORSHIP – DEPART TO SERVE

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Thank you for joining us this Sunday morning to worship today! We hope you were blessed and felt the love of God. We continue the sermon series "Knowing Where You're Going." ***Join us for coffee and cookies following the service in the fellowship hall.***

We are back to passing the offering plate during our morning worship. You can give both to our general offering and mission fund offering. Simply put "mission fund offering" in your check memo line or use the envelopes in the pew to designate what fund you are giving to.

To GIVE ONLINE through Breeze, go to our website www.tlcplatted.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.

January 7 General Offering: \$3639.00 Attendance: 139

Musician Shirley Johnson

Greeters Jan 14—Kenny & Cheri Antonsen

Jan 21—Derek & Wendy Wollman

Jan 28—Zach & Lizzy Warejcka

Ushers Jan 14—Andrew Nachtigal & Brad DeVries

Jan 21 & 28—Chad Johnson & Jason Huizenga

Coffee Cookie Servers

Jan 14—Wanda Johnson, Connie Kirsch, Estelle Konechne

Jan 21—Dawn Konstanz, Jeanne Kott, Traci Kott

Jan 28—No Cookies – Annual Meeting/Potluck

Happy birthday to Moe Johnson who celebrates turning **99 years** on Tuesday, January 16!

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 14. Please make checks payable to "Trinity Lutheran Church."

Thank you to all that helped making the fleece blankets that are on display today. They will be taken this week to Family Connection in Sioux Falls for gifts to the children that have a parent in prison. Approximately over 250 children will be given gifts this year.

On Monday, January 15th, 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. 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.

Priscilla Bible Study Group meets Thursday, January 18 at 9:00 AM

Studying Lesson 1 in new Bible Study Book

Lesson Leader: Gladys Kuipers, Hostess: Mary Beth Kuiper

Hannah Bible Study Group meets Thursday, January 18 at 1:30 PM

Studying Lesson 1 in new Bible Study Book

Lesson Leader: Caroline Butler, Hostess: Peggy Martin

Men, please join us Saturday, January 20th 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.

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-ed. 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.

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.

Mark your calendars! 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.

Martha Group is going to ring in the New Year by starting a new Bible Study on the Gospel of Luke. The presenter is Lisa Harper. It will be the same format - a video, small group time and then personal studies between sessions. Our first session will be **TUESDAY, FEB 6TH @ 7PM** in the Fireside Fellowship room. Hoping you will join us!

Mary Ringling is placing a bulk order of study guides, if you would like me to order you one let her know. The study guide will also come with a code to access the video, which will be nice if you can't make it a session at least you can still watch the video. The cost of the study guide/code is \$12.50.

There is a Christmas newsletter from our **WOW missionary Steve Walters** hanging on the bulletin board in the hallway.

The Vine's Table meal got postponed to January 20, 2024

If you still want to come and you didn't get signed up for last week, you still can! Please call Norma at 605-680-1691

Menu: Egg Bake Serving from 11:30am-12:15pm at Platte CRC

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. His biopsy revealed that his cancer has returned to his pancreas. Thankfully, it is a very small spot and hasn't spread anywhere else. Please pray he will know the Lord's comfort, peace, and healing as he goes through his treatment. Pray he would be able to have his port installed soon and that the infusions would kill the cancer while leaving the healthy cells alone. Pray he would be able to eat & sleep well and that his blood sugar level and blood pressure would be in the normal ranges.
- 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. Her latest scan revealed minor progression of her cancer. They are starting her on a chemo pill in place of the infusions she had been getting and will do a molecular biopsy to determine correct treatment of the tumor. Please pray the Lord will relieve the pain in her kidney, will guard her from adverse effects of new drugs, will bring her cancer into remission, and will allow her and her loved ones to feel His close-abiding love, comfort, peace, and joy.
- 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.
- Thank you for your prayers for our daughter, Brooke. Her fever broke at 3:30 PM on the day we began to pray. Please continue to pray for her sinuses to clear, her cough and scratchy throat to go away, and for her to be restored to full health & vitality soon. Pray for her to feel the Lord's love and presence & for her to be healed in body, soul, & spirit.
- 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.