

SANCTITY OF LIFE SUNDAY



JOHN 1:4

IN HIM WAS LIFE,  
AND THE LIFE  
WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN.



PO Box 427 - 500 S Penn Ave

**Pastor Dave Martin**

2 Epiphany – January 19, 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

Songs **“Holy Forever”**

**“Believe for It”**

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 27:1-4

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Ephesians 2:1-10

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Children's Sermon

Sermon Text: John 1:1-5

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Sermon **“Life Shines in the Darkness”**

*Sanctity of Life Sunday*

## *Give Thanks to God*

Song **"Hymn of Heaven"**

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

## *Celebration of Holy Communion*

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Communion Blessing

## *God Calls Us to Serve*

Song **"The Blessing"**

Benediction

*Enter to Worship - Depart to Serve*

Thank you for joining us this morning to worship with us! Please join us for coffee and goodies in the fellowship hall following the service.

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**Jan 12 General Offering:** \$4715.00 **Attendance:** 120

**Greeters** Jan 19—Tyson & Maggie Dyk

Jan 26—Ethan & Karis DuFrain

**Ushers** Jan 19 & 26—Chad Johnson & Jason Huizenga

**Communion Servers** Jason Huizenga, Jan DuFrain, Scott Vanden Berge

**Available for Prayer** (*Classroom #3*) Kyle Meyerink & Shirley Johnson

**Coffee Cookie Servers**

Jan 19—Lizzy Warejcka, Sharon Warejcka, Bev Antonsen

Jan 26—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.

January's Mission Fund Offering is designated towards 2 different ministries. **The first is to Melanie Lubinus's ministry**, which provides food, clothing, hygiene kits, and other essentials to Venezuelan refugees in Costa Rica.

**The second is towards Samaritan's Purse – Disaster Relief** to those affected by the California Wildfires. Samaritan's Purse will deploy trucks, equipment, and supplies to the devastated areas to support the work of U.S. Disaster Relief volunteers helping recover from the wildfires. Pray for LA residents as Californian wildfires keep burning.

Please make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church and designate on your check or envelope where you would like your donations to go towards.

**Sunday Jan. 19 We will be tying fleece blankets for the Family Connections.** Some of the Sunday school teachers have agreed to do some during class and anyone in the Fellowship Hall during Coffee time. The Quilting committee thanks everyone who has helped us get these blankets done.

**Join us for a Hymn Sing at the Avera Care Center today at 2:30 pm.**

Stay for coffee, goodies and fellowship following the hymn sing.

Join us Monday, January 20 at 1:00 PM in the Fireside Room, for the **Bible study on the Gospel of Matthew**. Each week, we'll watch a chapter of Matthew from *The Visual Bible*, then read it aloud and discuss it. To avoid conflict with the quilting group, we won't meet on the first Monday of the month. We realize that no one can make it to every meeting but come join us when you can. You might just discover a new love for the Bible, you didn't know you had.

*New Year! New Bible Study!* **Martha Bible Study group is starting a new study on this 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 25 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 next Sunday, January 26 at 10:30 AM following morning worship. We will be having a potluck brunch following our annual meeting. No Sunday School on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> due to annual meeting.

Sunday after the potluck we would like help to set up tables for Sleep in Heavenly Peace project. **We will work on cutting, tying and sewing quilts on Monday (27) and Tuesday (28)**. We have had several quilts, quilt tops and fabric already donated for this project. And monetary donations have been made to buy batting and backing for these quilts. Thanks to all who donate to this project. Anyone from the community is welcome to come and be a part of these projects.

*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 \$125. 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!

**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!

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

## 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 Vicki Lantz in your prayers as they mourn her passing on Dec. 29th after a long battle with cancer. Pray they can grieve properly yet still feel the Lord's comfort, strength, love, joy, and hope in the process. Vicki is Ryan Lantz's stepmom, so please keep Ryan, Carla, Cash, and Chase in your prayers.
- 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's surgical site is healing well following his gallbladder surgery. Please continue to pray for his heart to come into proper rhythm & for his blood pressure to stabilize in a healthy range. Pray for Mick, Sharon, & all their loved ones to know God's peace that surpasses all understanding & for them to feel His close-abiding presence.
- Praise God Dave Carter is recovering well from his Jan. 7th knee replacement surgery, is doing well in physical therapy, and is seen frequently at church getting his steps in. Please pray for God's continued protection, provision, and healing in Dave's life, and for Dave, Joyce, & their loved ones to continue to feel the Lord's close-abiding 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.

- Join Jill, Jacques, & Maverick DeWet in praising God for the healthy birth of James Nathan Dewet January 10th. James entered this world weighing 7 lbs. and measuring 20 inches long. Thank God as well for Jill coming through the delivery well. Please pray that mother & baby would continue to thrive and that this family would walk in the Lord's blessings & peace.
- 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 Pr. Dave & Peggy to have safe travel to Sioux Falls January 26th & for Pr. Dave's cataract surgery to go well on January 27th & 28th. Pray for his recovery to be swift & for God's loving hand to be upon Peggy & Dave throughout.
- 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.



## **Holy Forever**

A thousand generations falling down in worship to sing the song of ages  
to the Lamb and all who've gone before us  
And all who will believe will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Your name is the highest. Your name is the greatest  
Your name stands above them all. All thrones and dominions  
All powers and positions. Your name stands above them all

*Chorus:* And the angels cry Holy. All creation cries Holy  
You are lifted high Holy. Holy forever

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed, Sing the song forever to  
the Lamb. If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name  
Sing the song forever to the Lamb. We'll the song forever and amen.

*Chorus*

Hear Your people sing Holy to the King of Kings Holy  
You will always be Holy. Holy forever

Your name is the highest. Your name is the greatest  
Your name stands above them all. All thrones and dominions  
All powers and positions. Your name stands above them all (x2)

*Chorus*

Hear Your people sing Holy to the King of Kings Holy  
You will always be Holy. Holy forever. You will always be Holy. Holy forever.

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## **Believe For It**

They say this mountain can't be moved. They say these chains will never  
break. But they don't know You like we do. There is power in Your name

We've heard that there is no way through. We've heard the tide will never  
change. They haven't seen what You can do There is power in Your name. So  
much power in Your name

*Chorus:* Move the immovable. Break the unbreakable God we believe.  
God we believe for it. From the impossible we'll see a miracle.  
God we believe. God we believe for it

We know that hope is never lost Oh for there is still an empty grave. God we  
believe no matter what There is power in Your name. So much power in Your  
name

*Chorus*

You are the way when there seems to be no way We trust in You God

You have the final say (x3)

*Chorus*

You said it. I believe it. You said it. It is done. (X3)

*Chorus*

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## **Hymn of Heaven**

How I long to breathe the air of Heaven,  
Where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets,  
To look upon the one who bled to save me and walk with Him for all eternity

*Chorus:* There will be a day when all will bow before Him  
There will be a day when death will be no more  
Standing face to face with He who died and rose again, Holy, holy is the Lord  
And ev'ry prayer we prayed in desperation, The songs of faith we sang  
through doubt and fear, In the end we'll see that it was worth it  
When He returns to wipe away our tears

*Chorus*

And on that day we join the resurrection, And stand beside the heroes  
of the faith, With one voice a thousand generations  
Sing worthy is the Lamb who was slain, Forever He shall reign

*Chorus*

So let it be today we shout the hymn of Heaven  
With angels and the Saints we raise a mighty roar  
Glory to our God who gave us life beyond the grave  
Holy, holy is the Lord. Holy, holy is the Lord. Holy, holy is the Lord.

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## **The Blessing**

*Verse:* The Lord bless you and keep you  
Make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you  
The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace (x2)

*Chorus:* Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen

*Verse*

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