

SERMON SERIES:  
KNOWING WHERE YOU'RE GOING

LIVING  
*for Life*

THEREFORE CHOOSE LIFE,  
THAT YOU AND YOUR  
OFFSPRING MAY LIVE  
DEUTERONOMY 30:19



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*Transfiguration of Our Lord* – January 21 2024

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

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## GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Songs **“Believe For It”**

**“Stronger”**

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:

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Children's Sermon

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Sermon **“Living for Life”**

## GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Song **“No Longer Slaves”**

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

## 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 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.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.

**January 7 General Offering: \$3639.00 Attendance: 139**

**Musician** Shirley Johnson

**Greeters** Jan 21—Derek & Wendy Wollman

Jan 28—Zach & Lizzy Warejcka

Feb 4—Mick & Sharon Warejcka

**Ushers** Jan 21 & 28—Chad Johnson & Jason Huizenga

Feb 4—Jeff Olsen & Kyle Meyerink

**Coffee Cookie Servers**

Jan 21—Dawn Konstanz, Jeanne Kott, Traci Kott

Jan 28—No Cookies – Annual Meeting/Potluck

Feb 4—Peggy Martin, Erynn Meyerink, Tricia Meyerink

**Happy belated birthday to Moe Johnson** who celebrated turning 99 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 21. 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.

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. Alpha, an eleven-week course, has an outstanding track record for leading unchurched people to Christ and greatly increasing the faith of those who are churchied.

**On Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**, 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** is postponed until Thursday, February 15

**Hannah Bible Study Group** meets Thursday, January 25 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 next 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 28<sup>th</sup> due to annual meeting.

**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.

*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.

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

**The Vine's Table** will have their Egg bake meal on Feb 10 starting to serve at 11:30. This free meal is available to all who is 50 and older. Please join us for fellowship and Bingo afterwards!

# 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 Mary Beth & Larry Kuiper's daughter-in-law, Erica, their son, Mike, and their entire family. Erica had major surgery on January 18th to battle aggressive breast cancer. Please pray for her swift recovery, free from infections and complications. Pray for them to know the Lord's peace in this trial and for them to fully feel His love, comfort, strength, and joy throughout her recovery.
- Please keep Mike Erickson in your prayers. He resumed chemo treatments on January 17th -19<sup>th</sup> and will start his next course of treatment on January 31st. Pray the chemo kills the cancer without side effects and that he would soon be cancer free. Pray the Lord would grant him restful sleep, a good appetite, and relief from his back pain, while holding Mike in His arms of peace & love.
- Please keep Ken Mason in your prayers. He is currently in Room 112 at the Platte Hospital, awaiting surgery in Sioux Falls on Monday on his right leg. Pray for the slight infection in his leg to clear up completely by Monday and for the Lord to guide Ken's medical team through a successful surgery. Pray for Ken to know the Lord's comfort & peace throughout this process and to come out on the other side stronger than ever.
- 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 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.

## **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. (repeat)

*Chorus*

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## **Stronger**

There is Love that came for us; Humbled to a sinner's cross  
You broke my shame and sinfulness, You rose again victorious  
Faithfulness none can deny; Through the storm & through the fire  
There is truth that sets me free; Jesus Christ who lives in me

*Chorus:*

You are stronger, You are stronger, Sin is broken, You have saved me  
It is written, Christ is risen; Jesus You are Lord of all

No beginning and no end; You're my hope and my defense  
You came to seek and save the lost, You paid it all upon the cross

*Chorus*

So let Your Name be lifted higher. Be lifted higher. Be lifted higher (x2)

*Chorus*

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## **No Longer Slaves**

You unravel me, with a melody; You surround me with a song  
Of deliverance, from my enemies; Till all my fears have gone

*Chorus:* I'm no longer a slave to fear. I am a child of God  
I'm no longer a slave to fear. I am a child of God

From my mother's womb; You have chosen me Love has called my name;  
I've been born again, into your family Your blood flows through my veins

*Chorus x2*

You split the sea so I could walk right through it  
My fears are drowned in perfect love  
You rescued me so could I stand and sing. I am child of God.

You split the sea so I could walk right through it  
You drowned my fears in perfect love  
You rescued me so I could stand and sing  
I am a child of God. I am a child of God.  
I am a child of God. I am a child of God.

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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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