



Lutheran Congregations  
in Mission for Christ

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Platte, South Dakota

**9:30 AM Worship – 10:45 AM Sunday School**

*3 Epiphany*

January 26, 2020

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## The Prelude

### GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

#### Welcome & Announcements

#### Song “**Reckless Love**”

Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me.  
You have been so, so good to me.  
Before I took a breath, You breathed Your life in me.  
You have been so, so kind to me.

#### *Chorus*

O, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God.  
O, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, Leaves the ninety-nine.  
I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it, Still You give Yourself away.  
O, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God. yeah

When I was Your foe, still Your love fought for me.  
You have been so, so good to me.  
When I felt no worth, You paid it all for me.  
You have been so, so kind to me.

And O, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God.  
O, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, Leaves the ninety-nine.  
I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it, Still You give Yourself away.  
O, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God. yeah

There's no shadow You won't light up,  
Mountain You won't climb up, Coming after me.  
There's no wall You won't kick down,  
Lie You won't tear down, Coming after me.

#### *Chorus*

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## Confession

P: Let us pray.

**P & C: Eternal God, since ancient times, seekers after wisdom have sought You and found You. By a marvelous star You led the kings of the east to Jesus, the Light of the World. You have also led us to the Light. Give us wisdom**

**Lord, to be wise men and women, that always seek after You. May we worship and obey You alone. Help us flee the darkness of sin. Please forgive us for the times we still live in darkness. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

Forgiveness

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

**GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS HOLY WORD**

Isaiah 9:1-4

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1 Corinthians 1:10-18

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Shirley Johnson

Reader: The Word of God for the people of God

**C: Thanks be to God**

Children's Sermon

Song "**Ancient Words**"

Holy words long preserved; For our walk in this world;  
They resound with God's own heart,  
O, let the ancient words impart;

Words of life, words of hope, Give us strength, help us cope;  
In this world where'er we roam,  
Ancient words will guide us home.

Ancient words, ever true, Changing me, and changing you;  
We have come with open hearts,  
O let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith; Handed down to this age,  
Came to us through sacrifice;  
O, heed the faithful Words of Christ;

Holy words long preserved; For our walk in this world;  
They resound with God's own heart;

Ancient words, ever true, Changing me, and changing you;  
We have come with open hearts,  
O let the ancient words impart.  
O let the ancient words impart.

Sermon **"Jesus Calls"**

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Song **"Who You Say I Am"**

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me  
I was lost but He brought me in  
Oh His love for me; Oh His love for me

Who the Son sets free  
Oh is free indeed, I'm a child of God  
Yes I am

Free at last; He has ransomed me  
His grace runs deep while I was a slave to sin  
Jesus died for me  
Yes He died for me

*Chorus:*

Who the Son sets free; Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God; Yes I am  
In my Father's house there's a place for me  
I'm a child of God; Yes I am

I am chosen not forsaken; I am who You say I am  
You are for me not against me; I am who You say I am (x3)

*Chorus*

In my Father's house there's a place for me  
I'm a child of God;  
Yes I am

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Offering

Offertory

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with your free Spirit.

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing

GOD CALLS US TO SERVE

Song “My Lighthouse”

In my wrestling, and in my doubts,  
In my failures, You won't walk out.  
Your great love will lead me through;  
You are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa oh,  
You are the peace in my troubled sea.

In the silence You won't let go  
In the questions Your truth will hold  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

*Chorus*

My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse, Shining in the darkness,  
I will follow You! Oh, my Lighthouse, my Lighthouse,  
I will trust the promise: You will carry me safe to shore,  
Safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore.

I won't fear what tomorrow brings  
With each morning I'll rise and sing  
My God's love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

*Chorus*

Fire before us, You're the brightest  
You will lead us through the storms (x3)

*Chorus*

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P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
C: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

ENTER TO WORSHIP – DEPART TO SERVE

Welcome to all who have come to worship with us today!  
If you are a visitor, please sign the guest book in the church narthex.

<b>Greeters:</b>	Rick & Lisa Johnson
<b>Ushers:</b>	Chad & Coby Johnson
<b>Musicians:</b>	Praise Team

**The pastor and deacons are available for visitation and pastoral care.**

***Patients or a family member, please notify the office  
when admitted to the hospital if you like a visit***

January 19	Attendance: 112	General Offering: \$1988.50
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*Church 337-3881 or [tlcoffice@midstatesd.net](mailto:tlcoffice@midstatesd.net) or [www.tlcplattesd.org](http://www.tlcplattesd.org)  
or contact one of the deacons: LeRoy Severson (682-8052)  
Shirley Johnson (337-2222) or Tana Huizenga (337-2262)*

**Assisted Listening Devices are available if you having difficulty  
hearing the service. Please notify an usher if you would like one.**

This Week's Events		
January 28	9:00 AM	Prayer Group
February 2	9:30 AM	Worship – Communion – Church Council Installation
	10:45 AM	Sunday School

**Blessings to Nevaeh and Raelyn Severson** who were baptized today! Nevaeh and Raelyn are the daughters of Jennifer Severson. Their sponsors are Ashley Sullivan and TJ Anderson. The roses on the altar today is in honor of Nevaeh and Raelyn.

**Trinity Lutheran's Congregational Annual Meeting** will be today **10:30 AM** following morning worship. There will be no Sunday school or coffee/cookie fellowship time but we invite you to stay for the potluck following the meeting.

First Bible classes for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will begin on **Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> from 3:45-4:45 pm**. Classes will follow on the next 3 Wednesdays (February 4, 11, 18). The church gives a Faith Alive Student Bible to each third grader. Important Bible verses from each book of the Bible will highlighted during class with Pastor Ron. One parent is encouraged to attend class with your child to assist in finding verses. Bibles will be presented in church on **Sunday, February 23** during morning worship.

The installation of the 2020 Church Council will be next **Sunday, February 2**.

Please have information turned in for the February newsletter by Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

Thrivent Members: The deadline to direct your **2019 Thrivent Choice Dollars is March 31<sup>st</sup>**. The bulletin insert gives detail directions on how to direct yours. New Hope is a registered recipient of these Choice Dollars, so if you like, you can direct those funds to New Hope!

We encourage you to bring new soap in the original wrappers for the WOW February Mission project. Collection boxes will be in the narthex and fellowship hall.

The boxes at Trinity will be out again. Because of the great need in Sioux Falls and the giving spirit of the people of this community, we will put the boxes out in the narthex of Trinity Lutheran Church in March and September.

We took at least 10 pickup loads to places in Sioux Falls, and sometimes the places we take items to didn't have enough storage so we went to several different ones. This fall we delivered to Union Gospel Mission, Kingdom Boundaries, Family Connection, Glory House, Center of Hope, Children's Inn and Furniture Mission.

Everything was very much appreciated. Just watch the paper and Facebook to know when the boxes will be available. Thanks again for your cooperation.

*Correction to Platte Community student ministry report in the annual report: It unintentionally left out that Pastor Dan Daum is still a mentor at the high school youth group and has been for many, many years.*

Date	Ushers	Greeters	Coffee/Cookie Servers
Feb 2	Lee Hanten & Jeff Olsen	Melissa & Kara Johnson	Karen DeGroot, Josie DeHaan, Whitney DeHaan
Feb 9	Lee Hanten & Jeff Olsen	Jason & Tana Huizenga	Connie Kirsch, Jonna DeHaan, Nicole DeVries
Feb 16	Eldon Qualm & Toby Qualm	Joan Hoversten & Bonnie Ringling	Karen Dimick, Darcie DuFrain, Jan DuFrain
Feb 23	Eldon Qualm & Toby Qualm	Jim & Kathy Holter	Karis DuFrain, Alison Dykstra, Linda Ellwanger

## **Search Committee Minutes 01/19/2020:**

The committee met Sunday after worship. The final candidate, of the four finalists, finished his second interview on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Since then members have reviewed notes from interviews, listened to sermons from finalists and prayed about the upcoming decision. Discussion was held regarding the strengths and weakness of each candidate. The group felt it was imperative to proceed not on our own personal preferences, but to make the decision according to needs of congregation. The committee did agree on one candidate to recommend to the council for a visit.

The committee prepared the following proposed timeline (this was prepared under the guidance of LCMC).

- 1) Will report candidate's name to council for consideration.
- 2) Conduct Background check on candidate. (standard procedure from LCMC)
- 3) Arrange a time for candidate and family to come to Platte for a weekend.
- 4) Have candidate meet with council (perhaps on Saturday).
- 5) Introduce candidate at Sunday worship and have him speak/preach.
- 6) After Sunday worship, have a fellowship time where members can meet and greet candidate and his family.
- 7) Call committee will meet with candidate again after meet and greet for additional questions.
- 8) Hold congregational meeting and vote to see if congregation will pass the resolution to call candidate. (required by church constitution)
- 9) If congregation passes motion to call candidate, prepare a letter to call candidate.

The committee sincerely hopes the congregation will participate in this process physically and also spiritually by opening their ears, minds and hearts to new pastoral leadership.