

SERMON SERIES:
KNOWING WHERE YOU'RE GOING

SECURE *Sheep*



I AM THE GATE;
WHOEVER ENTERS THROUGH ME
WILL BE SAVED.

JOHN 10:9



PO Box 427 - 500 S Penn Ave

Pastor Dave Martin

5 Epiphany – February 4, 2024

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

GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

Welcome & Announcements

Church Council Installation

Insert

Opening Prayer

Songs “**Blessed Assurance**”

GHF 255

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 34:17-22

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Romans 10:5-11

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Children's Sermon

Song “**Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus**”

GHF 204

Sermon Text: John 10:7-18, 22-30

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Sermon “**Secure Sheep**”

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Song “**I Surrender All**”

GHF 394

Nicene 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 "O God of Mercy, God of Light"

LBW 425

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, cookies and fellowship following the service.***

We are back to passing the offering plate during our morning worship. You can give both to our general, mission or building funds. Simply note 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.tlclplattsd.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 28 General Offering: \$3745.00 **Attendance:** 98

Greeters Feb 4—Mick & Sharon Warejcka

Feb 11—Jay & Deb VanDerWerff

Feb 18—Joyce VanderHam & Bonnie Ringling

Feb 25—Jim & Sue Vanderboom

Communion Servers Donna Boysen, Alisha Nachtigal, Tony Schrank

Ushers Feb 4 & 11—Jeff Olsen & Kyle Meyerink

Feb 18 & 25—Eldon Qualm & Toby Qualm

Coffee Cookie Servers

Feb 4—Peggy Martin, Erynn Meyerink, Tricia Meyerink

Feb 11—Alisha Nachtigal, Donna Nelson, Nicki Nelson

Feb 18—Allie Nelson, Paula Nelson, Susan Nelson

Feb 25—Jackie Olsen, Vicky Pavlis, Dee Rasmussen

The installation of the 2024 Church Council will be during worship today during worship.

Reminder for those who have signed up, **the Platte Community Alpha** officially **begins today, February 4th at 6:30 PM** at New Hope Christian Camp and Retreat Center.

On Monday, February 5, we will continue 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.

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.

Join us for our **Soup Supper on Wednesday, February 7**. We will be serving homemade soups, sandwiches and desserts from 5-7 pm in our fellowship hall. We hope you can make it!

Men, **please join us Saturday, February 10 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.

On **Monday, February 12** we will be putting quilts together for our **Sleep in Heavenly Peace project**. We have 20 some tops sewed so will have a busy day starting at 10AM. Come when you can and leave when you must. We will certainly appreciate your help. You do not need to be able to sew but if you can tie a knot you can help. A noon luncheon will be provided.

Lenten Services to Begin February 14th

February 14th is not only Valentine's Day, but also **Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of the Lenten season**. To celebrate, we will be holding two services that day. The first will be held at **Twilight Vista at 2:00 PM**. During this service, we will sing several Lenten songs, learn about the significance of ashes, be able to receive the imposition of ashes, read three scriptures, have a short message, pray, share Holy Communion, and fellowship with the residents.

Our second service of the day will be at **TLC at 6:00 PM**. The order of service will be like the service at Twilight Vista, but we will not have Holy Communion. We are meeting early so our service does not interfere with that night's Senior High Youth Group.

Beginning Monday, February 19th at 2:30 PM, we will alternate Monday Lenten services between Avera Care Center and Twilight Vista. February 19th, March 4th, and March 18th the services will be at Avera Care Center, while on February 26th, March 11th, and March 25th the services will be at Twilight Vista. These services will be like the Ash Wednesday service at Twilight Vista but will not have the teaching on ashes or the imposition of ashes.

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!

Helping Hands Food Pantry would like to thank everyone for their support in donating food, money and other methods of supporting our ministry. This year has been amazing and we continue to be grateful. So many people help in so many ways. Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow. -Helping Hands Community Pantry

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:

- Praise God Diane Gilbertz's brother-in-law, Ron Steffen, is out of ICU and will soon be placed in a swing bed unit for physical therapy. Doctors believe his weakness was the result of an extreme lack of vitamin B12 and magnesium. Please pray the Lord would completely restore Ron's health and strength and would give him, his wife, Dona, and their daughters, Kristen and Kelli, the peace that surpasses all understanding.
- Praise God Karsen Foxley continues to do well on his medication. He has had a couple of minor episodes since going home, but for the most part is doing well. Please pray the Lord would bring his heart rate into a constant, stable range and that Karsen, Blake, Mica, Mychael, and Willa would feel the Lord's presence, comfort, strength, and love.
- Praise God Ken Mason is recovering well from his leg surgery. He is now in Room 112 at the Platte Hospital to receive physical therapy. Please pray he will be strong enough to return to his apartment soon, and feels the Lord's comfort, strength, love, and peace throughout.
- Please continue to pray for Laura Johnson. She is at Good Samaritan Village for rehab, and will go from there to a long-term care facility. Please pray for her and her loved ones to feel the Lord's hand in this trial. Pray for Laura to adjust quickly to rehab and to long-term care. Pray she would make good friends at both facilities and could feel at home at each of them. **Laura Johnson's new address** is Good Samaritan Village, 3901 S Marion Rod Room #803, Sioux Falls, SD 57106
- Praise God Mary Beth & Larry Kuiper's daughter-in-law, Erica, continues to do well. They have removed her drainage tubes, and she feels good. She has an appointment next week with an oncologist to determine what type of chemo they will use. Pray the chemo chosen will kill the cancer and leave her healthy cells alone. Pray for Erica, Mike, & their entire family to feel the Lord's powerful presence, strength, and comfort throughout.
- Praise God Mike Erickson continues to do well following his second round of chemo. Thank God Mike's back has quit hurting, and he is feeling good. Please pray the Lord will take away his insomnia and grant him good restful sleep at night. Pray He will also allow Mike to feel His comfort, love, peace, and strength throughout.
- 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 a few weeks ago. 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.
- 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.

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL

Pastor: The following persons have been elected by the Congregation to positions of leadership.

Pastor: St. Paul writes: "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served. There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives to everyone ability for particular service. The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person, for the good of all."

You have been elected to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation.

Pastor: On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you: Are you ready to accept and faithfully to carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected?

Responder: Yes, with the help of God.

Pastor: People of God, I ask you: Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

Congregation: Yes, with the help of God.

Prayer

Pastor: May God bless you with the Holy Spirit, that you may prove faithful servants of Christ.

Responder: Amen.

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