



SERMON SERIES:
KNOWING WHERE YOU'RE GOING

OPENING THE FLOODGATES OF HEAVEN

THEN ONCE MORE YOU SHALL
SEE THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN
THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE
WICKED, BETWEEN ONE WHO
SERVES GOD AND ONE WHO
DOES NOT SERVE HIM.

MALACHI 3:18





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6 Epiphany – February 11, 2024

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

GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Songs **“Holy Is the Lord”**

“Hymn of Heaven”

Confession & Forgiveness

P & C: Our father in heaven, forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lord, we confess to you this morning that all too often we say these words with our mouths but fail to take them to heart. We do not forgive others as you have forgiven us. We become complacent in our own sin and do not seek your forgiveness as we should. But it was our sin that caused you to send your Son into the world. Forgive us.

Jesus it was my sin you bore on my cross. We confess that we take for granted your pain, your suffering, and your rejection that should have been ours. Forgive us.

Oh, Holy Spirit, regularly we resist your work within our hearts and in our lives. Yet you have called us to faith. Call us now to true repentance as we confess. . .

(Time of silent reflection)

P: God loved the world so much, God loved me so much, that He sent his only Son into the world to take our sin upon himself and suffer the penalty of death for us. We are forgiven for Christ's sake. Through Christ's death, we have died to sin. And now Jesus lives, and in him we have been given new life!

P & C: Hallelujah! He lives!

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS HOLY WORD

Scripture Lessons:

1 Timothy 6:17-19

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Luke 2:1-4

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Children's Sermon

Sermon **“Opening the Floodgates of Heaven”**

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Song **“Ancient Words”** with **“There is None Like You”**

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 **“Step by Step”**

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 begin a sermon series **“Blessed to Be a Blessing.”** ***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.tlclplatted.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.

February 4 General Offering: \$6115.00 Attendance: 116

Greeters Feb 11—Jay & Deb VanDerWerff

Feb 18—Joyce VanderHam & Bonnie Ringling

Feb 25—Jim & Sue Vanderboom

Ushers Feb 11—Jeff Olsen & Kyle Meyerink

Feb 18 & 25—Eldon Qualm & Toby Qualm

Coffee Cookie Servers

Feb 11—Alisha Nachtigal, Donna Nelson, Nicki Nelson

Feb 18—Allie Nelson, Paula Nelson, Susan Nelson

Feb 25—Jackie Olsen, Vicky Pavlis, Dee Rasmussen

ALPHA group will not meet tonight. We are taking the night off with Super Bowl tonight. Our next meeting will be next Sunday, February 18 at 6:30 PM at New Hope Christian Camp.

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.

On Monday, February 12, 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.

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 Ash Wednesday 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.

Priscilla Bible Study Group meets Thursday, February 15 at 9:00 AM Studying Lesson 1 & 2 in new Bible Study Book

Lesson Leader: Shirley Johnson, Hostess: Paula Nelson

Hannah Bible Study Group meets Thursday, February 15 at 1:30 PM Studying Lesson 2 in new Bible Study Book

Lesson Leader: Peggy Martin, Hostess: Caroline Butler

Men, please join us Saturday, February 17 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.

The February mission fund offering will be designated towards the **God's Way Christian School and will be taken Sunday, February 18.** God's Way Christian School serves the orphans and vulnerable children in an informal settlement in Morogoro, Tanzania. Through the transformative Gospel, GWCS is nurturing a generation in the knowledge of Christ. Checks can be written out to "Trinity Lutheran Church" or you can give online through Breeze and choose "Mission Fund."

In spite of the unseasonably warm weather we've had in the area, the Platte Area Ministerial Association wants to extend a reminder that **the Ministerial Association has funds available to assist with paying for heating homes** when the cold weather returns. These funds are available to anyone in the area who may be experiencing financial challenges, regardless of the weather. To receive assistance, individuals may contact the minister at any of the churches in Platte or Geddes or Academy. During this challenging time, it is important to stay healthy and warm.

Looking ahead

February 12: 10 AM "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" Quilting Project

1:00-2:15 PM Bible Study – Gospel of John

February 14: 2:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service @ Twilight Vista

6:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service @ Trinity

February 15: 9:00 AM Priscilla Bible Study Group

1:30 PM Hannah Bible Study Group

February 17: 7 AM Men's Bible Study

February 18: Worship with Communion

MFO Offering – God's Way Christian School

10:45 AM Sunday School

2:30 PM Nursing Home Hymn Sing

6:30 PM Alpha

February 19: 1:00-2:15 PM Bible Study – Gospel of John

2:30 PM Lenten Service @ Avera

7:00 PM Church Council Meeting

February 24: 7 AM Men's Bible Study

February 25: 9:30 AM Worship

10:45 AM Sunday School

February 26: 1:00-2:15 PM Bible Study – Gospel of John

2:30 PM Lenten Service @ Twilight Vista

March 10: 9:30 AM Worship – Children's Worship Sunday

March 17: 5:00 PM Messiah in the Passover

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 keep Grayson Qualm, son of Cody & Rebecca Qualm, & brother to Blake & Lyndy in your prayers. He has been diagnosed with RSV & pneumonia & is currently on medication at home. Please pray the Lord will watch over & heal Grayson & restore him to full health soon. Please also pray for Cody's grandmother, Phyllis Qualm, asking God to protect her from any more seizures & to help her feel like her old self again. Pray this entire family would know the Lord's peace that surpasses all understanding & would walk in His comfort, love, & strength.
- Please pray for Mary Lee Erickson, who is hospitalized at the Platte Hospital with Covid-like symptoms. Pray the Lord would heal her of every symptom and restore her strength and energy levels. Pray she and all her loved ones would feel the Lord's close-abiding comfort, love, peace, and strength.
- Please pray for Caroline Peterson, who is hospitalized at the Platte Hospital with Covid-like symptoms. Pray the Lord would break off every symptom from her and restore her to full health and strength. Pray for her & her family to know the Lord's peace & love in this trial.
- Praise God Diane Gilbertz's brother-in-law, Ron Steffen, is now in the swing bed unit at Platte Hospital undergoing physical therapy. Please pray for the Lord to bless Ron's PT, to bolster his deficiencies in vitamin B12 & magnesium, & to restore his strength & energy levels. 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 Mary Beth & Larry Kuiper's daughter-in-law, Erica, continues to do well & to feel good. Pray the Lord would bless her chemo treatments, which begin February 27th & run one a week for 12 weeks. Pray the chemo would effectively kill the cancer while sparing her from unwanted side effects. 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. Please pray his back pain will go away permanently & 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 this trial.

- Praise God Ken Mason is recovering well from his leg surgery. He is now in Room 112 at the Platte Hospital receiving antibiotic IVs to fight off infection. Though this increases his time in the hospital, Ken is thankful for this additional time in the hospital, believing it will enable him to return home strong enough to live independently. Pray he receives a good report at his doctor's appointment on February 13th & that he feels the Lord's close-abiding presence throughout.
- 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.

Holy is the Lord

We stand and lift up our hands, For the joy of the Lord is our strength.
We bow down and worship Him now; How great, how awesome is He!
And together we sing, Everyone sing.

Chorus: Holy is the Lord, God Almighty,
The earth is filled with His glory.
Holy is the Lord, God Almighty,
The earth is filled with His glory,
The earth is filled with His glory. *(repeat all)*

It is rising up all around, It's the anthem of the Lord's renown.
It's rising up all around, It's the anthem of the Lord's renown.
And together we sing, Everyone sing.

Chorus

Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty. Holy, holy.
Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty. Holy, holy.

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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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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; O, let the ancient words impart;

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

(repeat)

O let the ancient words impart.

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There is None Like You

There is none like You,

No one else can touch my heart like You do.

I could search for all eternity long and find there is none like You.

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Step By Step

O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.

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Chorus: I will seek You in the morning,

And I will learn to walk in Your ways;

And step by step You'll lead me,

And I will follow You all of my days. *(repeat all)*

Chorus

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