

SERMON SERIES:
BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING

*Taking
the Worry
out of Your
Retirement Plan*

FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS,
THERE YOUR HEART WILL BE ALSO.

MATTHEW 6:21



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1 Lent – February 18, 2024

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

GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Song “**You Servants of God**”

LBW 252

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:

Proverbs 11:25-27

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2 Corinthians 8:12-16

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Children’s Sermon

Song “**When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**”

LBW 482

Sermon **“Taking the Worry Out of Your Retirement Plan”**

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Song **“Lord, Speak to Us, that We May Speak”**

LBW 403

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 **“When Morning Guilds the Skies”** (vs. 1-4)

LBW 546

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 **“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.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.

February 11 General Offering: \$2821.00 Attendance: 105

Greeters Feb 18—Joyce VanderHam & Bonnie Ringling

Feb 25—Jim & Sue Vanderboom

Ushers Feb 18 & 25—Eldon Qualm & Toby Qualm

Communion Servers Donna Boysen, Alisha Nachtigal, Tony Schrank

Coffee Cookie Servers

Feb 18—Allie Nelson, Paula Nelson, Susan Nelson

Feb 25—Jackie Olsen, Vicky Pavlis, Dee Rasmussen

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.

There will be no Sunday School music today, Sunday February 18th due to no teachers. Sunday school class will begin at 10:45 and release at 11:30.

The February mission fund offering will be designated towards the **God’s Way Christian School and will be taken today 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.”

Join us for a **hymn sing** at the Avera Care Center today Sunday, February 18 at 2:30 pm. We will have a time of hymns, a devotion and a time of fellowship with the residents with coffee and goodies.

ALPHA group will meet tonight at 6:30 PM at New Hope Christian Camp.

Children’s Worship Sunday has been moved to Sunday, March 10

Lenten Worship Service Times

Date	Time	Location
Monday, February 19	2:30 PM	Avera Care Center
Monday, February 26	2:30 PM	Twilight Vista
Monday, March 4	2:30 PM	Avera Care Center
Monday, March 11	2:30 PM	Twilight Vista
Monday, March 18	2:30 PM	Avera Care Center
Monday, March 25	2:30 PM	Twilight Vista

On Monday, February 19, 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.

Church Council meets this Monday, February 19th at 7 PM.

Men, **please join us Saturday, February 24 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.

Thank you to all the people for donations and all the help to make the soup supper a success! We cleared \$3500 to give to Wings & Hope! See the Wings & Hope thank you below. ~ WOW co-presidents

A sincere thank you to the Trinity Women for the generous donation of \$3500 to the local Wings & Hope Cancer Fund. The women's group graciously donated proceeds from their Soup, Sandwich and Dessert Supper to our group. What a wonderful surprise! This will definitely help cancer patients with out-of-pocket expenses while they dealing with cancer.

Again, we so appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness.
Wings & Hope Cancer Fund, Box 192, Platte, SD 57369

On Sunday, March 17th, at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall, Neal Surasky of Chosen People Ministries will lead us through a Passover celebration as most Jews would celebrate it today. He will walk us through a Seder meal, explaining the significance of each dish and each cup of wine used, as the congregation samples them with him. Neal is a messianic Jew, a Jew who believes in Jesus Christ. As he walks us through the Seder meal, he will not only explain what the Jews believe about each part of the meal, he will also show how the meal points emphatically to Jesus Christ as the Messiah. Understanding the celebration of Passover and understanding Passover as a foreshadowing of what was coming through Jesus Christ dramatically enhances our understanding of the Messiah.

Following Neal's presentation, the congregation will do as a Jewish family does. Once we have completed the ceremonial celebration of Passover, we will eat a full-blown Passover banquet meal.

Banquet Menu

- Matzo Ball Chicken Soup • Roast Lamb • Potato Kugel (Potato Casserole) • Tzimmes (Mixed Fruit and Vegetables in a traditional Jewish sauce) • Matzo (Unleavened Cracker Bread) • Fresh Strawberries with Whipped Cream and Macaroons
- Grape Juice, Water, Coffee

If you plan to attend, we need you to either 1) sign up on the sheet that will soon be posted on the bulletin board near the Fellowship Hall, or 2) email the office at tlcplattes@gmail.com by **Sunday, March 3**.

If you are someone who enjoys cooking or serving food and would like to assist with the meal, please email the office and we will contact you.

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.

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 Grayson Qualm, son of Cody & Rebecca Qualm, & brother to Blake & Lyndy, has recovered well from his bout with RSV & pneumonia. Praise God as well for the great improvement in Cody's grandmother, Phyllis Qualm. The family thanks you for your prayers & for your kindness in remembering them.
- Praise God Diane Gilbertz's brother-in-law, Ron Steffen, is home again & doing well. Thank God for healing Ron & protecting him in his illness. Thank Him as well for allowing Ron & his loved ones to feel His peace as they went through this trial. Doctors were never able to pinpoint what caused him to feel so weak.
- Praise God Mary Lee Erickson & Caroline Peterson were able to return to Twilight Vista last week after a short stint in the hospital with Covid-like symptoms. Please pray they will continue to grow stronger & feel better & that they would know the Lord's close-abiding presence & love throughout.
- 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 third round of chemo. Thank God his back pain has lessened considerably. Please pray it 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.
- Please pray for Laura Johnson, who will be at Good Samaritan Village for another 2-3 weeks, in rehab, and then, will most likely go to a Good Samaritan facility for long-term care. Pray she would adjust well to the change in facilities and that she might make good friends at both places. Please also pray for her daughter, Mary, & her husband, Tom, who was recently released from the hospital after a long bout with influenza & pulmonary fibrosis. Thank God he was able to return to work. Please pray he continues to grow stronger & feel better with each passing day.

- Ken Mason received a good report at his doctor's appointment February 13th. His right leg is recovering well from surgery & his doctor doesn't think his left leg will need surgery for at least a year. However, the trip to Sioux Falls & all the testing really took a toll on Ken's strength & energy levels. Please pray the Lord would renew his strength & energy, would expedite his healing, & would eradicate any infection in his body. Pray he would be able to go home soon & could continue to live independently, & that he would feel the Lord's close-abiding presence, love, & comfort.
- 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.