

SERMON SERIES:
BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING

Planning for an Abundant Harvest



2 CORINTHIANS 9:8
AND GOD IS ABLE TO MAKE ALL GRACE ABOUND
TO YOU, SO THAT HAVING ALL SUFFICIENCY
IN ALL THINGS AT ALL TIMES,
YOU MAY ABOUND IN EVERY GOOD WORK.



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2 Lent – February 25, 2024

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

GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Songs “All Who Are Thirsty”

“Psalm 62”

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:

Deuteronomy 15:7-11

Matthew 6:1-4

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Children's Sermon

Sermon **“Planning for an Abundant Harvest”**

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Song **“Gratitude”**

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 **“Desert Song”**

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.

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February 18 General Offering: \$2264.00 Attendance: 101

MFO – God’s Way Christian School: \$310

Greeters Feb 25—Jim & Sue Vanderboom

March 3—Aaron & Emily VandenHoek

March 10—Scott & Laura Vanden Berge

March 17—Randy & Marla Tegethoff

Ushers Feb 25—Eldon Qualm & Toby Qualm

March 3—Darrel Hildebrand & Jim Holter

March 10—Confirmation Students

March 17—Darrel Hildebrand & Jim Holter

Coffee Cookie Servers

Feb 25—Jackie Olsen, Vicky Pavlis, Dee Rasmussen

March 3—LouAnn Qualm, Wendy Qualm, Rebecca Qualm

March 10—Nicki Reiser, Amy Ringling, Mary Ringling

March 17—Sharon Rommen, Brittany Ruen, Chelsey Schrank

Platte Community Alpha will meet tonight at 6:30 PM at New Hope Christian Camp.

Monday, February 26 from 1:00-2:15 PM, we will continue a Bible Study on the book of John. 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.

Lenten Worship Service Times

Date	Time	Location
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

Weekly Men’s breakfast and Bible study is **Saturday, March 2 at 7 AM** in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast and then in 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.

Children's Worship Sunday: Please take note that the children's worship Sunday has been moved to Sunday March 10. The Sunday School students will be participating in the worship service through ushering, the Children's Sermon, reading Scripture, and special music.

On Sunday, March 17th, at 5:00 PM in the Trinity Lutheran 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 tlcplattsd@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.

It's time to start to sign up for camp for summer 2024!

New Hope Christian Camp: Registration is open! Sign up before March 1st for the early bird discount (\$25 off)

Victory Center Bible Camp: registration opens March 1st & fills up very quickly

Byron Bible Camp: opens soon! More details to come

More information can be found on the camps' websites. Contact the Camping Committee if you have any questions: Chelsey Schrank, Tricia Meyerink or Wendy Wollman

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.

Men's Chorus Festival

The Dakota Jubilee and four other men's choirs from other communities will come together for a night of music on Sunday, February 25th at 7 pm at the Tripp High School gym. All four choirs will perform separately, as well as the full group of about 60 voices. The public is invited to share in a great night of music!

St. Peter's Catholic Church Soup Supper is Wednesday, February 28 serving from 5-7 Pm in their fellowship hall. Homemade soups, sandwiches & bars. Everyone is welcome. Freewill offering.

Attention Young People: On Wednesday, Feb 28, Rachel Jones from Zoe Care Pregnancy Center will speak to the youth in Charles Mix, Douglas and Aurora Counties about her work. Your youth group is invited. The event will be at the Dakota Christian School Gym at 7:00 PM. Lunch will be served afterwards. See you there!

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 Riley Ringling, son of Dalton & Emily Ringling, & grandson of Ross & Amy Ringling, is home from the hospital and recovering well from his bout with RSV. Please continue to pray for him that his recovery would be complete and no one else in the family would catch it. The family thanks you for your prayers & for your kindness in remembering them.
- Praise God Sue Qualm Davis's surgery went well on Tuesday. She is now in a rehab hospital for at least 10 days & will be on antibiotic infusions for 8 weeks. Hopefully, at the end of the infusions, they will be able to put in a new hip. Pray Sue & her husband, Denny, would know the Lord's close-abiding comfort, love, and strength throughout her recovery.
- Praise God Ken Mason was able to return home February 22nd after 45 days in the hospital. Please pray he can return to living independently with no problems. Pray they will soon have his infection completely in check and he can discontinue the antibiotic IVs. Pray for him to know the Lord's comfort, love, & presence 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 his CT scan Feb. 26th would bring encouraging news. Pray the Lord will also allow Mike to feel His comfort, love, peace, and strength throughout this trial.
- Please pray for Jeanne Kott that the Lord would sovereignly heal her sciatica and take away the pain in her knee. Pray she would be able to sit and lay comfortably and that she would now be able to sleep restfully at night. Pray for Jeanne & Dave to feel the Lord's close-abiding comfort, presence, and love in all they do.

- 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.
- 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.
- Please continue to pray for Pastor Mike De Jager of the First Reformed Church in Platte. His last check-up came with an encouraging report. His numbers improved considerably and doctors are optimistic for his future treatments. Please pray he and his loved ones would know the Lord's peace & presence throughout this trial.

All Who Are Thirsty

All who are thirsty, all who are weak,
Come to the fountain. Dip your heart in the stream of life.
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away in the waves of His mercy
As deep cries out to deep. We sing

Chorus:

Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come. *(Repeat all)*

Holy Spirit, come. Holy Spirit, come.
As deep cries out to deep. We sing

Chorus

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Psalm 62

My soul finds rest in God alone, my rock and my salvation
A fortress strong against my foes and I will not be shaken
Though lips may bless and hearts may curse
And lies like arrows pierce me
I'll fix my heart on righteousness, I'll look to Him who hears me

Chorus: O praise Him, Hallelujah, my Delight and my Reward
Everlasting, never failing, my Redeemer, my God

Find rest, my soul, in God alone amid the world's temptations
When evil seeks to take a hold I'll cling to my salvation
Though riches come and riches go, don't set your heart upon them
The fields of hope in which I sow are harvested in heaven

Chorus

I'll set my gaze on God alone and trust in Him completely
With every day pour out my soul and He will prove His mercy
Though life is but a fleeting breath, a sigh too brief to measure
My King has crushed the curse of death and I am His forever

Chorus

O praise Him, O praise Him, Hallelujah, Hallelujah (x3)

Chorus

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Gratitude

All my words fall short. I got nothing new. How could I express all my gratitude? I could sing these songs as I often do
But every song must end and You never do

Chorus: So I throw up my hands and praise You again and again
'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah hallelujah
And I know it's not much but I've nothing else fit for a king
Except for a heart singing hallelujah! Hallelujah!

I've got one response. I've got just one move
With my arms stretched wide I will worship You

Chorus

So come on my soul Oh don't you get shy on me. Lift up your song 'Cause you've got a lion inside of those lungs. Get up and praise the Lord

Chorus

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Desert Song

This is my prayer in the desert and all that's within me feels dry
This is my prayer in the hunger in me My God is a God who provides
This is my prayer in the fire in weakness or trial or pain
There is a faith proved of more worth than gold
So refine me Lord through the flames

Chorus: I will bring praise; I will bring praise,
No weapon forged against me shall remain
I will rejoice; I will declare God is my victory and He is here

This is my prayer in the battle and triumph is still on its way
I am a conqueror and co-heir with Christ. So firm on His promise I'll stand

Chorus

All of my life, In every season You are still God
I have a reason to sing; I have a reason to worship (*repeat*)

Chorus

This is my prayer in the harvest when favor and providence flow
I know I'm filled to be emptied again the seed I've received I will sow

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