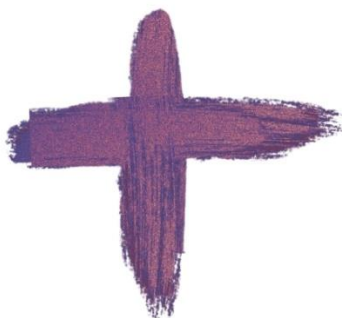


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SERMON SERIES:  
BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING

# Loving to Give; Giving to Love



LUKE 6:38

GIVE, AND IT WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU.  
GOOD MEASURE, PRESSED DOWN, SHAKEN  
TOGETHER, RUNNING OVER, WILL BE PUT INTO  
YOUR LAP. FOR WITH THE MEASURE YOU USE  
IT WILL BE MEASURED BACK TO YOU.

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**Pastor Dave Martin**

3 Lent – March 3, 2024

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

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## GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Song “**You Servants of God**”

**LBW 252**

Confession & Forgiveness of Sin:

P: Dear friends of Christ, in the shadow of our Savior's Holy Cross, we admit what God already knows: We have sinned against God in thought, word and deed. We have failed God by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. Let us pray.

**P & C: Most merciful God, I confess before you these, my brothers and sisters, that I have failed to take up my cross and follow Jesus. I have abused the gift of language by saying things I had no business saying and leaving unsaid things it was my duty to say. I have tried to possess that which does not properly belong to me. I have bent the truth to serve my own ends. I have not treated my neighbors the way I would wish my neighbors to treat me. For the sake of your risen Son, Jesus Christ, who died on the cross for the sins of the whole world, have mercy on me. Forgive what I have been, and show me what I may yet become.**

P: Jesus Christ was given to die on the cross for us, and raised to new life for us. Therefore we have also been raised to newness of life, pure and acceptable in the sight of God.

**C: Amen!**

## GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS HOLY WORD

Scripture Lessons:

Proverbs 3:27

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Galatians 6:6-10

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Children's Sermon

Song “**Jesus Paid It All**”

**GHF 125**

Sermon **“Loving to Give; Giving to Love”**

## GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Song **“Lamb of God”**

Nicene Creed

Offering

Offertory

God is so good, God is so good,

God is so good, He's so good to me.

Prayers of the Church

## CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Communion Blessing

## GOD CALLS US TO SERVE

Song **“We Give Thee but Thine Own”** (v. 1,2,4,6) **LBW 410**

Benediction

## ENTER TO WORSHIP – DEPART TO SERVE

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*email bulletin info by Thursdays 8 AM*

**Thank you** for joining us this Sunday morning to worship today! We hope you were blessed and felt the love of God. We conclude 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](http://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 25 General Offering: \$3355.00 Attendance: 109**

**Greeters** March 3—Aaron & Emily VandenHoek

March 10—Scott & Laura Vanden Berge

March 17—Randy & Marla Tegethoff

March 24—Alan & Sheila Summerville

March 31—Lucas & Meredith Suits

**Ushers** March 3—Darrel Hildebrand & Jim Holter

March 10—Confirmation Students

March 17—Darrel Hildebrand & Jim Holter

March 24 & 31—Todd Strand & Bill Hoffman

**Communion Servers**—Tony Schrank, Tom Boltjes, Jason Huizenga

**Coffee Cookie Servers**

March 3—LouAnn Qualm, Wendy Qualm, Rebecca Qualm

March 10—Nicki Reiser, Amy Ringling, Mary Ringling

March 17—Sharon Rommen, Brittany Ruen, Chelsey Schrank

March 24—Brooklyn Severson, Jennifer Severson, Tara Severson

March 31—Easter (no cookies)

**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.

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

**Monday, February March 4 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, 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 9 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.

**"NOISY OFFERING" ...**The Sunday School kids will be taking their next "noisy offering" **March 10** If any other parents, grandparents or congregation members have any loose change laying around and would like to contribute, please give it to a child to put in the bucket or feel free to put it in yourselves. Thanks so much for helping our youth understand the importance of giving back to the Lord for all we do receive. Board of Ed – Carla, Karis, Dan

**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 [tlcplattesd@gmail.com](mailto:tlcplattesd@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 1<sup>st</sup> for the early bird discount (\$25 off)
- **Victory Center Bible Camp:** registration opens March 1<sup>st</sup> & 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

# 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 the Victor & Lori Selemani family and the YWAM movement in Tanzania in your prayers. On February 24th, a bus carrying YWAM students in training was hit head-on by a truck that had lost its brakes. 11 people on the bus were killed and 8 were hospitalized, 2 in critical condition. Please pray for God's comfort, healing, and love to cover all involved in the accident. Pray: God would soothe those who lost family and/or friends in this tragedy, that He would help all involved to deal with the trauma of this event, that He would heal and comfort all those in the hospital and their loved ones as well, and that He would help YWAM to recover from this terrific blow to their leadership.
- Praise God Sue Qualm Davis's surgery went well on February 20th. 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 Riley Ringling has recovered 100% and is as active as ever.
- Praise God Ken Mason has adjusted well to living independently at home again. Pray his infection would clear up completely and he can discontinue the antibiotic IVs. Pray for him to know the Lord's comfort, love, & presence at all times.
- Praise God Mary Beth & Larry Kuiper's daughter-in-law, Erica, continues to do well & to feel good. She has begun her chemo treatments. Pray the chemo would effectively kill the cancer while sparing her from unwanted side effects. Pray especially against fatigue and loss of energy. 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 fourth 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 the 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.



## Lamb of God

Your only Son, no sin to hide,  
But You have sent Him from Your side,  
To walk upon this guilty sod,  
And to become the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love, they crucified,  
They laughed and scorned Him as He died,  
The humble King they named a fraud  
And sacrificed the Lamb of God.

### *Chorus:*

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,  
I love the holy Lamb of God!  
O wash me in His precious blood  
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

I was so lost, I should have died,  
But You have brought me to Your side,  
To be led by Your staff and rod,  
And to be called a lamb of God.

### *Chorus*

Twila Paris

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