

The background of the entire image is a photograph of three wooden crosses standing on a dark silhouette of a hill. The sky behind the crosses is filled with soft, golden light from a setting or rising sun, with scattered clouds catching the light. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

Praying

WITH CONFIDENCE

Luke 11:5-13



PO Box 427 - 500 S Penn Ave

Pastor Dave Martin

9:30 AM Worship

4 Lent – March 19, 2023

GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Song **“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”**

LBW 543

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:

Jeremiah 29:11-13

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Colossians 4:2-6

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Children's Sermon

Song **“What a Friend We have in Jesus”** (*verses 1-3*) **LBW 439**

Sermon **“Praying with Confidence”**

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Song **“Rock of Ages”** (verses 1-3)

LBW 327

Apostles Creed

Offering**

Prayers of the Church

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer

Distribution

Communion Blessing

GOD CALLS US TO SERVE

Song **“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”**

LBW 479

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 our God together! We continue the sermon series *“Praying with Expectations.”* ***We will have fellowship time with coffee and cookies following worship.*** We hope you will join us!

*****The offering plate will be in the narthex so please place your donations in as you enter or exit. To GIVE ONLINE through Breeze, go to our website www.tlclplattedsd.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. Text-to-give (605) 741-4118.***

March 5 General Offering: \$4195.00 Attendance: 139

Organist: Donna Nelson

Communion Servers: Tony Schrank, Tom Boltjes, Kyle Meyerink

Greeters March 19: Lee & Skyler Hanten, Mike Erickson

March 26: Marshall & Mary Ringling

Ushers March 19: Todd Strand & Bill Hoffman

March 26: Lee DeHaan & Spencer DeHaan

Coffee/Cookie Servers

March 19: Donna Hanten, Jessica Hegge, Amanda Hermanek

March 26: Valerie Hildebrand, Carey Hoffman, Sarah Hoffman

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.

Thank you to all who contributed to the Sunday school's "**NOISY OFFERING**" last Sunday! We collected \$443.36.

No Sunday School or Confirmation today – Spring Break

The **Mission Fund offering for March** is designated towards “God’s Way Christian School” in Tanzania. The primary school was just opened on February 1. They currently have 18 students but have a goal of 50 students who are in difficult situations get an education with Christ-centered knowledge. Their website is www.laidlifeorganization.or.tz. This offering will be taken TODAY Sunday, March 19. Please make checks payable to “Trinity Lutheran Church.”

In this Lenten season devoid of Community Lenten Services, why not join us Sunday afternoons for a different type of Lenten service?

Today **Sunday, March 19 at 2:00 PM**, we will host a Lenten service at Twilight Vista. **These services are a great place for Confirmation students to earn volunteer service hours.** *Coming Up Services:*

3/26	Avera Care Center	2:00 PM
4/02	Twilight Vista	2:00 PM

Church Council Meeting is Monday, March 20 at 7 pm

Please have **newsletter info** turned in by Wednesday, March 22.

Pastor Dave is starting a **Prayer Equipping Class** that will begin meeting on Thursday, March 23 at 6:30 PM in the Fireside Room. This class is open to anyone who would like to attend. The class will also meet on Thursdays, March 30, April 13, 20, 27 and May 4. The goals of this class are to teach people the biblical truths of prayer, to instruct them how to pray under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and to provide training so they can practice praying with and for one another in a variety of circumstances.

Men, **please join us Saturday, March 25th 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 flower committee **welcomes any Easter lilies or flowers** to decorate our sanctuary this Lenten season. Thank you!

It is time to start to **sign up for summer camp**. New Hope, Byron Bible Camp, Camp Good News and Victory Center Bible Camp are open for registration. **Brochures are available on narthex table.**

WOW Mission Project for March - Backpack Project for Helping Hands Food Pantry: The food pantry committee is trying to fill backpacks of groceries to send home with students. Some of these items would include non-perishable foods such as soup, crackers, canned chicken and tuna, Tuna Helper, Hamburger Helper, breakfast bars, pudding 4-packs, cereal, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti, veggies, or any items that children would like. A tote is in the fellowship hall so let's fill it up several times.

Wings and Hope is requesting your assistance in rebuilding the local cancer assistance fund. You could help by making the suggested \$20 donation for annual dues. Donations/dues can be mailed to Wings and Hope, PO Box 192, Platte OR dropped off the *Platte Enterprise*. Thank you!

PRAYER PRAISES AND CONCERNS

Those in nursing and assisted living homes or home-bound:

Mary Lee Erickson, Mike Erickson, Laura Johnson, LaDene Nelson,
Maylou Stanforth

Please pray for:

- Please keep the **family & friends of Dick Rasmussen** in your prayers as they mourn his passing on March 13th. Please pray for his wife, Mary Ann, and her children, Pat, and Greg. Dick is the brother of John Rasmussen & the brother-in-law of Dee Rasmussen, so please keep them & their children, Mari Beth (Daren) and Jeremy (Angie), as well as their extended families in your prayers. Pray they would know the Lord's comfort, love, peace, & strength as they go through this time of grief. Pray also for people as they travel to attend his memorial service at Mount-Smith Funeral home on March 20th at 10 AM that they would be safe in their travels.
- Please keep the **family & friends of Frank Engebretson** in your prayers as they mourn his passing around midnight on March 8th. Frank is Jeff Engebretson's father. Please pray for Jeff, Rhonda, Reganne, Kaetlyn, & Collin, as well as for Jeff's mom, Bonnie, his brother, 2 sisters, & their extended family. Pray they would know the Lord's comfort, love, peace, & strength as they go through this difficult time.
- Please keep **the family of Gary Konechne** in your prayers. Gary passed away unexpectedly on February 27th. Please keep his wife, Lisa, his ten children, and his entire extended family in your prayers. Pray they would know the Lord's comfort, strength, love, and peace that surpasses all understanding as they grieve Gary's passing. Gary is the brother of Mike Konechne.
- Praise God for **Moe Johnson's** successful surgery March 15th to remove an enlarged lymph node from his neck. Pray the biopsy would show it to be a benign mass and his recovery from surgery would be speedy.
- Please keep Alison Dykstra's sister, **Julie Pepper**, her husband, Matt, and their extended family in your prayers as Julie begins her 3rd round of chemo for ovarian cancer. Pray the chemo would effectively eradicate the cancer while causing no damage to surrounding organs & tissue. Pray she wouldn't experience any bad side effects from the chemo, that her appetite would remain good, that she could sleep well, and that she and all her loved ones would know the Lord's peace that surpasses all understanding.

- Please keep Jerry Dykstra's brother-in-law, **Rod Berg** in your prayers along with his wife, Vicki, and all their loved ones as doctors seek to identify what is causing lesions in his brain. Pray his medical team would be able to rightly diagnose the disease and prescribe the right course of treatment. Pray the Lord's hand of healing would be upon him and that Rod would quickly recover from and soon be completely free of the lesions. Pray God's hand of provision, protection, and strength would soon see Rod & his love ones through this trial.
- Please keep **Mike Erickson** in your prayers, asking God to completely heal his pneumonia (originally communicated to Mike as sepsis), renew his strength, and restore his health. Pray Mike's future tests would show him to be cancer free and for his vital signs to all be in the normal and stable ranges. Pray for him to feel the Lord's love, peace, strength, and comfort in everything he does.
- Please continue to pray for **Caroline Peterson** to improve from her bout with pneumonia. Thank God she is out of the hospital and is now living with her daughter, Roxi, and her husband, Leon. Pray she would improve quickly so she would be able to return to her own home.
- Please continue to pray for **Lee Hanten**, thanking God for the healing He has already provided, and asking Him to relieve the swelling and stiffness in Lee's knee. Pray for Lee to soon be able to drive and for him to soon have complete flexibility and range of motion in his knee.
- 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 & stabilize his neck, especially where it attaches to the brain stem. Pray for the Lord to heal him quickly & completely & for Mike to be blessed with many years of active life ahead of him. Pray Mike, his wife, and his entire family would know the Lord's comfort, love, strength, and peace as they go through this trial.
- Please continue to pray for the **survivors of the Turkish/Syrian earthquakes**, asking God to surround them with the love and compassion of His Church, to strengthen the many volunteers with a double portion of His grace, to provide financial assistance to the many relief organizations working to bring the supplies and hope the people need, and to infuse in the people an understanding that God is still with them, that He loves them, and He will see them through this crisis.
- Please also pray for those in the U.S., whose lives have been devastated by tornadoes, floods, blizzards, and other natural disasters. Pray they would know the Lord's comfort, love, & presence, & would feel His love in a tangible way as the Church reaches out to touch their lives.