
Discovering Our Need for a Savior

Finding
DIRECTION **N**
in Today's
WORLD

For the Lord gives wisdom;
from his mouth come knowledge
and understanding;
Proverbs 2:6



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3 Lent – March 23, 2025

9:30 AM Worship – No Sunday School

God Gathers His People to Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Sharing the Peace of the Lord

Songs **“Whom Shall I Fear”**

“Here’s My Heart”

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:

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John 16:12-15

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Children's Sermon

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Sermon **"Finding Direction in Today's World"**

Series: Discovering Our Need for a Savior

Give Thanks to God

Song **"There Is a King"**

Apostles Creed

Offering

Offertory

We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

Prayers of the Church

Celebration of Holy Communion

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Communion Blessing

God Calls Us to Serve

Song **"In Christ Alone" with "Solid Rock"**

Benediction

Enter to Worship - Depart to Serve

Thank you for joining us this morning to worship with us! We conclude the sermon series "Discovering Our Need for a Savior" Please join us for coffee and cookies in the fellowship hall following the service.

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March 16 General Offering: \$3641.00 Attendance: 154

March Mission Fund Offering - Feeding Ministry:

\$699.10 (*month to date*)

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www.tlclplattesd.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.

Greeters March 23—Marshall & Mary Ringling

March 30—Doug & Lori Chambers

Available for Prayer (*in Classroom #3*) Jerry Dykstra & Jan DuFrain

Ushers March 23 & 30—Todd Strand & Bill Hoffman

Communion Servers Tony Schrank, Chris Nelson, Jason Huizenga

Coffee Cookie Servers

March 23—Pearl Feiok, Jodene Foxley, Diane Gilbertz

March 30—Donna Hanten, 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.

No Sunday School today, March 23 due to spring break.

We are forming a choir for a special number on Easter morning.

If you love to sing, we would love to have you join us! Come to the sanctuary after church this Sunday for a short meeting. If you cannot make the meeting but still want to participate, contact Alison Dykstra (605-680-1455).

Bible Study on Matthew – the Visual Bible will meet this Monday, March 24 at 1 PM in the Fireside Room.

On Monday, March 24 at 2:15 PM, we will be holding a **Lenten service** at Twilight Vista. We hope you can join us and stay following the services for coffee and goodies. Lenten services will also be Monday, April 7 will be at Twilight Vista. March 31 and April 14 will be at Avera Care Center.

Instructions for First Communion for our 5th graders will begin Tuesday, March 25 from 3:45-5:00 PM in the North Overflow room. We will also meet on Tuesdays, April 1st, 8th, and 15th. First Communion will be celebrated on Easter Sunday, April 20th at our 9:30 AM service.

Weekly Men's breakfast and Bible study meets this **Saturday, March 29 at 7 AM** in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast and then in the Fireside Room to watch the video, break into small groups, discuss the video, and pray with and for one another.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace quilting group will work on cutting, tying and sewing quilts has been moved to **Monday, April 7 and Tuesday, April 8 from 10 AM to 3 PM**. Please bring rotary cutters or scissors to use. Mats are provided. Anyone from the community is welcome to come and be a part of these projects. Lunch will be provided.

Holy Week Worship Schedule:

Maundy Thursday Service: Thursday, April 17 at 7 pm

Good Friday Service: Friday, April 18 at 7 pm

Easter breakfast (serving from 8-9 AM) hosted by the students going to summer camp this summer. They will be serving egg bakes, rolls, fresh fruit, juice and coffee. Free will donation. Join us before regular worship time.

Resurrection Sunday Service: Sunday, April 20 at 9:30 AM

Dakota Jubilee Home Concert—The 22 men of Dakota Jubilee will provide an evening of Christian and patriotic music on Sunday, March 23rd, at the Platte First Reformed Church at 7 pm. A time of fellowship and goodies will follow! Everyone is welcome! A free-will offering will be accepted.

The next Vine Table meal will be Saturday, April 12 starting to serve at 11:30 am. We will have Korean Beef. We have a sign up sheet at Platte CRC or you can call Norma at 605-680-1691.

If you would like to volunteer to bring a dessert or to help prepare/clean up afterwards, you can call Norma.

Our March Mission Offering is designated towards a feeding ministry overseen by Samaritan's Purse. The beauty of this program is that it is very flexible and allows donors to help people in a variety of ways. For instance, one part of the program provides immediate emergency food for people by providing up to a month's worth of corn, sorghum, lentils, rice, or other grains to feed them. There is another program for \$9/week, through which you can provide the goods necessary to bring a malnourished child back to health. There is another program, which for \$7/week, will supply a week's worth of hot meals for one student at school, and still another that for \$4/week will provide milk and nutrition for one student. Through other programs, one can donate baby chicks, lambs, goats, or calves, thereby giving people the gift of an ongoing food supply. There are still other programs through which one can donate seed, farm tools, draft animals, and fruit trees.

Please give generously to this ministry! At the end of the month, the Mission Board will decide how to divvy up the money to the various causes. They will also be responsible for putting up posters that inform the church exactly how each month's mission offering has been spent. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask Pastor Dave. Please make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church and note "Mission Fund" on offering envelope or check memo.

We would like to thank the community for all the donations you bring to us. We continue to take all to the Abbot House, St. Francis House, Children's Home Society, the Foster Network, Union Gospel Mission, Bishop Duley House and Center of Hope.

Everything is so appreciated. Please don't send any more winter coats or clothing as they don't have room to store them. Keep them until September. Continue to put them in garbage bags and mark them. Please don't overload them. Please call Gloria Kok (605-207-0096) or Shirley Johnson (605-207-0388) before you come. Thanks again.

Prayer Praises and Concerns

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

Bud Bakken, Floyd Dimick, Mary Lee Erickson, Ruth Gruenig, Laura Johnson, Richard Johnson, George & Nancy Miller, Caroline Peterson

Please pray for:

- Please keep Mike Erickson in your prayers. He is currently hospitalized at Avera McKennan Prairie Center in Sioux Falls. His blood count is at dangerously low levels across the board. The oncologist has terminated his chemo treatments, and his family is in the process of finding hospice care for Mike. Please pray that Mike & all his loved ones will know the Lord's comfort, love, peace, & strength in this difficult time.
- Please keep George & Nancy Miller in your prayers as both have been diagnosed with Covid. They are in quarantine until March 31st. Please pray for the Lord's hand of healing to be upon them, for them both to know His comforting presence in their lives, for both to be able to rest well, and for both to be able to think clearly. Pray for them & all their loved ones to know the Lord's peace that surpasses all understanding.
- Please also keep Nancy's & George's daughter, Debbie Martin, her husband, Tom, & their whole family in your prayers as Debbie battles ovarian & uterine cancer. She is doing well & is now able to receive her cancer treatments in Rapid City. Please pray the healing hand of Christ would eradicate this cancer from Debbie's body & He would give her & her loved ones His comfort, love, peace, & strength to see them through this trial.
- Please continue to pray for Mick Warejcka. He had his appointment with the cardiologist on 2/24/25. They are going to change his meds, then around the first part of May, they're going to try to cardiovert him into a regular heart rhythm. Please continue to pray for his heart to come into proper rhythm & for his blood pressure to stabilize in a healthy range. Pray for Mick, Sharon, & all their loved ones to know God's peace that surpasses all understanding & for them to feel His close-abiding presence.
- Thank God Kory Meyerink is feeling a little bit better every day following his back surgery on Dec. 19th. Pray his pain would diminish daily. Pray the Lord would enable him to do everything asked of him in physical therapy and that he would feel himself improving daily. Pray he is soon able to live the active life he loves & pray he & his loved ones would know the Lord's love, peace, & presence throughout.
- Please keep Floyd & Karen Dimick in your prayers. Pray for Floyd's spirits to be lifted and for him to have relief from pain in his lower legs & feet. Pray for a private room to become available for him and for him to receive

a little more company. Pray also for Karen who is dealing with some minor health issues that she might feel better soon.

- Please keep Mary & Tom Espland in your prayers. Mary slipped on the ice a few weeks ago and broke her upper left arm. Due to her cerebral palsy, she has no use of her right arm, so things are difficult for them right now. Thank God their youngest daughter is living with them to help out. Please pray for the Lord's healing touch to be with both Mary & Tom, & for God to give their daughter a double portion of His grace so that she will be equal to the tasks before her.
- Praise God Linda Walters is responding well to her therapy in Topeka, KS. Doctors are hoping to release her soon, then, they will begin to acclimate her once again to riding in a car. The hope is that she becomes increasingly comfortable in a car so that she might soon endure the 5-hour trip back to West Point, NE. Please continue to pray for the Lord's hand to be upon Steve & Linda as they go through this trial.

Whom Shall I Fear (The God of Angel Armies)

You hear me when I call, You are my morning song, Though darkness fills the night, It cannot hide the light, Whom shall I fear?

You crush the enemy underneath my feet, You are my sword and shield though troubles linger still, Whom shall I fear?

Chorus: I know who goes before me; I know who stands behind
The God of angel armies is always by my side
The one who reigns forever; He is a friend of mine
The God of angel armies is always by my side

My strength is in Your name, For You alone can save, You will deliver me, Yours is the victory, Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear?

Chorus

And nothing formed against me shall stand, You hold the whole world in Your hands, I'm holding on to Your promises
You are faithful; You are faithful (*repeat*)

Chorus x2 The God of angel armies is always by my side

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Here's My Heart

Chorus: Here's my heart Lord, Here's my heart Lord
Here's my heart Lord, Speak what is true (x2)

I am found I am Yours, I am loved I'm made pure
I have life I can breathe, I am healed I am free

'Cause You are strong You are sure, You are life You endure
You are good always true, You are light breaking through

Chorus

Here's my life Lord, Here's my life Lord, Here's my life Lord
Speak what is true, Speak what is true

'Cause You are more than enough, You are here You are love
You are hope You are grace, You're all I have You're everything

Chorus

Here's my life Lord, Here's my life Lord, Here's my life Lord
Speak what is true, Speak what is true

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There Is A King

There is a king seated among us, Let every heart receive Him now
Where there is praise He will inhabit, There will be grace and mercy all around

Chorus: Every burden will be lifted in His presence, Every trophy will be
laid down at His feet, There is a name that reigns above all others
Jesus Christ the King above all kings

Unto the Lamb honor and glory, Worthy is He who overcame
Buried in shame risen in power, He is alive! The stone is rolled away
All our worship will belong to Him forever, Death is conquered and our
Savior holds the keys, There is a name that reigns above all others
Jesus Christ the King above all kings

It won't be long we will behold Him, and every tear He'll wipe away, We'll be
at home the war will be over, Soon we will meet our Savior face to face

Chorus

And all our worship will belong to You forever, Holy holy for all eternity
There is the name that reigns above all others
Jesus Christ the King above all kings, Jesus Christ the King above all kings

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In Christ Alone with Solid Rock

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song.
This cornerstone, this solid ground Firm through the fiercest drought and
storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled,
when strivings cease! My comforter, my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless Babe.
This gift of love and righteousness Scorned by the ones
He came to save. 'Til on that cross as Jesus died The wrath of God was
satisfied; For ev'ry sin on Him was laid, Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain. Then
bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again! And as He
stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me. For I am His and He is
mine, Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand, All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand. *(Repeat)*

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til He returns or calls me home, Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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