



The Road to Calvary

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. Matthew 16:24-25



God Gathers His People to Worship

Welcome & Announcements Opening Prayer Sharing the Peace of the Lord Songs **"Same God"**

"Revelation Song"

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: Isaiah 61:10-11 Ephesians 1:7-10

Page 789 Page 1241 Children's Sermon Sermon Text: Matthew 16:21-27 Sermon **"What Lies Ahead"** *Series: The Road to Calvary*

Give Thanks to God

Song **"Glorious Day"** 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 The Lord's Prayer

God Calls Us to Serve

Song **"King of Kings"** Benediction

Enter to Worship - Depart to Serve

Thank you for joining us this morning to worship with us! We begin the sermon series "The Road to Calvary." Please join us for coffee and cookies in the fellowship hall following the service.

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March 12 General Offering: \$3942.00 Attendance: 111 March Mission Fund Offering - Feeding Ministry: \$1882.10 (month to date)

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<u>www.tlcplattesd.org</u>. 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 30—Doug & Lori Chambers

April 6—Dave & Joyce Carter April 13—Donna Boysen & Bev Antonsen April 20—Tom & Vickie Boltjes April 27—Kenny & Cheri Antonsen

Available for Prayer (in Classroom #3)

Ushers March 30—Todd Strand & Bill Hoffman April 6 & 13—Lee DeHaan & Spencer DeHaan April 20 & 27—Lee Hanten & Dan Daum

Coffee Cookie Servers

March 30—Donna Hanten, Carey Hoffman, Sarah Hoffman April 6—Amanda Hermanek, Casey Holter, Kathy Holter April 13—Susan Holter, Tana Huizenga, Katie Hunhoff April 20—EASTER (No Cookies) April 27—Darla Johnson, Katie Johnson, Melissa Johnson

Bible Study on Matthew – the Visual Bible will meet this Monday, March 31 at 1 PM in the Fireside Room.

On Monday, March 31 at 2:15 PM, we will be holding a **Lenten service** at the Avera Care Center. 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 Visita and April 14 will be at Avera Care Center.

Instructions for First Communion for our 5th graders will continue Tuesday, April 1 from 3:45-5:00 PM in the North Overflow room. We will also meet on Tuesdays, April 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, April 5 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 on **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

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! Contact Alison Dykstra (605-680-1455) if you are interested in participating.

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.

Lifeline Children's Service is a Christian adoption ministry that will be in Platte on April 24 at 6:30 pm to share about their ministries of adoption and Harbor Families. Platte Reformed Church is co-hosting this info meeting with five other Platte churches at Platte Christian Reformed Church. This is a great opportunity to ask questions and learn more about hosting vulnerable children through Harbor Families or growing your family through adoption (international adoption, foster care adoption, or domestic infant adoption). For more information about Lifeline, their adoption ministries, and Harbor Families, please check out the links at (provided event links above). There's also a quick form to fill out to pre-register for this info meeting. https://lcs.jotform.com/250794637999178 **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 in hospice care at White Lake Nursing Home and seems to be adjusting well. Pray he will recover from his last intense dose of chemo, that the numbness in his hands would go away, that he could sleep well, that the pain in his stomach would go away, & that his strength & energy levels would increase. Please pray Mike & all his loved ones will know the Lord's comfort, love, peace, & strength. Please send him a card or pay him a visit. Address: Room 105, White Lake Nursing Home, 408 S. Johnston Street, White Lake, SD, 57383
- Please keep George & Nancy Miller in your prayers as both have been diagnosed with Covid. George has been declared non-contagious & is able to interact with the rest of the center. Nancy has improved but is still considered contagious. 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. Please send them a card at Room 120, Avera Care Center, Platte, SD.
- Please keep Karla Kuipers in your prayers. Her pancreatic cancer is gone but it has now moved to her lungs. As a result of her most recent scans, doctors have discontinued her current chemo. Please join her family in praying that she might be admitted to some new clinical trials. Trials were to open in March & then again in May. Please pray she receives an invitation into one of these trials & that the Lord's hand of healing, comfort, strength, & provision would be upon her. Karla is Mica Foxley's mother, & Blake's mother-in-law.
- Please pray for Dave Kott that the Lord would heal him completely from the respiratory virus that has been bothering him. Thank the Lord that his chest pains did not result from a heart attack and that his heart looked strong and healthy. Pray the Lord would bless him with healing, strength, good sleep, a good appetite, & increased energy. Please pray Dave & all his loved ones would know the Lord's peace, love, comfort, & joy.
- Please keep Floyd & Karen Dimick in your prayers. At the time this was written, Floyd was in the Platte Hospital with pneumonia, sepsis in his blood, & issues with his kidneys. He has improved greatly over the last few days, but had a bad night Wednesday. Please pray he would continue to improve & would soon be healed of all these issues. Pray for Karen to

- have a double portion of God's grace and for both to grow daily in their faith & ability to trust God. He is currently in Room 105 at the Platte Hospital & his address at the Avera Care Center is Room 17B. Let's send him some cards of encouragement.
- 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.
- 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 cardioinvert 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.
- Please continue to pray for Kory Meyerink to improve daily from his back surgery. Pray his pain would diminish daily & 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 would know the Lord's love, peace, & presence throughout.
- 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 & Steve Walters are back in West Point, NE again. Linda's tailbone continues to cause her lots of pain, but she can walk with a cane & is receiving physical therapy in their home. Next week she will drive to the hospital and begin therapy there. Please pray for things to go well & for her to improve enough that Steve can go to a conference in mid-April in Rwanda. Please continue to pray for the Lord's hand to be upon Steve & Linda as they go through this trial.
- Praise God Karen Dimick's niece, Dana Hanson, has been transferred to a rehab center in DeSmet and is able to speak again. Please pray for her to grow in strength & energy so she might yet be able to walk. Currently, she is confined to a wheelchair. Please pray Dana & her loved ones would know the Lord's comfort, peace, love, & joy in this trial.

Same God

I'm calling on the God of Jacob whose love endures through generations. I know that You will keep Your covenant

I'm calling on the God of Moses. The one who opened up the ocean. I need you now to do the same thing for me

Chorus: Oh God my God I need You. Oh God my God I need You now How I need You now. Oh Rock oh Rock of ages I'm standing on Your faithfulness, on your faithfulness

I'm calling on the God of Mary whose favor rests upon the lowly I know with You all things are possible

I'm calling on the God of David who made a shepherd boy courageous I may not face Goliath but I've got my own giants

Chorus

You heard Your children then. You hear Your children now. You are the same God. You are the same God. You answered prayers back then and You will answer now. You are the same God. You are the same God

You were providing then. You are providing now. You are the same God. You are the same God. You moved in power then. God move in power now You are the same God. You are the same God

You were a healer then. You are a healer now. You are the same God. You are the same God. You were a Savior then. You are a Savior now You are the same God. You are the same God

Chorus

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Revelation Song

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain Holy, holy is He Sing a new song to Him who sits on Heaven's mercy seat.

Chorus: Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty Who was, and is and is to come, with all creation I sing praise to the King of kings, You are my everything and I will adore you.

Clothed in rainbows of living color, Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder Blessing and honor, strength and glory, And power be to You the only wise King.

Chorus

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder at the mention of Your Name Jesus, Your Name is power, Breath and living water such a marvelous mystery.

Chorus

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<u>Glorious Day</u>

One day when heaven was filled with His praises.

One day when sin was as black as could be, Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin, Dwelt among men my example is He, The Word became flesh and the light shined among us, His glory revealed

Chorus: Living He loved me dying He saved me Buried He carried my sins far away, Rising He justified freely forever One day He's coming, O glorious day O glorious day

One day they led Him up Calv'ry's mountain

One day they nailed Him to die on a tree, Suffering anguish despised and rejected, Bearing our sins my Redeemer is He, The hand that healed nations, Stretched out on a tree and took the nails for me

Chorus

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer, One day the stone rolled away from the door, Then He arose over death He had conquered Now is ascended my Lord evermore, Death could not hold Him The grave could not keep Him from rising again

Chorus

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming, One day the skies with His glories will shine, Wonderful day my beloved one bringing My Savior Jesus is mine

Chorus Glorious day! O glorious day

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<u>King of Kings</u>

In the darkness we were waiting, Without hope without light Till from Heaven You came running, There was mercy in Your eyes To fulfil the law and prophets, To a virgin came the Word From a throne of endless glory, To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus: Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise the Spirit three in one God of Glory, Majesty, Praise forever to the King of kings

To reveal the kingdom coming, And to reconcile the lost, To redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross, For even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side, Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus for our sake You died

Chorus

And the morning that You rose, All of heaven held its breath Till that stone was moved for good, For the Lamb had conquered death And the dead rose from their tombs, And the angels stood in awe For the souls of all who'd come, To the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born, Then the Spirit lit the flame Now this Gospel truth of old, Shall not kneel shall not faint By His blood and in His Name, In His freedom I am free For the love of Jesus Christ, Who has resurrected me

Chorus Praise forever to the King of Kings

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