

Sermon Series:
The 4 L's of Discipleship

LABORING

Matthew 9:37-38



PO Box 427 - 500 S Penn Ave

Pastor Dave Martin

9:30 AM Worship

11 Pentecost – August 13, 2023

GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Songs **“Goodness of God”**

“Holy Forever”

Confession (together)

Strong and faithful God, we confess that we have not lived as your holy people in the world. We have closed our hearts to your love. We have resisted your light. We have failed to proclaim your mercy. Forgive what we have done and what we have left undone, heal us with your abundant grace, and help us walk as children of the light. Amen.

Forgiveness (Pastor)

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ, was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. Strengthened by the Holy Spirit, let us serve the Lord in newness of life. Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS HOLY WORD

Scripture Lessons:

Zechariah 8:16-17

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Titus 3:1-2

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Special Music

Vacation Bible School

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 9:37-38

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Sermon **“Laboring”**

Part 4 “The Four L’s of Discipleship” sermon series

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Song **“He Will Hold Me Fast”**

Apostles Creed

Offering**

Prayers of the Church
The Lord's Prayer

GOD CALLS US TO SERVE

Song "Believe For It"
Benediction

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Thank you for joining us this Sunday morning to worship our God together! We conclude our sermon series "The Four L's of Discipleship." 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.tlclattesd.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.*

August 6 General Offering: \$3063.00 Attendance: 102

Greeters Aug 13—Jeff & Dawn Konstanz

Aug 20—Mike & Estelle Konechne

Aug 27—Troy & Connie Kirsch

Ushers Aug 6 & 13—Jerry Dykstra & Morries Rommen

Aug 20 & 27—Scott Vanden Berge & Steve Spawn

Coffee Cookie Servers Aug 13—Sheila Summerville, Shawna Strand

Aug 20—Sarah Timmerman, Laura Vanden Berge

Aug 27—Emily VandenHoek, Sue Vanderboom

Prayer Ministry Team—Pastor Dave Martin, Jan DuFrain,

Jeff Engebretson & Mary Ringling

Parents, thank you for bringing your kids to VBS. Students, we're so glad you came for an awesome time at VBS this week! Thank you to the leaders and helpers! We appreciate your hard work, creativity, patience, and enthusiasm throughout the week. You have been a blessing to us and to the children. We hope that you enjoyed the experience as much as we did, and that you will join us again next year. We collected \$519.98 from the VBS offering.

Priscilla Bible Study Group meets Thursday, August 17th at 9:00 AM Studying Lesson 7 Leader: Sharon Rommen, Hostess: Dee Rasmussen

Hannah Bible Study Group meets Thursday, August 17th at 11:30 AM Studying Lesson 7 Leader: Karen Dimick, Lunch – Senior Meal at Shorty's (taco salad) or order from menu

Martha Bible Study Group meets Thursday, August 17th at 7 pm studying Session 3 – Esther

The Mission Board has selected Lifeline Children's Services as the recipient of our August Mission Offering. Areas of Impact:

- **Adoption:** Lifeline's International and Domestic Adoption programs exist to provide loving families for vulnerable children around the globe. They seek to bring the love of Christ to these children in ways they can tangibly experience—through the love of family.
- **Pregnancy Ministry:** Lifeline seeks to walk alongside women in their most vulnerable seasons, offering hope, physical support, and information on their options in an unexpected pregnancy.
- **Family Restoration:** Through Families Count, Harbor Families, and Foster Care, Lifeline partners with and equips local churches to care for hurting and broken families around them with the love of Christ.
- **Global Orphan Care:** Lifeline realizes the orphan care crisis cannot be met by adoption alone, so they work to equip and empower churches in 14 countries to care for the vulnerable through foster care, life skills training, caregiver training, and humanitarian aid.
- **Education & Counseling:** Walking alongside families in all stages of life, Lifeline is committed to preparing and encouraging them with resources to nurture and disciple their children.

Please give generously to support this ministry that is making such a difference in the lives of so many children. The offering will be taken Sunday Aug 20. Please make checks payable to "Trinity Lutheran Church."

The Alpha course begins Sunday, August 27th at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall, and lasts until 8:30 PM. Alpha is an 11-week course in the foundational elements of Christianity and is a great resource for people wherever they might be in their faith life. This could be one of the most significant sources of spiritual growth you will ever encounter. Sign up today on the bulletin board and let us grow together.

Sunday School begins Sunday, September 10 at 10:45-11:45 am. We would like to thank those of you who offered your time last year to teach one of our Sunday School classes. It is that time again to prepare for another year. We have found that co-teaching seems to work very well and would like to continue with that. However, that does require 2 teachers per grade level (Preschool thru 6th Grade & High School) If you find yourself hesitating to volunteer because committing to every Sunday can be difficult, co-teaching does allow you more flexibility throughout the year! ***If you feel the Lord is calling you to teach this year, please contact the Board of Ed. Caitlin DeGroot, Carla Lantz, or Karis DuFrain.*** Thank you for helping our youth grow in their faith & walk with God!!

You're invited to the **4th Annual Platte Community Student Ministry Celebration** on August 16th from 6:45-8:15 PM at the Platte CRC parking lot. Featuring live music, singing, Director's pdate, along with popcorn and rootbeer floats. Bring your lawn chair and come on down for an evening of music, fun and supporting the youth group!

August 30 - **Senior High Youth Group Kickoff** is at the North Park from 7:15-9:15 pm ~ Games, food & drinks, mentor/family time
September 6 - **Junior High Youth Group Kickoff** is at the North Park from 6:30-8:15 ~ Games, food & drink, mentor/family time

PRAYER PRAISES AND CONCERNS

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

Assisted Living: Mary Lee Erickson, Ruth Gruenig, Adele Holter, Laura Johnson, Richard Johnson, Arnie Larson, Caroline Peterson

Nursing Home: LaDene Nelson, Maylou Stanforth

Please pray for:

- Please continue to pray for Harold Pavlis that Jesus would sovereignly heal the big toe on his left foot and would restore improved circulation to his lower left leg and foot. Pray Harold & all his loved ones would know God's loving presence, comfort, peace, and strength in this trial and that Harold would grow stronger with each passing day.
- Praise God Peggy Martin's brother, David Olesen, had successful surgery to remove cancer from his bladder on August 8th. Thank God David came through the surgery well. Please pray for Jesus to fully heal David and protect him from any further outbreaks of cancer in his life. Pray for David and all his loved ones to know the Lord's comfort, love, and peace in this trial.
- Praise God Jay VanderWerff's recovery from knee replacement surgery continues to go well and he is ahead of the normal pace for physical therapy. Please continue to pray for God's hand of healing, protection, and provision to be with him, and for Jay, Deb, and all their loved ones to know God's peace in this season of recovery.
- Please keep Pr. Dave's high school classmate, Bob Willcockson, in your prayers as he battles metastatic bone cancer. Praise God Bob has a resilient attitude and continues to go to work daily and continues to be actively involved in life. Please pray Jesus would give Bob & his loved ones exactly what they need in each day—His presence, His love, His comfort, & His strength. (Bob's mom, Lois Cooley, grew up near Academy.)
- Please continue to pray for Pr. Dave's and Peggy's nephew, Shawn Vann Orsdell, that the broken bones in his right hand & fingers would heal quickly and well and that his upcoming skin grafts would go well. Please pray for Jesus to diminish his pain daily and to protect him from complications and infections. Pray Shawn & all his loved ones would know the Lord's love, peace, strength, and joy in this trial.

- Please keep Alison Dykstra's sister, Julie Pepper, her husband, Matt, and their extended family in your prayers as Julie continues her battle with ovarian cancer. Pray for Matt to recover well from his recent heart attack and for the stent doctors installed to alleviate further problems. Pray the stent Julie had installed on July 13th will function well and that the maintenance drug she is on will not adversely affect her kidneys. Pray for them to know the Lord's comfort and presence as they go through these trials.
- Please keep Jerry Dykstra's brother-in-law, Rod Berg, in your prayers along with his wife, Vicki, and all their loved ones. Pray the new drug he has recently started would work safely and effectively to relieve him of the lesions he has experienced. Pray for Rod and his family to know the peace that surpasses all understanding and to be expectant of what God is going to do.
- Please continue to pray for Joan Hoversten that she would know God's healing in her back and neck and could be relieved of the pain she has. Pray for her to know God's closeness throughout this trial and to feel His love, peace, and joy even as she goes through this.
- Please pray God would bring the wildfires raging across Canada & the U.S. under control. Pray for the safety & well-being of the firefighters, their support crews, their families in their absence, and the people in the paths of these fires. Please pray as well for the air quality levels to improve across both countries.
- 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.

Goodness of God

I love You Lord, Oh Your mercy never fails me, All my days I've been held in Your hands. From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head. I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus: All my life You have been faithful, All my life You have been so, so good. With every breath that I am able, I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice, You have led me through the fire
In darkest night, You are close like no other, I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend, I have lived in the goodness of God

Chorus

Your goodness is running after, It's running after me
Your goodness is running after, It's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now
I give You everything, Your goodness is running after it's running after me

Chorus

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Holy Forever

A thousand generations falling down in worship to sing the song of ages to the Lamb and all who've gone before us
And all who will believe will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Your name is the highest. Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all. All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions. Your name stands above them all

Chorus: And the angels cry Holy. All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy. Holy forever

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed, Sing the song forever to the Lamb. If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb. We'll sing the song forever and amen

Chorus

Hear Your people sing Holy to the King of Kings Holy
You will always be Holy. Holy forever
Your name is the highest. Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all. All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions. Your name stands above them all (x2)

Chorus You will always be Holy. Holy forever

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He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path For my
love is often cold, He must hold me fast

Chorus: He will hold me fast. He will hold me fast.
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost, His Promises shall last Bought by
Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast

Chorus

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied, He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last

Chorus

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Believe For It

They say this mountain can't be moved. They say these chains will never break. But
they don't know You like we do. There is power in Your name

We've heard that there is no way through. We've heard the tide will never change.
They haven't seen what You can do There is power in Your name. So much power in
Your name

Chorus: Move the immovable. Break the unbreakable God we believe.
God we believe for it. From the impossible we'll see a miracle.
God we believe. God we believe for it

We know that hope is never lost Oh for there is still an empty grave. God we believe
no matter what There is power in Your name. So much power in Your name

Chorus

You are the way when there seems to be no way We trust in You God You
have the final say (x2)

Chorus

You said it. I believe it. You said it. It is done (repeat)
God we believe for it

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