For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called

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ISAIAH 9:6, NIV



## GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

Welcome & Announcements

**Opening Prayer** 

Lighting of First Candle on Advent Wreath

P: Jesus teaches us that discipleship entails both long-term and immediate readiness! Long-term readiness: Planning for an extended absence by making profitable use of our giftedness in the meantime. Immediate readiness: Urgently prepared for the sudden, unexpected return of our Lord!

C: Lord, as we light this Advent candle, use the gifts we have so that they may be profitable for your kingdom on Earth. As we toil for your kingdom below, help us to live as those with eyes to the skies, watching for your sudden return. Jesus, help our lives to reflect the words you gave your disciples of old: "Therefore you must also be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." Amen.

Song "Come, You Thankful People, Come"LBW 407Confession & Forgiveness

P: We gather as the people of God to offer our repentance and praise, to pray for the unity of the church and the renewal of our common life. Trusting in God's mercy and compassion, let us ask for the forgiveness of our sins.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to one another and to the Father: Lord, have mercy on us.

#### C: Lord, have mercy on us.

P: Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of pride and intolerance.
Christ, have mercy on us. C: Christ, have mercy on us.
P: Lord Jesus, you pardon the sinner and welcome the repentant. Lord, have mercy on us. C: Lord, have mercy on us.
P: May almighty God grant us pardon and peace, strengthen us in faith, and make us witnesses to Christ's love. C: Amen.

## GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS HOLY WORD

Scripture Lessons:	
1 Timothy 6:11-16	Page 1265
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## GOD CALLS US TO SERVE

Song "Praise and Thanksgiving"

**LBW 409** 

Benediction

## Enter to Worship – Depart to Serve

www.tlcplattesd.org tlcplattesd@qmail.com (605) 337-3881 email bulletin info by Thursdays 8 AM

Thank you for joining us this Sunday morning for worship our God together! Today we will begin the season of Advent with our Advent sermon series. We will be having fellowship time following worship! Please join us for coffee and cookies in the fellowship hall.

\*\*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.tlcplattesd.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.

Nov 20 General Offering: \$1532.10 Attendance: 125 Musician: Shirley Johnson

Ushers Nov 27: Austin DuFrain & Ethan DuFrain Dec 4 & 11: Kevin Nelson & Chris Nelson Dec 18 & 25: Jay VanDerWerff & Monte Wagner

#### Coffee/Cookie Servers

Nov 27: Sheila Summerville, Marla Tegethoff, Sarah Timmerman Dec 4: Laura Vanden Berge, Emily VandenHoek, Sue Vanderboom

Dec 11: Joyce VanderHam, Deb VanDerWerff, Kristi Wagner

#### Martha College Student Care Package

Martha Bible study group is thankful to receive the November Mission Fund Offering to send Christmas cards and gift cards to all TLC college students. Christmas cards for all of our TLC college students will be on a table in the narthex today. Please **take the time to write some encouraging words** to them so they feel the love and support from their home church as they finish their semester.

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR CONFIRMATION** today Sunday due to Thanksgiving break.

This Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm, we will hold an Advent worship service at Twilight Vista. The services will consist of singing lots of Christmas carols, three scripture readings, a ten-minute message, more carols, and Holy Communion. After the service, we will fellowship with residents over coffee and treats provided by the respective facilities. Should anyone feel moved to provide homemade treats, both facilities will allow us to do so. Hope you can join us!

Join for prayer group on **Tuesdays at 9:30 AM** in the North Overflow.

We are hosting a free showing of The Star of Bethlehem this Saturday, December 3rd at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary. Admission is free, but in the spirit of the season, we ask you to bring at least one non-perishable food item for the Food Pantry. This video will leave you marveling at the precision of God's creation and the amazing truths revealed in God's Word. We will be opening this invitation to our entire community, so feel free to invite your friends. Treats and fellowship following the video. Men, **please join us Saturday, December 3 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 Angel Tree is up!** *Thank you for helping give joy to a prisoner's kid this Christmas. It starts with a GIFT and leads to lives transformed through JESUS CHRIST.* Please choose a "ANGEL" on the tree and mark down on sheets which one you chose. The recommendation is that the gifts be around \$25. Return wrapped presents to the <u>library</u> by **Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** so we can get them mailed to the children by Christmas. Try to put presents in **smallest box possible** to cut down on postage. If you would like to donate towards the cost of postage, **the December mission fund offering will be designated towards this project.** It will be taken on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> or give to one of the Angel Tree Committee members: Vickie B, Wendy W or Marla T

The flower committee requests donations of **poinsettias to decorate** our sanctuary for the Advent season.

Shirley Johnson and Gloria Kok are collecting items for the needy. Please sort, bag and mark your donations for men, women, children, shoes, quilts, etc. **Call Gloria (605-207-0096) or Shirley (605-207-0388) and they will arrange to pick up or delivery to their garage.** The various place that will be delivered to are the Abbot House, St. Francis House, Glory House, Kingdom Boundaries and Union Gospel Mission. **There is a need for men's clothing and winter gear (boots, gloves, hats) sizes XL to 3 XL.** PLEASE ONLY WINTER SEASON clothing; the various missions don't have room to store other seasons. 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

#### Please pray for:

- The family & friends of Kathy Lubinus as they mourn her passing on Nov. 22nd. Please pray especially for her children, Stephanie, Brent, Melanie, & Valerie, as well as for their spouses, children, & grandchildren that they would know the Lord's comfort, presence, love, peace, & strength as they grieve. Pray for Melanie and her son to find safe, affordable travel home from Costa Rica, & for the family to feel the Lord's guidance as they plan Kathy's service here on December 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Laura Johnson is doing good. She is now at her daughter Lori's until the middle of December and then to her son's Mike's home. Her address is 1290 East 4275<sup>th</sup>, South Ogden, Utah 84403 or her permanent address at her daughter Mary's is 1225 Southwest Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57104. She loves hearing from her friends.
- LaDene fell and fractured her hip this last week. Pray for healing, comfort and peace.
- Todd, Shawna, Kyler, & Hayden Strand, Todd's mom, Marcella, & the entire Strand family as they grieve the passing of Todd's father, Les, on Nov. 12th. Please also pray for Les's friends. Pray family & friends alike would know the Lord's comfort, love, peace, & strength as they go through this time of sadness. Pray the sure & certain truth of the resurrection would fill them with hope & joy.
- The family & friends of Deb Nichols DuFrain as they mourn her passing on Nov. 12th. Pray for her husband, Dale, for all her children, & for all the DuFrain, Nichols, & Antonsen clans, who knew her & loved her. Pray for the Lord to pour out His comfort, love, peace, & strength upon them. Pray especially for her children, who have also lost their dad & a brother recently. Pray for them all to feel the Lord's presence as they minister to one another in love.
- Please pray Jill DeWet's PET scan on Nov. 30th will show the chemo is working & the cancer is dying. Pray for her continued healing, strength, & well-being. Please continue to pray for Jacque's mother, Renee, as she seeks permission from the U.S. Consulate in South Africa to come to the U.S. to visit Jacques, Jill, & Maverick.
- Praise God Skyler Hanten continues to recover well from his knee surgery. Please pray the Lord would expedite his physical therapy so he might be able to participate in track this spring.

- Jeff & Jackie Olsen as they recover from the injuries they sustained in their recent car accident. May He bless them with expedited healing & grant them blessings in their new business endeavor. Please continue to pray for Jackson's college experience to be the best possible.
- Nicole Olesen (Pr. Dave & Peggy's niece) in her battle with cancer. Pray for her, her husband, Mark, & their children to know the Lord's peace, strength, & presence throughout.
- Dan Hauser (Pr. Dave's & Peggy's brother-in-law) in his battle with bladder & kidney cancer. Pray for a quick recovery from his recent surgery & thank God for an encouraging report from his doctor.
- The safety of everyone traveling for the Thanksgiving weekend. Pray for roads to be good, vehicles to work well, airline schedules to be on time, and for everyone to arrive safely & on time at their destination. Pray for everyone to enjoy good health, good company, & good food & for people to glorify God with their thanks.
- All those who mourn the loss of loved ones murdered in Virginia, Idaho, & Colorado Springs this past week. Pray for God's comfort, love, & presence to be with them & for God to bring an end to the violence in our country.