THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD WILL REST ON HIM — THE SPIRIT OF WISDOM AND OF UNDERSTANDING, THE SPIRIT OF COUNSEL AND OF MIGHT, THE SPIRIT OF THE KNOWLEDCE AND FEAR OF THE LORD.

ISAIAH 11:2, NIV



GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Lighting of Second Candle on Advent Wreath

P: John the Baptist had one central message: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" John prepared the way for Christ's first coming as an infant so long ago. Now we also have been called to prepare the way for Christ to come again. Our message is still the same: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

C: Lord, as we light this Advent candle, ignite us in our mission to those of this world. We have been called to "prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Empower us by your Spirit to fulfill this mission in our lives. Jesus, help our lives to reflect the message of John the Baptist: "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" Amen.

Song **"Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful"** LBW 45 with **"Adore"**

Confession & Forgiveness

P: Let us prepare for Christ's coming by turning from our sin, and seeking God's tender mercy and compassion.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P & C: Almighty God, we confess that we have sinned against you, and against our sisters and brothers. Our words and deeds have not proclaimed your reign of justice and truth. We have failed to watch and pray for the signs of your advent among us. Forgive our sin, and come quickly to save us. Amen. P: In the advent of Christ the dawn from on high breaks upon us with light and healing. Through Jesus Christ, God looks with favor upon us, and forgives us all our sins.

C: Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS HOLY WORD

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GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Song "Behold"
Nicene Creed
Offering**
Prayers of the Church
The Lord's Prayer

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation

P: Welcome to our Lord's advent. Christ came among us two thousand years ago that we might celebrate this feast of love today.

C: Lord, we celebrate your coming as the baby Jesus. Recenter our thoughts to receive you this day.

P: Welcome to our Lord's advent. Christ comes among us today as we minister to one another in love. Let us look for his presence within each brother and sister of Christ.

C: Lord, create a new heart within me so that I may receive others as I receive you.

P: Welcome to the Lord's advent. Christ will come again in glory.

C: Lord may this meal we share prepare us for that day when we will see you again face to face. Amen.

Song during Communion

"Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel" LBW 34

Distribution

Communion Blessing

GOD CALLS US TO SERVE

Song **"King of Kings"** Benediction

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Thank you for joining us this Sunday morning for worship our God together! **Today we will continue 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 <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. *Text-to-give (605) 741-4118*.

Nov 20 General Offering: \$1532.10 Attendance: 125 Ushers Dec 4 & 11: Kevin Nelson & Chris Nelson

Dec 18 & 25: Jay VanDerWerff & Monte Wagner Communion Servers: Jim Holter, Mike Konechne, Ryan Lantz Coffee/Cookie Servers

- Dec 4: Laura Vanden Berge, Emily VandenHoek, Sue Vanderboom
- Dec 11: Joyce VanderHam, Deb VanDerWerff, Kristi Wagner
- Dec 18: High School Sunday School serving
- Dec 25: No Cookies (Christmas Day)

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.

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

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

Sunday School Christmas Program will be held Sunday, December 18 during the morning Worship Service. We will not be having Wednesday practices, but will be practicing today and on Sunday, December 11th, during Sunday School time at 10:45 am. If necessary, we may also practice again the Wednesday or Saturday right before the 18th. *We will have our regular fellowship time following the program this year and each Sunday School family is asked to bring one dozen goodies to share.* Please bring to the church by <u>9 AM on Sunday, December 18</u>. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact one of the BOE members. Thank you. - Alisha, Sarah & Carla

This Monday, December 5th at 2 pm, we will hold an Advent worship service at the Platte Care Center. 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!

Men, **please join us Saturday, December 10 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 13th** 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 11th or give to one of the Angel Tree Committee members: Vickie B, Wendy W or Marla T

Looking for places to donate cards to repurpose. St. Jude's no longer takes them. Anyone have ideas? Contact Shirley Johnson

You are invited to a **Christmas Open House at our home Sunday**, **December 11th from 1:00 to 5:00 PM.** We will have cookies and Christmas goodies to sample along with coffee and mulled cider. We welcome the chance to let you tour the parsonage and see how we have it decorated for Christmas. Love, Pastor Dave & Peggy

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!

The Vine's Bountiful Table's next meal is December 8. Menu: Roast Beef. Signup sheet is in the foyer of Platte CRC or call Norma at 605-680-1691 Sign up deadline is <u>TODAY</u> December 4.

We will be updating our church directory and will start by gathering photos. Captured by Tammie (Tammie Olson) will be taking photos on **Sunday, Dec 18 @ 9am (before church) and after worship service Tuesday, Dec 20 @ 3-5 pm** in the Fireside Fellowship room. No appointment time is needed; it will be on a first come first serve basis. Tammie will take the photo for directory at no charge. You may purchase rights to photos from her. Digital and print packages will be available. Online ordering or by a print packet. If you recently had family photos done with Tammie, you may submit those to be used in directory rather than taking another. Email photos to the church office: <u>tlcplattesd@gmail.com</u>. Looking forward to completing this project with your help.

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 19th at 10:30 am.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

<u>Adore</u>

You stepped down from Heaven, Humbly You came God of all creation, Here with us in a starlit manger Emmanuel Light of the world here to save

Chorus: Adore. Come let us adore. O come let us adore Him The Lord, Worship Christ the Lord. Let all that is within us adore

Wise men bring their treasures, Shepherds bow low Angel voices sing of peace on earth

What have I to offer to heaven's King, I will bring my life my love my all

Chorus

Angels sing praises ring to the newborn King

Peace on earth here with us. Joy awakening at Your feet we fall (repeat)

Chorus

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<u>Behold</u>

Behold the King has come. Divinity incarnate. Creator of the world breathing our air. Behold what light has come and the dark cannot contain it. The Savior of the world is finally here

Chorus: O come let us adore Him. Come let us adore Him For He alone is worthy Christ the Lord

Behold the Father's love, Beyond all comprehension He gave His only Son to die in our place. Go and see that empty tomb He's not there for He is risen. Every heart prepare Him room Jesus Christ the King of Heaven

Chorus

We give You all the glory. We give You all the glory We give You all the glory, Christ the Lord

We give You all the glory. We give You all the glory We give You all the glory, Christ the Lord

We praise Your name forever. We praise Your name forever We praise Your name forever. Christ the Lord

Chorus x2

Christ the Lord He is Christ the Lord

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King of Kings

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

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