

LUKE 1:26-38

*Mary Receives  
the Good News*

*And behold, you will conceive in your womb  
and bear a son, and you shall  
call his name Jesus. Luke 1:31*



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**Pastor Dave Martin**

2 Advent – December 10, 2023

9:30 AM Worship – 10:45 AM Sunday School

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## GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Lighting of Second 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.**

*Jeremiah, Tori & Eloise Konechne*

Song **"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"**

**GHF 84**

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

Scripture Lessons:

Psalm 98:1-6

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Colossians 1:21-22

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Children's Sermon

Special Music "Light of the World"

Nicki Nelson

Sermon Text: Luke 1:26-38

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Sermon "Mary Receives the Good News"

## GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Song "What Child Is This"

LBW 40

Apostles Creed

Offering\*\*

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

## GOD CALLS US TO SERVE

Song "Angels We Have Heard on High"

LBW 71

Benediction

## ENTER TO WORSHIP – DEPART TO SERVE

*www.tlclplattsd.org tlclplattsd@gmail.com (605) 337-3881  
email bulletin info by Thursdays 8 AM*

***Thank you for joining us this Sunday morning to worship our God together! 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.tlclplattsd.org](http://www.tlclplattsd.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.***

**December 3 General Offering:** \$6875.34 **Attendance:** 156

**Organist:** Donna Nelson

**Greeters** Dec 10—Frank & Marsha Cutler

Dec 17—Doug & Lori Chambers

Dec 24—Dave & Joyce Carter

Dec 31—Terry & Donna Boysen

**Ushers** Dec 10—Kevin Nelson & Chris Nelson

Dec 17 & 24—Jay VanDerWerff & David Kott

Dec 31—Tom Boltjes & Ryan Lantz

**Coffee Cookie Servers**

Dec 10—Darla Johnson, Katie Johnson, Melissa Johnson

Dec 17—Cookies provided by Sunday School families

Dec 24—Christmas Eve (No Cookies)

Dec 31—New Year's Eve (No Cookies)

**Prayer Ministry Team**—Dan & Phyllis Daum,

Jerry Dykstra & Jan DuFrain

**Thank you** to Nicki Nelson for blessing us with special music today!

**Sunday School Christmas Program** will be held Sunday, December 17 during the morning Worship Service. We will not be having Wednesday practices but will be practicing today during Sunday School time at 10:45 am. ***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 9 AM on Sunday, December 17. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact one of the BOE members. Thank you. – Chelsey, Carla & Karis

**Women's Bible Study for Advent**

"Because of Bethlehem: Love is Born, Hope is Here" by Max Lucado  
Mondays, Dec 11th & Dec 18th

There are 2 session times available: 1 pm and 7 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church Fireside Fellowship

Books available on Amazon & Christianbook.com or contact Mary Ringling 680-1893 ***Everyone is welcome!***

*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.*

Return wrapped presents to the library by **TODAY** so we can get them mailed to the children by Christmas. 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 today, Dec 10. Please make checks payable to "Trinity Lutheran Church."

Please join us for **Advent Worship services** at the Avera Care Center on Monday, December 11 at 2:15 PM. The service will begin with a prayer, the singing of several Christmas carols, followed by the reading of three scriptures, a ten-minute (or less) message, and Holy Communion. Following each service, we will fellowship with residents over coffee and cookies. (If you love to bake, maybe that's one way you can bless some of our shut-ins this Advent season.) The next service will be Monday, December 18 at 2:15 PM at Twilight Vista.

*A young mother labeled impure. A shepherd boy considered "unclean." Experience Jesus' birth through their eyes. "Christmas with The Chosen: Holy Night" will be shown at the Lyric Theatre on December 12, 13 & 14 at 7:00 PM.* The Chosen: Holy Night blends The Messengers and The Shepherd into one special remastered and re-scored story. Plus, a never before seen performance from Andrea Bocelli highlights seven music performances and two beautiful new monologues. **Admission is \$5 for kids & adults.** This show is not rated but is geared for ages 13 and older.

Men, **please join us Saturday, December 16 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.

Pastor Dave and Peggy invite you to stop by the parsonage on **Sunday, December 17th , for a Christmas Open House.** Join us between the hours of 1:00 and 5:00 PM to check out some of our Christmas traditions and to sample some of our holiday goodies. We had a great time at last year's Open House and hope to do the same this year. We hope to see you there!

***If you are interested in becoming a new member here at Trinity***

or would simply like more information regarding our beliefs, values, and methods, please join us Sunday, Dec 17 at 10:45 AM. Depending on the number of people interested, we will either meet in Pastor Dave's office or the Fireside Room. There will be a light lunch served, so please inform us how many will be attending by emailing Pastor Dave at [tlcpastor57369@gmail.com](mailto:tlcpastor57369@gmail.com). The meeting should take about 1 to 1-1/2 hours. Attending the meeting does not obligate you to join.

### **Christmas Worship Services**

#### **Sunday, December 24:**

9:30 AM Christmas Eve Worship Services with Communion

3:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship Services with Communion

#### **Monday, December 25**

9:30 AM Christmas Worship

**“Something More in ‘24” On Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>,** we will begin a Bible Study on the book of John. We will meet from 1:00 to 2:15 PM on Mondays in the Fireside Room. Following an opening prayer, we will start each session by watching one chapter of the book of John on the Visual Bible. Every word spoken on this video is directly from the Bible. There is something powerful about hearing God's Word and seeing it walked out on the television screen before us. After watching the video, we will read through the chapter and discuss it verse by verse.

*How does a church become filled to overflowing with the Holy Spirit of God? There is only one way: through prayer.* Pastor Dave is going to be offering a class based on a study of “The Prayer Saturated Church” by Cheryl Sacks. It will begin on Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> with a morning class offered from 10:00 to 11:00 AM, and an evening class offered from 5:45 to 6:45 PM. **This class does require you to sign up, as I need to know how many books to order.** Please sign up on the bulletin board just outside the Fellowship Hall. Please indicate what class time you prefer and let's grow together in our understanding of prayer and our ability to pray.

The **Vine's Table next meal** will be December 14. Menu: Turkey Loaf in celebration of Thanksgiving and Christmas. Please come join us. Sign up deadline is TODAY Dec 10. Sign up sheet is in the foyer of Platte CRC or call Norma at 680-1691

# 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

## Please pray for:

- Please pray for Adele Holter, who is now at the Avera Care Center. Please pray for Adele and all her loved ones to know the Lord's peace, love, strength, and comfort for all that lies ahead. Thank the Lord that she has no pain.
- Please pray for the friends and family of Bruce Bosworth as they mourn his passing last week. Pray they would feel the Lord's close-abiding presence, experience His love, know His peace, and walk in the eternal hope and joy of the resurrection. Bruce is a brother-in-law to Moe Johnson.
- Please pray for Pastor Dave's and Peggy's brother-in-law, Dave Hubbs, as he seeks to recover from a broken rib and a badly bruised lung. Pray the healing hand of Jesus would be upon him to restore his health, relieve his pain, and strengthen his spirit, and that Dave, his wife, Bonnie, and all their loved ones would know His peace that surpasses all understanding.
- Please pray for Peggy's brother, Leroy Olesen, and his entire family to feel the Lord's comfort, peace, hope, and strength as they mourn the recent passing of his daughter, Jaden.
- Praise God Dan Daum's brother, Jim, recently underwent successful ablation surgery on the right side of his spine. Please pray for his quick recovery from this surgery and that the 2 ablation procedures he had done would diminish his pain greatly and give him a new lease on life. Pray he would feel God's hand upon him throughout his recovery and would experience the Lord's love, peace, and joy in a powerful way.
- Praise God Moe Johnson's right leg and back have improved greatly from your prayers. He can sleep soundly now, without pain. Please pray God would amaze Moe by reversing his glaucoma & healing his neuropathy in his feet. Pray for him to have the faith to believe these things are not beyond God's ability.
- Thank you for your prayers for Peggy's mom and my mother-in-law, Phyllis Olesen. Her nausea, dizziness, and headaches have gone away. Please pray God would heal her of the sciatica pain in her left leg, restore her to full health, and give her many good years ahead. Pray for her to feel the Lord's comforting presence in all of this.
- Praise God Rod Berg's September MRI at Mayo showed complete resolution of the lesions in his brain. Rod and Vicki are so grateful and are thanking Jesus for this awesome result. They want to thank each one of

you for all your prayers. Rod will continue the infusion treatments monthly and return to Mayo in December for a brain MRI and re-evaluation.

- 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. Praise God her October scan showed her treatment is holding the cancer in check. Please pray that very soon the cancer will be completely gone. Praise God Matt is in cardiac rehab and doing very well.
- 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 and stabilize his neck, especially where it attaches to the brain stem. Pray for the Lord to heal him quickly and completely and for Mike to be blessed with many years of active life ahead of him.