



THE
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LUKE 1:39-45



PO Box 427 - 500 S Penn Ave
Pastor Dave Martin
3 Advent – December 17, 2023
9:30 AM Worship

GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Sunday School Christmas Program **“A Night in Bethlehem”**

Scene 1: Mary “Don’t Be Afraid”

Scene 2: Joseph & the Scandal

Scene 3: The Innkeeper “There’s no room in the Inn”

Song **“Away in a Manger”** *verse 1*

LBW 67

Scene 4: The Shepherds & Angels

Song **“Joy to the World”** *verse 1*

LBW 39

Scene 5: The 3 Kings

Song **“Silent Night”** *with candlelight*

LBW 65

Lighting of Third Candle on Advent Wreath

P: John the Baptist sent his disciples to ask of Jesus, "Are you he who is to come, or shall we look for another?" John was unjustly imprisoned, and in the midst of his despair, Jesus reassures John that He truly is the One who is to come.

C: Lord, as we light this advent candle, calm our fears and reassure us with your presence. We come to you this morning in despair, imprisoned in our own guilt, blinded by our own pride and foolishness. Give us cause to rejoice. Jesus, comfort us with your words to John: "The blind see, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, the dead are raised and the Good News is preached to the poor." Amen.

Spencer & Whitney DeHaan family

Confession & Forgiveness:

P: We know that Christ has come, but we also know that he will come again.

C: We know that his first advent brought great joy to the world: we also know that his return will bring peace to all those who live in a world of chaos.

P: Let us live in readiness for his return, since we do not know when it will be.

C: May our lives witness to hearts which are open and ready for him at any time.

P & C: Almighty God, who prepared the hearts and minds of those of long ago for the coming of your Son: Prepare our hearts and minds during this Advent season so that the spirit of Christ might dwell within us anew, and might ever reign within us as the God of love, as in Christ's name we pray. Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS HOLY WORD

Scripture Lessons:

Psalm 9:1-2, 6-7

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Romans 1:16-17

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Sermon Text: Luke 1:39-45

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Sermon **“The Good News Confirmed”**

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Song **“Manger Throne”**

Apostles Creed

Offering**

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

GOD CALLS US TO SERVE

Song **“King of Kings”**

Benediction

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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.tlcplattsd.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 10 General Offering: \$2773.00 **Attendance:** 165

MFO – Angel Tree Postage: \$270.00

Greeters Dec 17—Doug & Lori Chambers

Dec 24—Dave & Joyce Carter

Dec 31—Terry & Donna Boysen

Ushers Dec 17 & 24—Jay VanDerWerff & David Kott

Dec 31—Tom Boltjes & Ryan Lantz

Coffee Cookie Servers

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—Pastor Dave & Peggy Martin,
Lee Hanten & Shirley Johnson

Today our Sunday School will be presenting their Christmas Program "**A Night in Bethlehem**". Thank you for joining us! We invite you to share in fellowship following worship today with goodies that the Sunday School families brought.

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!

No Sunday School or Confirmation on Sundays, December 17, 24 & 31. We will resume on January 7.

Women's Bible Study for Advent

"Because of Bethlehem: Love is Born, Hope is Here" by Max Lucado
Monday, Dec 18th. There are 2 session times available: 1 pm and 7 pm
at Trinity Lutheran Church Fireside Fellowship

Please join us for an **Advent Worship service** at Twilight Vista on
Monday, December 18 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.)

Church Council meeting is Monday, December 18 at 7 PM.

No Men's Bible Study this week, Saturday, December 23 or next week,
the 30th. We'll pick back up in the new year on Saturday, January 6.

Join us to Celebrate the birth of our Savior

Sunday, December 24:

9:30 AM Christmas Eve Worship Service with Communion

3:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship Service with Communion

Monday, December 25

9:30 AM Christmas Worship Service

"Something More in '24" On Monday, January 8th, 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.

Missions in Sioux Falls are in need **men's gloves, socks and stocking hats** for this winter. Also looking for donations of Bibles, devotionals, and Bible Study books for adults, teenagers and children. These items can be placed in the box in the narthex.

We are working together with Calvary Baptist Church and New Hope Christian Camp to establish a Community Alpha in our area. We believe by working together on this project that we can greatly increase the number of people who will be able to attend Alpha. Though it is only an eleven-week course, Alpha has an outstanding track record for leading unchurched people to Christ and greatly increasing the faith of those who are churchied.

Join us for **Alpha Sneak Peek** “Is There More to Life than This?” on Sunday, January 21st at 6:30 PM at New Hope Christian Camp.

PRAYER PRAISES AND CONCERNS

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

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

Please pray for:

- Please pray for the family and friends of Adele Holter as they mourn her passing on December 8th. Pray they feel the Lord's close-abiding presence, walk in His comfort and love, and know hope, joy, and peace in the sure and certain truth of the resurrection.
- Please pray for Mary Beth and Larry Kuiper. Thank God her chemo infusions are done, and she is doing well. Please pray the chemo would kill the cancer with no serious side effects to her healthy cells. Pray for her to feel a renewal in her strength and energy levels and for her and all her loved ones to know God's peace, love, and comfort as they go through this trial. Pray her doctor's appointment would yield good news on Jan. 8th and her upcoming scan in 3 months would show the cancer to be in remission.
- Please also pray for Mary Beth's & Larry's daughter-in-law, Erica, their son, Mike, and their entire family. Erica has been diagnosed with an aggressive form of breast cancer. She will find out her course of treatment at her doctor's appointment on Dec. 18th. Pray for the healing hand of Jesus to be upon Erica & for her to respond well to her treatment. Pray for them to know the Lord's peace in this trial and for them to fully feel His love, His comfort, His strength, and His joy.
- 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 her January 5th scan will show the cancer is completely gone and that symptoms she has recently experienced are not due to progression of the cancer. Praise God Matt is doing very well. Pray for them all to know the Lord's peace, love, comfort, and strength in this trial. 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 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 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.
- Please pray for the friends and family of Bruce Bosworth as they mourn his passing two weeks ago. 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.
- Praise God Pastor Dave's and Peggy's brother-in-law, Dave Hubbs' broken rib and badly bruised lung have healed enough for him to return to work. Pray Jesus would soon restore Dave's health completely and that he and his wife, Bonnie, and all their loved ones would know Christ's peace that surpasses all understanding.
- 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.
- 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. Pray his next check-up would reveal his stem cell transplants are doing well and they wouldn't have to repeat the procedure.

Manger Throne

You could have stepped into creation with fire for all to see
Brought every tribe and nation to their knees
Arriving with the host of heaven in royal robe and crown
The rulers of the earth all bowing down

But You chose meekness over majesty
Wrapped Your power in humanity

Chorus: Glory be to You alone
King who reigns from a manger throne
My life my praise everything I own
to Jesus the King on a manger throne

You could have marched in all Your glory into the heart of Rome
Showed them splendor like they'd never known
But You wrote a better story in humble Bethlehem
Creator in the arms of common men

You will die for our redemption and You'll rise so we can live

Chorus x 2

My life my praise everything I own to Jesus the King on a manger throne
To Jesus the King on a manger throne

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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 Praise forever to the King of Kings

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