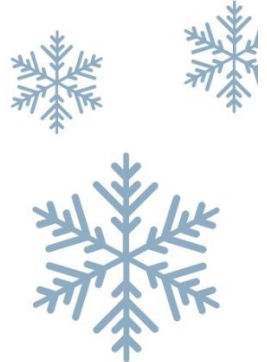


LIVING IN THE
Newness of Christ



BUT TO ALL WHO DID RECEIVE HIM,
WHO BELIEVED IN HIS NAME,
HE GAVE THE RIGHT TO BECOME
CHILDREN OF GOD
JOHN 1:12



PO Box 427 - 500 S Penn Ave

Pastor Dave Martin

1 Christmas – December 31, 2023

9:30 AM Worship

GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Song **“As with Gladness Men of Old”**

LBW 82

Confession & Forgiveness

P: Let us, as we end one year and begin another, bring our sins before God, asking Him for forgiveness. Let us pray.

P & C: Creative God, you make all things new and you hold out a new day and a new year for us. Yet how often we squander the opportunities, letting our doubts overwhelm us, letting our sins bind us, letting our fears stop us. You offer us new dreams, and we succumb to old weaknesses; you offer us hope and we choose despair.

Creative God, we have touched the joy of Christmas. Let us carry a measure of delight and bounty of love into your new day and year. Fill us with the joy of living and the spirit of giving as we approach the new year. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

P: The Apostle Paul writes, "If anyone is in Christ he or she is a new creation, the old has gone, the new has come." Through Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven! Let us go into the new year with peace and joy. **C: Amen.**

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS HOLY WORD

Scripture Lessons:

Ezekiel 36:26-27

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Romans 8:9-11

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Children’s Sermon

Song **“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”**

LBW 50

Sermon Text: John 1:9-18

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Sermon **“Living in the Newness of Christ”**

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Song “**Good Christian Friends, Rejoice**”

LBW 55

Apostles Creed

Offering**

Prayers of the Church

The Lord’s Prayer

GOD CALLS US TO SERVE

Song “**Go Tell It on the Mountain**”

LBW 70

Benediction

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Thank you for joining us this Sunday morning to worship our God together!

***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.tlclplattedsd.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 24 General Offering: \$2950.00 **Attendance:** 115

Greeters Dec 31—Terry & Donna Boysen

Jan 7—Tom & Vickie Boltjes

Jan 14—Kenny & Cheri Antonsen

Jan 21—Derek & Wendy Wollman

Jan 28—Zach & Lizzy Warejcka

Ushers Dec 31—Tom Boltjes & Ryan Lantz

Jan 7 & 14—Andrew Nachtigal & Brad DeVries

Coffee Cookie Servers Dec 31—New Year's Eve (No Cookies)

Jan 7—Lisa Johnson, Hailee Johnson, Shirley Johnson

Jan 14—Wanda Johnson, Connie Kirsch, Estelle Konechne

Jan 21—Dawn Konstanz, Jeanne Kott, Traci Kott

Jan 28—No Cookies – Annual Meeting/Potluck

No Sunday School or Confirmation today. We will resume next Sunday, January 7.

Men, **please join us Saturday, January 6th 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.

"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.

Thank you to all who donated the beautiful poinsettias this Christmas season! *(Please take home today following worship)*

Many anonymous

In memory of Pastor Harold & Sally Daum

In memory of Harlan & Shirley Ringling

In memory of Harley & Jenny Ringling and Clarence & Grace VanDam

In memory of Tom & Rose Soukup and Merrill & Ruth DeWald

Trinity Lutheran's **congregational annual meeting** will be held Sunday, January 28 at 10:30 AM following morning worship. We will be having a potluck following our annual meeting. No Sunday School on Sunday, January 28th due to annual meeting. Please email information for the annual report to the office (tlcplatted@gmail.com) by **Tuesday, January 9.**

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 church-ed.

Join us for **Platte Community 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 keep John & Dee Rasmussen's sister-in-law, Mary Ann, in your prayers. Mary Ann is in hospice in a Rapid City hospital. Please pray that she and her loved ones would know God's comfort, peace, and strength as she waits for the Lord to take her home. Pray she would be without pain and would pass peacefully from this world into God's loving arms.
- Please pray for Mary Beth & Larry Kuiper's daughter-in-law, Erica, their son, Mike, and their entire family. Erica has been diagnosed with an aggressive form of breast cancer. Her course of treatment has still not been determined and she has several doctors' appointments ahead of her. 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, comfort, strength, and 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 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 continue to pray for Dan Daum's brother, Jim. The ablation surgeries he had recently have done little to diminish his back pain. Please pray for the Lord to sovereignly heal him 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.
- 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.