



THE KING IS COMING
SERIES

PREPARING THE WAY

and you shall call his name John.
And you will have joy and gladness,
and many will rejoice at his birth,
for he will be great before the Lord.
John 1:13b-15a



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2 Advent – December 7, 2025

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

God Gathers His People to Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Sharing the Peace of the Lord

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 Konechne family

Song **"Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful"**

LBW 45

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:

Isaiah 40:1-5

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Colossians 1:15-20

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Children's Sermon

Song **"O Little Town of Bethlehem"**

LBW 41

Sermon Text: Luke 1:5-25

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Sermon **"Preparing the Way"**

Series: The King is Coming

Give Thanks to God

Song **"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"**

LBW 54

Nicene Creed

Offering

Prayers of the Church

Celebration of Holy Communion

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Communion Blessing

God Calls us to Serve

Song **"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"**

Benediction

Enter to Worship - Depart to Serve

Thank you for joining us this morning to worship! We continue our Advent series **“The King is Coming.”** Please join us for coffee and cookies in the fellowship hall following the service.

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Nov 23 General Offering: \$3162.00 Attendance: 145

Nov Mission Fund Offering: \$1700.00

To GIVE ONLINE, go to our website tlcplattensed.org. Click on GIVE 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.

Musician Shirley Johnson

Greeters Dec 7—Derek & Wendy Wollman

Dec 14—Kyle & Tricia Meyerink

Dec 21—Ryan & Carla Lantz

Ushers Dec 7 & 14—Austin DuFrain & Ethan DuFrain

Dec 21 & 28—Frank Cutler & Ross Ringling

Communion Servers Lee Hanten, Donna Boysen, Scott Dingus

Available for Prayer (Classroom #3) Kevin Severson & Jonna DeHaan

Coffee Cookie Servers

Dec 7—Katie Hunhoff, Darla Johnson, Katie Johnson

Dec 14—Melissa Johnson, Hailee Johnson, Lisa Johnson

Dec 21—Wanda Johnson, Estelle Konechne, Tori Konechne

The Mission Board has designated the Angel Tree Ministry Shipping Fund and Platte Senior Meals as our December Missions of the

month. As its name implies, funds raised for the Angel Tree Ministry Shipping Fund will help defer the cost of sending Angel Tree gifts to their recipients. Funds donated to Platte Senior Meals will help support local efforts to establish a new program for Meals on Wheels in our community. This new program is being established in response to the lack of financial transparency in the former program. Developers of this new program believe they can provide better services at a lower cost without the help of the federal government. If you contribute to both mission projects, please indicate on your check or offering envelope how you would like your funds used. Donations received with no designation will be divided equally between the two.

Christmas Program Practice Schedule (10:45 AM-12:00 PM)

December 7 & 14: Dress Rehearsals for Preschool through 6th Grades

**Make sure everyone is here for these practices!*

Sunday School Christmas Program “Fullness of Time Christmas” is

Sunday evening, December 14 at 7:00 PM

*Please have students here by 6:45 PM - go to classroom

*Each family bring 1 dozen goodies - bring to the kitchen

This evening, Sunday December 7th at 5:00 PM, Rabbi Neal Surasky of Chosen People Ministries will present Christmas: The Greatest Day in Jewish History in our sanctuary. Rabbi Neal was with us in March 2024 to present The Messiah in the Passover. Come hear the good news about the long-promised Messiah and all the scriptures that prophesied His coming. Following the presentation, we will have coffee & homemade Christmas treats in the Fellowship Hall.

*Thank you for helping bring Christmas to so many who would not have Christmas without you! As you shop, please consider small gifts that would fit inside of a shoebox or smaller. Also large ziplock bags can be stuffed and rolled up to help compact fluffy clothing items (coats/snowpants). This will help out immensely with postage costs and the delivery process. Each child will get 2 gifts, so if you pick both clothing and toy Angel for the same child, please wrap the clothing item and the toy item separately. **Please return wrapped presents to the church library TODAY.** Thank you from the Angel Tree Committee: Marla Tegethoff & Connie Kirsch*

Advent Bible Study - Mondays, Dec 8th & 15th @ 6:30pm in the Fireside Fellowship Room (*If inclement weather, make up day will be the Thursday of that week*) - sponsored by Martha Group **“Waiting Here for You”** by Louie Giglio - the season of Advent and show how your waiting is never wasted when you are waiting on God.

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

Please join us once again for **Advent Worship services** at our senior facilities on Mondays in Advent. The services will consist of singing Christmas carols, reading a few scriptures, a short Advent-inspired message, sharing Holy Communion, and fellowshiping with the residents over coffee and cookies. We know this schedule won't work for everyone, but we guarantee if you come, you will be blessed. If you love to bake, please consider bringing some fresh-baked cookies or bars with you to share with the residents. If you're bringing treats, please call or text me to let Pastor Dave at 605-680-9958.

Advent Service Schedule

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Location:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
Monday, December 8	Avera Care Center	2:00 PM
Monday, December 15	Twilight Vista	2:00 PM
Monday, December 22	Avera Care Center	2:00 PM

The **Vine Table Meal** for Saturday, December 13, will be BEEF ROAST. We will begin serving at 11:30. Please invite a friend. Sign up in the Platte Christian Reformed Church entryway or call Norma Lorensen at 605-680-1691.

A benefit lunch for LeRoy Severson will be held on Sunday, December 14th, at the Platte Community Building from 10:30am–2:00pm. Proceeds from the event will go toward helping cover medical expenses and providing support to LeRoy and his family. Donations will be accepted at the event, and silent auction items will be available. We are also looking for volunteers to help with the day; to get involved, please contact Jerad Hutchens at 605.680.2788 or by email at Jerad@BuildSummit.com

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, December 21st 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 with the meeting, so please inform us how many will be attending by emailing Pastor Dave at tlcpastor57369@gmail.com. The meeting should take about 1 to 1-1/2 hours. Attending the meeting does not obligate you to join.

Platte Care Center will be having its **annual Bake Sale Friday, Dec. 19th from 2-4 PM**. Donations of baked goods are greatly appreciated! Funds from the Bake Sale go to the Activity Department to provide entertainment, prizes for BINGO and furnish ingredients for meal of the month; just to name a few. Stop by and get some goodies for holiday parties! Please contact the Care Center if you have any questions. Thanks for your support-Platte Care Center

Upcoming Services:

Christmas Eve Service 4:00 PM Wednesday, December 24th
Candlelight service with communion "The Birth of Jesus"

Christmas Morning Service 9:30 AM Thursday, December 25th
with communion "Making the Most of Christmas"

Prayer Praises and Concerns

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

Bud Bakken, Mary Lee Erickson, Joan Falor, Ruth Gruenig, Laura Johnson, George & Nancy Miller, Caroline Peterson

Please pray for:

- Please keep LeRoy Severson in your prayers as he prepares himself for radioactive iodine injections, the first of which starts Dec. 15th. After the treatment, he must isolate himself from other people for a week. He will isolate himself at home while Stacy stays with Bria. He will receive 2 injections in Platte, followed later by a pill in Sioux Falls. Please pray LeRoy will get through this regimen with minimal pain & suffering, & that the iodine eradicates any cancer cells while leaving healthy cells unaffected. Pray he could sleep & eat well & not have any other health issues. Pray he, Stacy, Bria, & LaRae would know the Lord's comfort, love, peace, strength, & healing throughout this trial.
- Please keep Jacob Daum, his wife, Alicia, and their children Braeden, Brynlee, & Bennet in your prayers during Jacob's deployment to Germany. He will be gone for 10 to 12 months. Please pray for God's protection over Jacob, Alicia, & the kids. Pray for their health, safety, and well-being, and for all of them to feel the Lord's love, peace, joy, & provision in their time away from one another. Jacob is the son of Dan & Phyllis Daum.
- Praise God Howard Severson continues to recover well from his aortic aneurysm surgery. Please continue to pray for a complete & speedy recovery filled with Howard's awareness of God's presence, protection, provision, & healing.
- Praise God Tommy Nelson is recovering well from the bone graft surgery on his right knee. Pray his pain would lessen daily & that he would recover quickly. Pray his physical therapy would go extremely well & he would feel Christ's comfort, peace, strength, & protection daily.
- Please pray for Mary Beth Kuiper as she undergoes chemo on Mondays & radiation 5 days a week. Pray she would feel the Lord's healing, protection, & provision as she goes through this & could maintain good strength & energy throughout. Pray for good sleep, a good appetite, good digestion, & the ability to remain hydrated. Pray the treatment would eradicate her cancer without causing harm to healthy cells. Pray Larry would receive an outstanding report from his Dec. 5th MRI & would have a double portion of God's grace as he cares for Mary Beth.
- Praise God Beau Koopal continues to do well in his battle with MOGAD. Pray for God's continued healing over Beau & for Beau & his loved ones to feel God's close-abiding presence, love, comfort, peace, & strength in this

trial. Pray Beau would soon receive a diagnosis telling him he is healed of this disease.

- Praise God Cody & Rebecca Qualm's daughter, Blake, received a good report from the doctor. Her arm is healing well & after another 2 weeks in a cast, she should be completely healed. Pray she & her loved ones would feel Christ's comfort, peace, strength, & protection daily.
- Please continue to pray for Pr. Dave's & Peggy's nephew, Ken Austin, who has been diagnosed with ALS & has been sent home to live out his remaining days. Please pray for his ability to exhale CO2 from his body. He is able to inhale plenty of oxygen, but can't clear the CO2. Pray for him, his wife, Jan, their children, Daniel & Maria, & all their loved ones to know God's comfort, love, peace, joy, & strength in this trial. Pray for every day he has left to be a good one.
- Please continue to pray for Jean & Mike Binder (friends of the Martin's) as Jean goes through home hospice care. Praise God Jean is alert, eating better, and her pain is under control. Though she is bedridden, she maintains a good attitude. Pray every day she has left would be a good one.
- Please pray for Pr. Dave's & Peggy's daughter-in-law, Koni, that God would untangle the red tape around her visa application and would expedite her approval to enter & stay in the U.S. Pray for Koni & John, who were married over a year ago, that God would keep their love for one another strong & would soon allow them to live together as husband & wife.

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

Joyful joyful we adore You
God of glory Lord of light
Angels lifting praise before You
Sing throughout this holy night
In a manger lies a baby
Child of Mary Son of God
Voices joined in joyful chorus
Praise You for Your gift of love

All Your works declare Your glory
All creation joins to sing
Praise resounds as earth rejoices
In the birth of Christ the King
Shepherds kneel before the Infant
Trumpets sound and anthems raise
As with joy our hearts are lifted
Joined in wonder love and praise

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