

THE KING IS COMING



THE GOOD NEWS

CONFIRMED

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Isaiah 9:6



PO Box 427 - 500 S Penn Ave
Pastor Dave Martin
4 Advent – December 21, 2025
9:30 AM Worship – No Sunday School

God Gathers His People to Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Sharing the Peace of the Lord

Lighting of Fourth Candle on Advent Wreath

P: When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took Mary as his wife and she bore a son, and he called him Jesus.

C: Lord, as we light this advent candle, give us courage to follow your commands as Joseph did. You used the obedience of Joseph and Mary alike to bring your son into the world.

Likewise, use our obedience to bring Christ to the world of this day. You used Joseph and Mary to give him the name "Jesus," which means *the Lord saves*, for he will save his people from their sins. Empower us to proclaim the name of Jesus for the forgiveness of sin and your salvation. Amen.

Hunter & Katie Johnson family

Songs "O Come, All You Unfaithful"

"I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"

Confession & Forgiveness:

P: Rejoicing in the good news that God and sinners are reconciled in Christ, let us confess our need for forgiveness.

C: Amen.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: God of everlasting love,

P & C: we confess that we have lived in captivity to the fear of death. By our actions and by our neglect, we have fallen short of your good and gracious will. Free us from anxiety and distraction cast out our sin, and enter in; give us a new birth of hope as we welcome the child born to save, Christ the Lord.

Amen.

P: The angels of God proclaim to us the birth of hope and joy and peace to God's people on earth. For the sake of the Savior, who is Christ the Lord, who lived and died and rose for us, God forgives us all our sins and delights to call us beloved children.

C: Amen.

God Speaks to Us in His Holy Word

Scripture Lessons:

Isaiah 9:1-2, 6-7

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Romans 1:16-18

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Children's Sermon

Sermon Text: Luke 1:39-56

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Sermon **"The Good News Confirmed"**

Series: The King is Coming

Give Thanks to God

Song **"Your Name"**

Apostles 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 **"King of Kings"**

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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Dec 14 General Offering: \$4613.38 Attendance: 165

Dec Mission Fund Offering: \$942.00 (month to date)

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Greeters Dec 21—Ryan & Carla Lantz

Dec 28—Larry & Mary Beth Kuiper

Ushers Dec 21 & 28—Frank Cutler & Ross Ringling

Communion Servers Lee Hanten, Donna Boysen, Scott Dingus

Available for Prayer (Classroom #3) Jerry Dykstra & Jan DuFrain

Coffee Cookie Servers

Dec 21—Wanda Johnson, Estelle Konechne, Tori Konechne

Dec 28—Connie Kirsch, Taylor Koopal, Vicki Koopal

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.

The Mission Board has designated the Angel Tree Ministry Shipping Fund and Platte Senior Meals as our December Missions of the month. 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. ***If you would like to donate, please make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church and note on check memo or in offering envelope “Mission Fund.”***

No Sunday School or Confirmation on Sundays, December 21 & 28.
We will resume on January 4.

The new member class will meet today at 10:45 AM in the fireside fellowship. There will be a light lunch served with the meeting. The meeting should take about 1 to 1-1/2 hours. Attending the meeting does not obligate you to join.

Join us for a Hymn Sing at the Avera Care Center today at 2:30 pm.
Stay for coffee, goodies and fellowship following the hymn sing.

Please join us once again for **Advent Worship services** on Monday, December 22 at 2:00 PM at the Avera Care Center. The service will consist of singing Christmas carols, reading a few scriptures, a short Advent-inspired message, sharing Holy Communion, and fellowshipping 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.

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"

New Hope Christian Camp is having Winter Day Camp on December 29- January 1 from 9:00am to 3:00pm each day. We will have lots of fun activities, games, and learning about Jesus for students in grades K-5! This year our theme is "How to Train Your Attitude." The cost is \$20 per day- come for one day or for all! Register: newhopechristiancamp.org.

Vine Table Meal: ROAST BEEF Saturday, January 10 serving at 11:30am. If you had signed up in December, you will be kept on list, unless you call to cancel. If you would like to be added to the list you can sign up in the entryway of Platte CRC or call Norma Lorensen at 605-680-1691. Have a blessed Christmas & New Year!

Wanted: New & Old Devotionals – put in the box in the entryway and they will be taken to Sioux Falls. Men's coats, boots, hats, gloves are needed also. Please put in garbage bags. These items can be dropped off at Gloria Kok or Shirley Johnson's garages. Please call ahead. Gloria (605-207-0096) or Shirley (605-207-0388).

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:

- Praise God Bev Antonsen's daughter, Hope, is recovering well from surgery Dec. 12th to remove stones from her liver & bile duct & from surgery Dec. 15th to remove her gall bladder. Please pray: God's hand of healing, protection, & provision would be upon Hope, He would guard her from complications & infections, would relieve her pain, & bring comfort & peace to Hope & all her loved ones.
- Please keep LeRoy Severson in your prayers as he recovers from his first dose of radioactive iodine on Dec. 15th. Pray the treatment would eradicate all cancer from his body but would not harm healthy cells. Pray it wouldn't make him nauseous & that he could sleep & eat well as he recovers. Pray he would feel God's constant presence & comfort in his isolation & that he & all his loved ones would know the Lord's peace throughout.
- Please keep Pearl Feiok in your prayers. Thank God the surgery to install the stent in her kidney went very well & has caused her no pain or discomfort. Thank Him that her cataract surgery went well. Please pray her vision would clear as the swelling goes down. Pray her Dec. 29th hysterectomy would go flawlessly & she would recover well with minimal pain. Pray God would give her the patience to refrain from overdoing it the first 6 weeks of recovery & would give her His peace, comfort, love, & strength.
- 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.
- Please keep George & Nancy Miller in your prayers, asking God to guard Nancy from fear as death looms closer. When I explain what Jesus has done for her, she knows she's saved, but the enemy keeps making her question if she's been obedient enough. Pray God would give her peace in this area, and that George could be a calming influence for her.
- 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.
- Praise God Mary Beth Kuiper has only 1 radiation treatment left on Dec.22nd. 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 a fractured vertebra in her lower back would heal quickly & cause her little pain. 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 (still not received as of 12-18) & 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 bones have healed well & her cast has been removed. The doctor gave her a brace to wear in P.E. & at other times of strenuous activity. Thank God for her healing & pray He would protect her from further injury.
- 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 can 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 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.

O Come, All You Unfaithful

O come, all you unfaithful. Come, weak and unstable
Come, know you are not alone. O come, barren and waiting ones.
Weary of praying. Come, see what your God has done

Chorus: Christ is born, Christ is born, Christ is born for you

O come, bitter and broken. Come, with fears unspoken
Come, taste of His perfect love. O come, guilty and hiding ones.
There is no need to run. See what your God has done

Chorus

He's the Lamb who was given slain for our pardon
His promise is peace for those who believe (x2)

So come, though you have nothing. Come, He is the offering
Come, see what your God has done

Chorus

Rejoice, He came for you. (x3) Christ, the Lord.

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I Heard The Bells On Christmas Day

I heard the bells on Christmas day, their old familiar carols play
and mild and sweet their songs repeat, of peace on earth good will to men
And the bells are ringing (peace on earth) Like a choir they're singing (peace on earth)
In my heart I hear them (Peace) Peace on earth Good will to men
And in despair I bowed my head, "There is no peace on earth" I said
For hate is strong and mocks the song, of peace on earth good will to men
But the bells are ringing (peace on earth) Like a choir singing (peace on earth)
Does anybody hear them (Peace) Peace on earth Good will to men
Then rang the bells more loud and deep "God is not dead nor does He sleep"
Peace on earth peace on earth, The wrong shall fail the right prevail
with peace on earth good will to men
Then ringing singing on its way, the world revolved from night to day
A voice a chime a chant sublime of peace on earth good will to men
And the bells they're ringing (peace on earth)
Like a choir they're singing (peace on earth)
And with our hearts we'll hear them (Peace) Peace on earth Good will to men
Do you hear the bells they're ringing (peace on earth)
The life the angels singing (peace on earth)
Open up your heart and hear them (Peace) Peace on earth Good will to men
Peace on earth peace on earth, Peace on earth good will to men

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Your Name (Christmas Version)

Humbly to the earth You came, Born into this world to save
God with us Emmanuel, Now we adore Your Name

Chorus: Your Name is a strong and mighty tower
Your Name is a shelter like no other
Your Name let the nations sing it louder
For nothing has the power to save but Your Name

Jesus in Your Name we pray, Come and fill our hearts today
Lord give us strength to live for You and glorify Your Name

Chorus

Wonderful Counselor Prince of Peace

Chorus x2

God with us Emmanuel, God with us Emmanuel
God with us Emmanuel, Now we adore Your Name

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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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