

SERIES: THE KING IS COMING

# MARY RECEIVES THE GOOD NEWS



And behold, you will conceive in your womb  
and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.  
He will be great and will be called  
the Son of the Most High.

Luke 1:31



PO Box 427 - 500 S Penn Ave

**Pastor Dave Martin**

3 Advent – December 14, 2025

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

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## *God Gathers His People to Worship*

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Sharing the Peace of the Lord

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.**

*Jarod & Brooklyn Severson family*

Songs "He Has Come for Us"

**"A Christmas Alleluia"**

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 98:1-6

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Colossians 1:21-23

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Children's Sermon

Sermon Text: Luke 1:26-38

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Sermon **"Mary Receives the Good News"**

*Series: The King is Coming*

## *Give Thanks to God*

Song **"Mary Did You Know"**

Apostles Creed

Offering

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

## *God Calls us to Serve*

Song **"Manger Throne"**

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 7 General Offering: \$7278.00 Attendance: 165**

**Dec Mission Fund Offering: \$792.00**

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**Greeters** Dec 14—Kyle & Tricia Meyerink

Dec 21—Ryan & Carla Lantz

Dec 28—Larry & Mary Beth Kuiper

**Ushers** Dec 14—Austin DuFrain & Ethan DuFrain

Dec 21 & 28—Frank Cutler & Ross Ringling

**Available for Prayer (Classroom #3)** Jeff Engebretson & Mary Ringling

**Coffee Cookie Servers**

Dec 14—Melissa Johnson, Hailee Johnson, Lisa Johnson

Dec 21—Wanda Johnson, Estelle Konechne, Tori Konechne

Dec 28—Connie Kirsch, Taylor Koopal, Vicki Koopal

**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. ***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."***

Today, **Sunday December 14 from 10:45 AM-12:00 PM** is the dress rehearsal for our Christmas Program. Please make sure everyone (Preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> Grades) are here to practice!

**A benefit lunch for LeRoy Severson will be held today Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**, 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](mailto:Jerad@BuildSummit.com)

**We invite you join us this evening, December 14 at 7:00 PM** for our Sunday School Christmas Program *“Fullness of Time Christmas.”* Students should arrive by 6:45 PM and go to their classroom to get ready. Also, each family please bring 1 dozen goodies to share for fellowship time following the program. Please have to the kitchen by 6:45 PM

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 15	Twilight Vista	2:00 PM
Monday, December 22	Avera Care Center	2:00 PM

**Advent Bible Study - Monday, Dec 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.

**Church Council meeting** is Monday, December 15 at 7:00 PM

**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](mailto: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. 19<sup>th</sup> 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

**No Sunday School or Confirmation** on Sundays, December 14, 21 & 28. We will resume on January 4.

#### Upcoming Services:

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

**Christmas Morning Service** 9:30 AM Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>  
with communion "Making the Most of Christmas"

**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:**

- Please keep Bev Antonsen's daughter, Hope, in your prayers. She was hospitalized Dec. 10th in Mitchell for severe abdominal pain. She will need her gall bladder removed soon, but needs surgery to remove stones from her liver & bile duct first. As of the writing of these prayers, no surgeries have yet been performed. Please pray God would: see her safely through all surgeries, protect her from complications & infections, & speed her to a quick, complete recovery. Pray Hope & her loved ones would feel God moving powerfully in this trial.
- Please keep Pearl Feiock in your prayers. She had a stent implanted in her kidney on Dec. 11th. Pray she recovers quickly & well from that surgery & that it accomplishes all the doctors are hoping. Pray also for her cataract surgery to go well on Dec. 16th & 17th in Sioux Falls & that her vision improves dramatically. Pray she will be able to schedule her hysterectomy before the end of the year & that it will go flawlessly as well. Pray she knows the Lord's close-abiding presence, comfort, love, peace, & strength throughout.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 (still not received as of 12-11) & 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 week in a cast, she should be completely healed. Pray her upcoming x-ray would reveal her bones have mended perfectly & 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 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.

## **He Has Come For Us**

God rest ye merry gentlemen let nothing you dismay  
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day  
To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray

O tidings of comfort and joy comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy

*Chorus:* He has come for us this Jesus. He's the hope for all mankind  
He has come for us the Messiah. Born to give us life

From God our heav'nly Father a blessed angel came  
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same  
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name

O tidings of comfort and joy comfort and joy  
O tidings of comfort and joy

*Chorus*

All the angels sing, "Hallelujah, Jesus Christ is born!"  
All the children sing "Hallelujah! He is Christ the Lord!"

*Chorus* Born to give us life.

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## **A Christmas Alleluia**

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, the Savior of the world,  
He has come! Alleluia, alleluia! To the highest name of all: Alleluia!  
(repeat)

The heavens roar, the angels sing  
All glory to our God and King! O night divine forevermore, alleluia!  
(repeat)

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, the Savior of the world,  
He has come! Alleluia, alleluia! To the highest name of all: Alleluia!  
You're the highest name of all alleluia

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## **Mary Did You Know**

Mary, did you know that your baby boy would one day walk on water?  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy would save our sons and daughters?  
Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new?  
This Child that you delivered will soon deliver you

Mary, did you know that your baby boy would give sight to the blind man?  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy would calm a storm with His hand?  
Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod?  
And when you kiss your little baby you've kissed the face of God.

The blind will see, The deaf will hear, The dead will live again  
The lame will leap, The dumb will speak, The praises of the Lamb

Mary, did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation?  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy will one day rule the nations?  
Did you know that your baby boy is heaven's perfect Lamb?  
This the sleeping Child you're holding is the Great I AM!

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## **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  
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