A Journey through the Book of 1st John



I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and because no lie is of the truth. Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son.
1 John 2:21-22

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17 Trinity – September 27, 2026
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

Songs **"Worthy of It All"** *with* **"Worthy"**

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: God, whose love is everlasting, welcomes sinners to the table of mercy. Let us confess our sin, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Gracious God,

P & C: have mercy on us. In your gracious compassion forgive us our sins, both known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Since we are justified by God's grace through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Almighty God has mercy on us, forgives us all our sins, and will bring us to life everlasting.

C: Amen.

God Speaks to Us in His Holy Word

Scripture Lessons:

Psalm 139:23-24 Page 662
2 Thessalonians 2:1-12 Page 1259

Children's Sermon

(join in singing "Jesus Loves Me" while children come up)

Sermon Text: 1 John 2:18-29 Page 1302

Sermon **"Beware of the Antichrists"**

Series: A Journey through the Book of 1st John

Give Thanks to God

Song **"Make It Well"**

Apostles Creed

Offering

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hands hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Prayers of the Church

God Calls Us to Serve

Song **"Goodness of God"**

Benediction

Enter to Worship - Depart to Serve

Thank you for joining us this morning to worship with us! **Please join us for fellowship** and coffee and cookies in the fellowship hall following the service.

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Today, we continue sermon series entitled **"A Journey through the Book of 1st John."** I love 1st John because it does such an incredible job of explaining who Jesus is and who we can be in Him. It is extremely practical in spelling out the love of God and how it was made manifest to mankind in and through Jesus Christ. It also tells us what our response should be to God's love and how to know with certainty we are walking in His love. Bring your Bible to church with you and fill it with notes and highlights on this highly informative book. This book is one of my favorite epistles, and I pray it will soon become one of your favorites as well. Happy listening & learning, *Pastor Dave*

September 20 General Offering: $4130.00 **Attendance:** 132
September Mission Fund Offering: $1276.00 *(month to date)*

To GIVE ONLINE, go to our website tlcplattesd.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.

Musicians Jackie Olsen, Alison Dykstra, Nicki Nelson, Kathy Holter, & Daniel Daum

Greeters Sept 27—Zach & Lizzy Warejcka
Oct 4—Mick & Sharon Warejcka
Oct 11—Jay & Deb VanDerWerff
Oct 18—Joyce VanderHam & Tammy Darling

Ushers Sept 27—Randy Tegethoff & Foster Tegethoff
Oct 4 & 11—LeRoy Severson & Jeff Konstanz
Oct 18—Jay VanDerWerff & David Kott
Oct 25—Confirmation Students

Prayer Ministry *(Classroom #3)* Kyle Meyerink & Shirley Johnson

Coffee Cookie Servers
Sept 27—Nicki Reiser, Amy Ringling, Shelby Ringling
Oct 4—Mary Ringling, Brittany Ruen, Chelsey Schrank
Oct 11—Brooklyn Severson, Stacy Severson, Tara Severson
Oct 18—Liz Spawn, Tonya Standy, Sheila Summerville
Oct 25—Marla Tegethoff, Laura Vanden Berge, Emily VandenHoek

For our **September Mission Fund Offering**, we will be supporting two mission projects. One of the missions is **Marion Medical Missions** to help provide new wells, bringing clean, safe water to communities in need in Africa. The second mission is **God's Way Christian School**, which is currently raising funds to build four additional classrooms and purchase a new bus to provide transportation for students.

Please designate on your check or offering envelope how much you are giving to each mission offering. Donations that don't specify how their money is to be spent will be split equally between the two causes. ***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."***

There will be a tailgate supper held on **Friday, October 2** before/during the P/G vs KWL football game. A freewill donation will be taken to assist Lee Hanten with medical expenses incurred for a new leg prosthesis. If you are unable to attend, but would like to contribute, please contact Karen Lang at 605-207-0126. Thank you!

Martha Bible Study Group is going to meet Monday, October 5th at 6:30 in the Fireside Fellowship room. We finished the last Bible study and will start an Advent one in late November. In the meantime, we will be doing stand alone videos for October and November. This month we will be watching a video by Kristi McLelland. It is one of her "Pearls" videos titled "Jesus, Good Shepherd in the Gate". There is no written lesson, just watching the video and discussion afterwards. Hope to see you there! *Stay tuned for info about the upcoming Advent study.*

Bible Instruction for all third graders will begin Wednesday, October 28th, and will meet on Wednesdays, November 4, 11 and 18. Classes will be held in the Church Council room and will run from 3:45 to 5:00 PM. If possible, we would like to have a parent, grandparent, or other family member accompany each child to help them in our journey through God's Word. A light snack and bottle of water will be served each session. Please let Pastor Dave know if your child has any dietary restrictions. **Bible presentations will be made Sunday, November 22nd during the worship service.**

We're looking for volunteers to provide snacks for up to 70 Junior High Youth Group kids on Wednesday nights. Homemade or store-bought—either is great! Snacks can be dropped off Wednesday afternoons at Christian Reformed Church; no need to stay and serve. To help, contact Jan VanVuren at 605-207-0214. **Thanks for supporting Community Student Ministry!**

Please bring back any church kitchen towels/cloths that you may have brought home and washed! We are running low. Thank you!

Live in Concert: The Watoto Children's Choir, from Uganda, East Africa - “Love Never Fails” **Sunday, October 4 at 6:30 PM at Calvary Baptist Church** “Come join us as we celebrate God’s unfailing love!” A Love Offering for the choir will be collected during the concert. Hosted by the Platte Ministerial Association.

The next **Vine Table Meal** you don't want to miss is CAN COOKER!!! Thursday, October 8th serving at 5:30. Deadline for signing up is Sunday, October 4th on the signup sheet in the entryway of CRC or calling Norma Lorensen at 680-1691.

Prayer Praises and Concerns

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

Ila Vae Antonsen, Mary Lee Erickson, Joan Falor, Ruth Gruenig, Laura Johnson, George Miller, Caroline Peterson, Evelyn & Larry Tucker

Please pray for:

- Praise God Glenn Higgins's kidneys have stabilized & he is out of ICU. He is now on dialysis on 6-hour intervals. Doctors are hoping they may be able to send him soon to a hospital in Roseville, CA, a city much closer to his hometown. Please pray for the continued stabilization of his kidneys & for doctors to find a way to stop his body from rejecting his transplanted liver. Pray for Glenn to feel the Lord's hand of healing, protection, & provision upon him & for him & his loved ones to know God's peace, love, comfort, & strength throughout. Glenn is Joan Hoversten's oldest grandson.
- Please continue to pray for Larry Tucker as he recovers from a recent heart attack & foot surgeries. He is back at Avera Care Center in Room 16. Pray for his back pain to diminish, for the pain & phantom pain in his left foot to abate, for his surgical sites to heal well, and for clear & lucid thinking. Pray Larry, Evelyn, & all his loved ones feel the Lord's comfort, walk in His peace, & know His strength in this trial.
- Praise God Ilavae Antonsen has gone several days without feeling dizzy. Thank God the treatments they have prescribed have restored her balance. Pray she & her loved ones would know God's comfort, love, strength, & peace as He brings her to full recovery.
- Please pray God would bring Pearl Feiok's son, Heath, to full recovery from his recent neck & carpal tunnel surgery. Thank God Pearl's friend, Clint Pearson had successful foot surgery on 9/18. Pray he receives a good report at his doctor's appointment on 9/28. Please pray God would heal Pearl's right eye & restore clear, full vision to her & that she, Clint, & their loved ones would feel the Lord's peace, love, comfort, & strength throughout.
- Praise God Pr. Dave's & Peggy's friend, Paul Clarke, is recovering well from surgery to remove cancer from his tongue. Pray his upcoming radiation treatments go well, that Paul has minimal sickness from the radiation, & that God would protect Paul & his wife, Holly, in their travels to & from his treatments. Pray for God's hand of healing, protection, provision, & peace to be with them all.
- Praise God Joan Falor continues to improve from her stroke. I visited her on 9/8 & she was in very good spirits. Please continue to pray God would

improve her speech & to enable her to find the words she is searching for more easily. Pray for Joan & her loved ones to feel the Lord's presence, comfort, love, peace & strength in this trial.

- Praise God Sammi Ringling's cancer markers have improved so dramatically. Please pray they might find a new chemo for her that would have milder side effects but would work just as well. Pray Sammi, Keagan, Anne, & all her loved ones feel the Lord's presence, comfort, love, peace & strength in this trial.
- Please continue to pray for Amy Ringling's daily improvement, asking God to give her new victories each day. Pray she, Ryan, Hudson, Emerson, Logan & her entire family feel God's hand upon them & walk daily in His comfort, love, peace, & strength.
- Please pray for LeRoy Severson's continued health & well-being. Ask God to eradicate all cancer from him, to restore things the cancer & treatment stole from him, & to bless him with new victories daily. Pray doctors would be able to properly regulate his medication so his body temperature could remain more stable. Pray LeRoy, Stacy, & all their loved ones would know God's comfort, love, peace, & strength throughout.
- 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.
- Please pray for Pr. Dave's & Peggy's daughter-in-law, Koni, asking God to open the door for her visa application to be approved. Please pray God would bless us with the good news that she will soon be able to join John in the U.S. They celebrated their 2nd anniversary 9/8 apart from one another. Praise God John has found the perfect house for the two of them. Pray the closing & all improvements would go extremely well. Please pray we would all feel God's mighty hand at work in the weeks ahead.
- Praise God the opening night of Youth Group went well with 117 junior & senior high students in attendance. The youth responded well to the teaching & to the worship & praise. Please pray for one additional mentor for 6th grade boys, and another for 7th grade boys. Pray also for ease in filling the teaching slots each month and for finances to be strong for the Community Youth Group.

Worthy of It All

All the saints and angels they bow before Your throne
All the elders cast their crowns before the Lamb of God and sing

Chorus: You are worthy of it all, You are worthy of it all
For from You are all things and to You are all things
You deserve the glory

Day and night night and day let incense arise *(x3)*
Day and night night and day

Chorus x2

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Worthy

It was my cross You bore so I could live in the freedom You died for
And now my life is Yours and I will sing of Your goodness forevermore

Chorus: Worthy is Your name, Jesus
You deserve the praise, Worthy is Your name
Worthy is Your name, Jesus
You deserve the praise, Worthy is Your name

And now my shame is gone, I stand amazed in Your love undeniable
Your grace goes on and on and I will sing of Your goodness forevermore

Chorus x2

Be exalted now in the heavens as Your glory fills this place
You alone deserve our praise You're the name above all names *(x2)*

Chorus x2

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Make It Well

Make it well with my soul, Don't let me face this loneliness alone
Make it well with my soul, I need a peace that only heaven knows
Jesus could you please just sit and cry with me, 'til I can sing, 'til I can sing

Chorus: It is well with my soul, It is well with my soul
Whatever my lot you are still my God
It is well, It is well with my soul

Make it well with my soul,
When the storm is raging please don't let me go
Oh voice that calms the sea
Keep whispering to me, so I can sing, so I can sing

Chorus

Make it well with my soul, Oh make it well with my soul
Make it well with my soul

Make it well with my soul, Keep this heart from hardening like stone
Show me through the pain
There's reason still to praise so I can sing, so I can sing

It is well with my soul, It is well with my soul
Whatever my lot, you are still my God
Oh, whatever my lot, you are still my God
Oh, whatever my lot, you are still my God
It is well, It is well with my soul

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Goodness of God

I love You Lord, Oh Your mercy never fails me, All my days I've been held in Your hands. From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head. I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus: All my life You have been faithful, All my life You have been so, so good. With every breath that I am able, I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice, You have led me through the fire
In darkest night, You are close like no other, I've known You as a father,
I've known You as a friend, I have lived in the goodness of God

Chorus

Your goodness is running after, It's running after me *(x2)*
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now
I give You everything, Your goodness is running after it's running after me

Chorus x2

I will sing of the goodness of God.

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