

The Road to Calvary

The Straw that Broke



the Camel's Back

That Christ died for our sins in accordance
with the Scriptures, that he was buried,
that he was raised on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures
1 Corinthians 15:3b-4



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Pastor Dave Martin

5 Lent – April 6, 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

Song **“The Old Rugged Cross”**

GHF 113

Confession & Forgiveness of Sin:

P: Dear friends of Christ, in the shadow of our Savior's Holy Cross, we admit what God already knows: We have sinned against God in thought, word and deed. We have failed God by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

Let us pray.

P & C: Most merciful God, I confess before you these, my brothers and sisters, that I have failed to take up my cross and follow Jesus. I have abused the gift of language by saying things I had no business saying and leaving unsaid things it was my duty to say. I have tried to possess that which does not properly belong to me. I have bent the truth to serve my own ends. I have not treated my neighbors the way I would wish my neighbors to treat me. For the sake of your risen Son, Jesus Christ, who died on the cross for the sins of the whole world, have mercy on me. Forgive what I have been, and show me what I may yet become.

P: Jesus Christ was given to die on the cross for us, and raised to new life for us. Therefore we have also been raised to newness of life, pure and acceptable in the sight of God. **C: Amen!**

God Speaks to Us in His Holy Word

Scripture Lessons:

Isaiah 53:1-5

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1 Corinthians 15:1-8

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Children's Sermon

Song **"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"**

LBW 107

Sermon Text: John 11:45-53

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Sermon **"The Straw that Broke the Camel's Back"**

Series: The Road to Calvary

Give Thanks to God

Song **"Lamb of God"**

Nicene Creed

Offering

Offertory

We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

Prayers of the Church

Celebration of Holy Communion

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Communion Blessing

God Calls Us to Serve

Song **"At the Cross"**

GHF 129

Benediction

Enter to Worship - Depart to Serve

Thank you for joining us this morning to worship with us! We begin the sermon series "The Road to Calvary." Please join us for coffee and cookies in the fellowship hall following the service.

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email bulletin info by Thursdays 8 AM

March 30 General Offering: \$2602.00 Attendance: 96

March Mission Fund Offering - Feeding Ministry: \$1907.10

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www.tlcplattesd.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.

Musician Donna Nelson

Greeters April 6—Dave & Joyce Carter

April 13—Donna Boysen & Bev Antonsen

April 20—Tom & Vickie Boltjes

April 27—Kenny & Cheri Antonsen

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

Communion Servers Mike Gilbertz, Scott Vanden Berge, Carey Hoffman

Ushers April 6 & 13—Lee DeHaan & Spencer DeHaan

April 20 & 27—Lee Hanten & Dan Daum

Coffee Cookie Servers

April 6—Amanda Hermanek, Casey Holter, Kathy Holter

April 13—Susan Holter, Tana Huizenga, Katie Hunhoff

April 20—EASTER (No Cookies)

April 27—Darla Johnson, Katie Johnson, Melissa Johnson

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.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace quilting group will work on cutting, tying and sewing quilts on **Monday, April 7 and Tuesday, April 8 from 10 AM to 3 PM**. Please bring rotary cutters or scissors to use. Mats are provided. Anyone from the community is welcome to come and be a part of these projects. Lunch will be provided.

Bible Study on Matthew – the Visual Bible will meet this Monday, April 7 at 1 PM in the Fireside Room.

On Monday, April 7 at 2:15 PM, we will be holding a **Lenten service** at the Twilight Vista. We hope you can join us and stay following the services for coffee and goodies. Lenten services will also be April 14 will be at Avera Care Center.

Instructions for First Communion for our 5th graders will continue Tuesday, April 8 from 3:45-5:00 PM in the North Overflow room. We will also meet on Tuesday, April 15th and 22nd. First Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, May 4 at our 9:30 AM worship service.

Weekly Men's breakfast and Bible study meets this **Saturday, April 12 at 7 AM** in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast and then in the Fireside Room to watch the video, break into small groups, discuss the video, and pray with and for one another.

Holy Week Worship Schedule:

Maundy Thursday Service: Thursday, April 17 at 7 pm

Good Friday Service: Friday, April 18 at 7 pm

Easter breakfast (serving from 8-9 AM) hosted by the students going to summer camp this summer. They will be serving egg bakes, rolls, fresh fruit, juice and coffee. Free will donation. Join us before regular worship time.

Resurrection Sunday Service: Sunday, April 20 at 9:30 AM

Our April Mission Fund Offering will be again towards the Marion Medical Missions. It only takes \$475 to build a well for a rural African village. We can share the love of Christ with the extreme poor in Africa by providing them with a sustainable source of clean, safe drinking water. Our Mission Offerings in February went towards the Marion Medical Mission Funds and we raised \$1,820.50! That equals to almost 4 wells. We will continue in this to raise more money to supply more wells. Thank you for continuing to support our missions! We are looking forward to seeing how many more wells we can fund for this mission! Please make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church and note "Mission Fund" on offering envelope or check memo.

On Sunday, April 13th, we will have a presentation from one of our local Gideons sharing with us highlights from their ministry and the ministry of Gideons International. The **April Mission Offering** we collect that Sunday will be designated to bless our local Gideons. Please give generously as this organization does so much to make the Word of God known throughout the world.

On April 9, 2025, the Platte Area Ministerial Association is sponsoring a free showing of the *Passion of the Christ* at the Lyric Theatre in Platte. Showtime is set for 7:30 PM, following a short welcome and opening prayer. It has been 21 years since this movie was released and there is a whole generation who haven't seen it. We wanted to give people a chance to see it for free, whether this is their first time or 21st time. This movie does an amazing job of showing the suffering Jesus endured on our behalf. It will serve as a powerful backdrop for Holy Week, and we are praying that the theatre will be packed.

As great as this movie is, it is not suitable for younger viewers because of the graphic nature of many of the scenes. We suggest viewers be at least in high school. If parents need childcare for some of their younger children, New Hope Christian Camp and Retreat Center is offering free childcare. Please call the camp for more details at 605-682-1992.

The next **Vine Table meal will be Saturday, April 12** starting to serve at 11:30 am. We will have Korean Beef. We have a sign-up sheet at Platte CRC or you can call Norma at 605-680-1691.

If you would like to volunteer to bring a dessert or to help prepare/clean up afterwards, you can call Norma.

Lifeline Children's Service is a Christian adoption ministry that will be in Platte on April 24 at 6:30 pm at Platte Christian Reformed Church to share about their ministries of adoption and Harbor Families. This is a great opportunity to ask questions and learn more about hosting vulnerable children through Harbor Families or growing your family through adoption (international adoption, foster care adoption, or domestic infant adoption). For more information about Lifeline, their adoption ministries, and Harbor Families, please check out the links at (provided event links above). There's also a quick form to fill out to pre-register for this info meeting.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR VBS: Community VBS will be held at Trinity Lutheran church on July 28th-31st from 4:30pm-7:30pm. Students who completed Half-day Kindergarten and Kindergarten through 5th grade may attend. Registration will be coming out soon!!!

Lamb of God

Your only Son, no sin to hide, but You have sent Him from Your side,
To walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God.

Chorus: O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God! O wash me in His precious blood
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love, they crucified, They laughed and scorned Him as He died,
The humble King they named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God.

Chorus

I was so lost, I should have died, But You have brought me to Your side,
To be led by Your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God.

Chorus

Twila Paris

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Prayer Praises and Concerns

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

Bud Bakken, Floyd Dimick, Mary Lee Erickson, Ruth Gruenig, Laura Johnson, Richard Johnson, George & Nancy Miller, Caroline Peterson

Please pray for:

- Please keep Mike Erickson in your prayers. He has done very well in his first week of hospice care at White Lake Nursing Home & is enjoying the company he receives. He gets around well with his walker & enjoys being able to spend time with his mom. Pray he will recover from his last intense dose of chemo, that the numbness in his hands would go away, that he could sleep well, that the pain in his stomach would go away, that he would quit losing weight, & that his strength & energy levels would increase. Please pray Mike & all his loved ones will know the Lord's comfort, love, peace, & strength in this difficult time. Please send him a card or pay him a visit. His address is: Room 105, White Lake Nursing Home, 408 S. Johnston Street, White Lake, SD, 57383
- Praise God George & Nancy Miller have come through their bouts of Covid well. Please pray God would bless them with an extended season of good health & vitality, that He would surround them with His love, fill them with His comfort, peace, strength, & joy, and that every day they have left would be a great day. Praise God as well that their daughter, Debbie Martin, continues to do well in her battle with ovarian & uterine cancer & can be more active. Pray she, her husband, Tom, & the whole family would know God's peace throughout this trial.
- Please pray that the Lord leads Dave Kott's doctors in finding the best solution to the shortness of breath he has experienced lately. He met with a pulmonologist on April 3rd & a cardiologist on April 4th. Pray their findings yield an encouraging diagnosis & plan of treatment. Pray the Lord would bless him with healing, strength, good sleep, a good appetite, & increased energy. Please pray Dave & all his loved ones would know the Lord's peace, love, comfort, & joy throughout this trial.
- Please keep Beau Koopal & his loved ones in your prayers as he awaits a series of 3 blood transfusions designed to improve his battle with MOGAD. He is still doing well & feeling well overall but did experience a random stumble the other day. Pray for his continued health & well-being & for he & his loved ones to live in the Lord's grace & peace.
- Please keep Karla Kuipers in your prayers. Her pancreatic cancer is gone but it has now moved to her lungs. As a result of her most recent scans,

doctors have discontinued her current chemo. Please join her family in praying that she might be admitted to some new clinical trials. Trials were to open in March & then again in May. Please pray she receives an invitation into one of these trials & that the Lord's hand of healing, comfort, strength, & provision would be upon her, & that she & all her loved ones would know the Lord's peace that surpasses all understanding. Karla is Mica Foxley's mother, & Blake's mother-in-law.

- Please keep Floyd & Karen Dimick in your prayers. Floyd's health is improving, though he is very weak & on oxygen for a while. He is about to start restorative therapy to rebuild his strength. He is back in his room at the Avera Care Center. Pray he & Karen would continue to grow stronger & healthier and that the two of them would have a great remainder of the year. Send a card or stop for a visit at Avera Care Center, Room 17B.
- Please continue to pray for Mick Warejcka. He had his appointment with the cardiologist on 2/24/25. They are going to change his meds, then around the first part of May, they're going to try to cardioinvert him into a regular heart rhythm. Please continue to pray for his heart to come into proper rhythm & for his blood pressure to stabilize in a healthy range. Pray for Mick, Sharon, & all their loved ones to know God's peace that surpasses all understanding & for them to feel His close-abiding presence.
- Please continue to pray for Kory Meyerink to improve daily from his back surgery. Pray his pain would diminish daily. Pray the Lord would enable him to do everything asked of him in physical therapy and that he would feel himself improving daily. Pray he is soon able to live the active life he loves & pray he & his loved ones would know the Lord's love, peace, & presence throughout.
- Please keep Mary & Tom Espland in your prayers. Mary slipped on the ice a few weeks ago and broke her upper left arm. Due to her cerebral palsy, she has no use of her right arm, so things are difficult for them right now. Thank God their youngest daughter is living with them to help out. Please pray for the Lord's healing touch to be with both Mary & Tom, & for God to give their daughter a double portion of His grace so that she will be equal to the tasks before her.
- Please pray for the people of Thailand & Myanmar as they seek to recover from the 7.7 magnitude earthquake. Pray God would help these people who have lost so much: to remain strong in their faith, to know comfort in their loss & grief, to see amazing miracles in recovering trapped bodies & watching them get healthy. Pray for great help from relief agencies worldwide & for many hands to make quick work of a difficult situation.