Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of GOD without being born from above. John 3:3, NRSV



# GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

Welcome & Announcements

**Opening Prayer** 

## Song "Carrier"

**Confession & Forgiveness** 

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

P: In Christ's dying and rising, we are reborn; we are no longer dead in our sin. Let us return to the shepherd and guardian of our souls, confessing our sin.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Almighty God,

P & C: we confess before you our preference for things that pass away, our silence in the face of injustice, our reluctance to accept the freedom of forgiveness. Make us whole again; renew in us the grace of baptism; and set our minds on the things that are above.

P: "All the prophets testify about Jesus that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." God, who loves you dearly, forgives you all your sin, raises you to new life in Jesus Christ, and renews you by the power of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.** 

# GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS HOLY WORD

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# GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Song **"Holy Spirit"** Offering \*\* Prayers of the Church The Lord's Prayer

# **CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

The Invitation

P: We declare ourselves to be Easter people.

C: We have come to share in the table that He has prepared for us.

P: He took the bad news of sin and guilt and changed it to Good News through His dying and rising for us.

# C: We are here to celebrate that Good News and the presence of Christ with us.

Song during Communion "Jesus Paid It All"

Distribution

Communion

# GOD CALLS US TO SERVE

Song "Who You Say I Am"

Benediction

# ENTER TO WORSHIP - DEPART TO SERVE

www.tlcplattesd.org tlcplattesd@gmail.com (605) 337-3881 email bulletin info by Thursdays 8 AM

**Thank you** for joining us this Sunday morning for worship our God together! We will begin the sermon series "Lessons from Jesus." We will be having fellowship time following worship! Please join us for coffee and cookies in the fellowship hall.

\*\*The offering plate will be in the narthex so please place your donations in as you enter or exit.

Apr 24 General Offering: \$2024.00 Attendance: 132 Mission Fund Offering – building fund: \$145

Communion Servers: Jim Holter, Shirley Johnson, Ryan Lantz

Ushers May 1: Mike Konechne & Derek Wollman May 8 & 15: Tom Boltjes & Ryan Lantz May 22 & 29: Kevin & Jalen Severson

## **Coffee/Cookie Servers**

May 1: Cheri Antonsen, Casey Bailey, Vickie Boltjes
May 8: Donna Boysen, Caroline Butler, Joyce Carter
May 15: Lori Chambers, Marsha Cutler, Tammy Darling
May 22: Emily VandenHoek, Caitlin DeGroot, Karen DeGroot
May 29: Josie DeHaan, Jonna DeHaan, Whitney DeHaan

**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. Both wine and grape juice will be served. If you prefer grape juice, please tell the minister and he will serve you grape juice, otherwise he will serve you wine. We have gluten free wafers available. If you are unable to come forward to receive Communion, please remain in your pew and at the end of distribution, please indicate and we will serve you at your seat.

**Thank you for making our Easter morning breakfast a success!** We raised \$1221! We appreciate you all helping it possible for our youth to go to camp this summer! We have 22 youth from our congregation signed up for camp! ~ Camping Committee

The last day of Sunday School for the year is TODAY Sunday, May 1. We will have games and activities to celebrate the last day. High School students will meet today and next Sunday in the fireside room to finish their study. <u>Confirmation students will continue to meet May</u> <u>8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> with the 8<sup>th</sup> Graders being confirmed during the morning</u> worship service May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Third graders** will meet in the Confirmation room from 3:45 to 5:00 PM on May 4<sup>th</sup> for their final first Bible class. A parent or grandparent is encouraged to come with their student to help them in their exploration of God's Word. Presentation of the Bibles will be made to students during our May 8<sup>th</sup> worship.

All 5<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to attend Jr. High Group at CRC on the final Wednesday, **May 4<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm at New Hope Camp for the Jr High End of Year Celebration Night.** Please feel free to contact Pastor Dave Anderson or Pastor Paul Kimball with any questions or concerns.

**Children's Worship Sunday has been moved to Sunday, May 8**<sup>th</sup>. The Sunday School will be participating in the worship service this day through ushering, the Children's Sermon, reading Scripture, and special music.

"NOISY OFFERING"...The Sunday School kids will be taking their next "noisy offering" on May 8. If any other parents, grandparents or congregation members have any loose change laying around and would like to contribute, please give it to a child to put in the bucket or feel free to put it in yourselves. Thanks so much for helping our youth understand the importance of giving back to the Lord for all we do receive. Board of Ed - Alisha, Sarah & Carla

The Trinity Lutheran Church is planning a special day for our High School Graduates next **Sunday, May 8th at our 9:30 a.m.** morning worship service. The graduates will receive a quilt made by the ladies of the congregation to congratulate them.

This year's Community VBS "Discovery on Adventure Island" will be held *May 23 - 26 from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm at the First Reformed Church. Ages 5 (as of Sept. 1, 2021) - 4th Grade (completed).* Registration forms are available on the table to the right in the Narthex. Online registration is also available at <u>https://churchteams.com/m/Register.as?pa=cWFmRVZCN2dBYWc9</u> or you can text "VBS22" (no spaces) to 1-605-550-1003 & it will pull up the registration page.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED. Ages 5th Grade (completed) -

100! Childcare will be available for volunteers with children too young to attend VBS. *Our church is in charge of the Snack/Science portion of the program, so those willing to help with the planning, preparation & serving for the week or even a day or 2 are needed. We also need group leaders/helpers to get kids from Point A to Point B. Or if there's another area (i.e. Music, Crafts, Games, Bible Lesson, Nursery) that interests you please don't hesitate to let us know! Again, if you can help in <i>ANY* way for the week or even a day or 2, please sign up. Volunteer registration forms are also available on the table to the right in the Narthex & online at the link or number to text that is provided above. You can also contact Alisha Nachtigal (680-1131), Carla Lantz (222-9733) or Sarah Timmerman (680-4330).

**Thursday May 5<sup>th</sup> is National Day of Prayer**. Calvary Baptist will be hosting two Prayer Gatherings that day. We will gather at 6:30am to pray and again at 5:15pm to pray together. This is a Community Prayer Gathering and all are invited to join us as we Pray to Almighty God for our Community, our State, our Nation, and our World.

**TEC: Missouri Valley TEC will be held, June 3-5.** Anyone in High School is invited to attend. We are in need of youth and adult workers. Worker applications are due TODAY. Workdays start May 8. Visit us at <u>www.movalleytec.org</u> for more information and to apply online. If you have any questions, contact Shawn Wynia or Bobbi Brink.

#### WOW May-June Mission Project: Purse Project

We are asking for purses (new or gently used) filled with items such as: lotion, nail file, nail clipper, chapstick, comb, small brush, facial tissue, sanitary hygiene products, devotionals, bandaids, mints, gum, antibacterial hand wash or anything you might normally carry in your purse. We will be collecting until the end of June and there will be a box in the fellowship hall to place the purses. These will be delivered to the Compass Center in Sioux Falls which partnerships with several domestic abuse and sexual assault centers.

# PRAYER PRAISES AND CONCERNS

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

Mary Lee Erickson, Mike Erickson, Laura Johnson, Kathy Lubinus, LaDene Nelson

#### Those with health concerns:

Joel Olson, Clayton & Terri Fischer, Larry & Evelyn Tucker, Brady Sprik, Harold Pavlis, Rod Berg, Julie Pepper, Mike Erickson, Bud Bakken, Jill DeWet, LeRoy Severson, Kory Meyerink, Addie Walstad, Marissa Olson, Cate Fite, Joan Hoversten, Dee Rasmussen

#### **Our Partner Ministries:**

Mazahua Valley Ministries, *Directors Tacho & Sally Dominguez* Wanblee Native American Ministry, *Directors Gus & Terry Craven* Gideon's International & our local Platte Gideon's Camp East Europeans Missions Network Steve Walters with the Navigators-Africa Partners Victor & Lori Selemani with YWAM

#### Those serving in the military:

Duncan Anderson, Jared Anderson, Mitch Antonsen, Jacob Daum, Tanner Johnson, Jedidiah Konechne, Bailey Lanners, Evin Millar, Zane Nightengale, Amanda Eilers, Cooper Stanforth, Tate Wagner & Matt Warejcka

#### Others:

• Continue to pray for Jennifer Keane, Karen Dimick's great niece, who is recovering from surgery for a brain hemorrhage as she will have to relearn many physical activities.

#### **Carrier**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to preach good news to the poor To bind up the broken-hearted and make You known even more So that people living in darkness will see the great light

*Chorus:* I'll be the carrier of love and compassion I'll be the carrier of light to the world. I'll be the carrier of hope and salvation. I will go shine Your light to the world. I will go shine Your light to the world.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me. Freedom and truth to proclaim Trade your ashes for the oil of gladness and your sorrows for garments of praise

#### Chorus

Here am I, send me, send me. Here am I, send me, send me. Here am I, send me, send me. Here am I, send me, send me.

#### Chorus

To the world, to the world, to the world. I will go shine Your light to the world

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## Holy Spirit

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close, Nothing can compare, You're our living hope. Your Presence, Lord.

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves, Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone. Your Presence, Lord.

### Chorus:

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here. Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere. Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for, To be overcome by Your Presence, Lord. *(repeat all)* 

#### Chorus

Let us become more aware of Your Presence. Let us experience the glory of Your goodness. (x3)

# Chorus (repeat)

### Jesus Paid It All

I hear the Savior say Thy strength indeed is small Child of weakness watch and pray, find in Me thine all in all

*Chorus:* 'Cause Jesus paid it all. All to Him I owe Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow

Lord now indeed I find Thy pow'r and Thine alone Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone

Chorus

And when before the throne I stand in Him complete Jesus died my soul to save, My lips shall still repeat

### Chorus

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# Who You Say I Am

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me I was lost but He brought me in, Oh His love for me, Oh His love for me

Who the Son sets free Oh is free indeed, I'm a child of God, Yes I am

Free at last, He has ransomed me His grace runs deep while I was a slave to sin Jesus died for me Yes He died for me

### Chorus:

Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed, I'm a child of God, Yes I am In my Father's house there's a place for me, I'm a child of God, Yes I am

I am chosen not forsaken; I am who You say I am You are for me not against me; I am who You say I am (x3)

## Chorus

In my Father's house there's a place for me, I'm a child of God, Yes I am

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