

First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

¹In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ²until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

⁴And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." ⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Epistle

Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a

spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²²And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

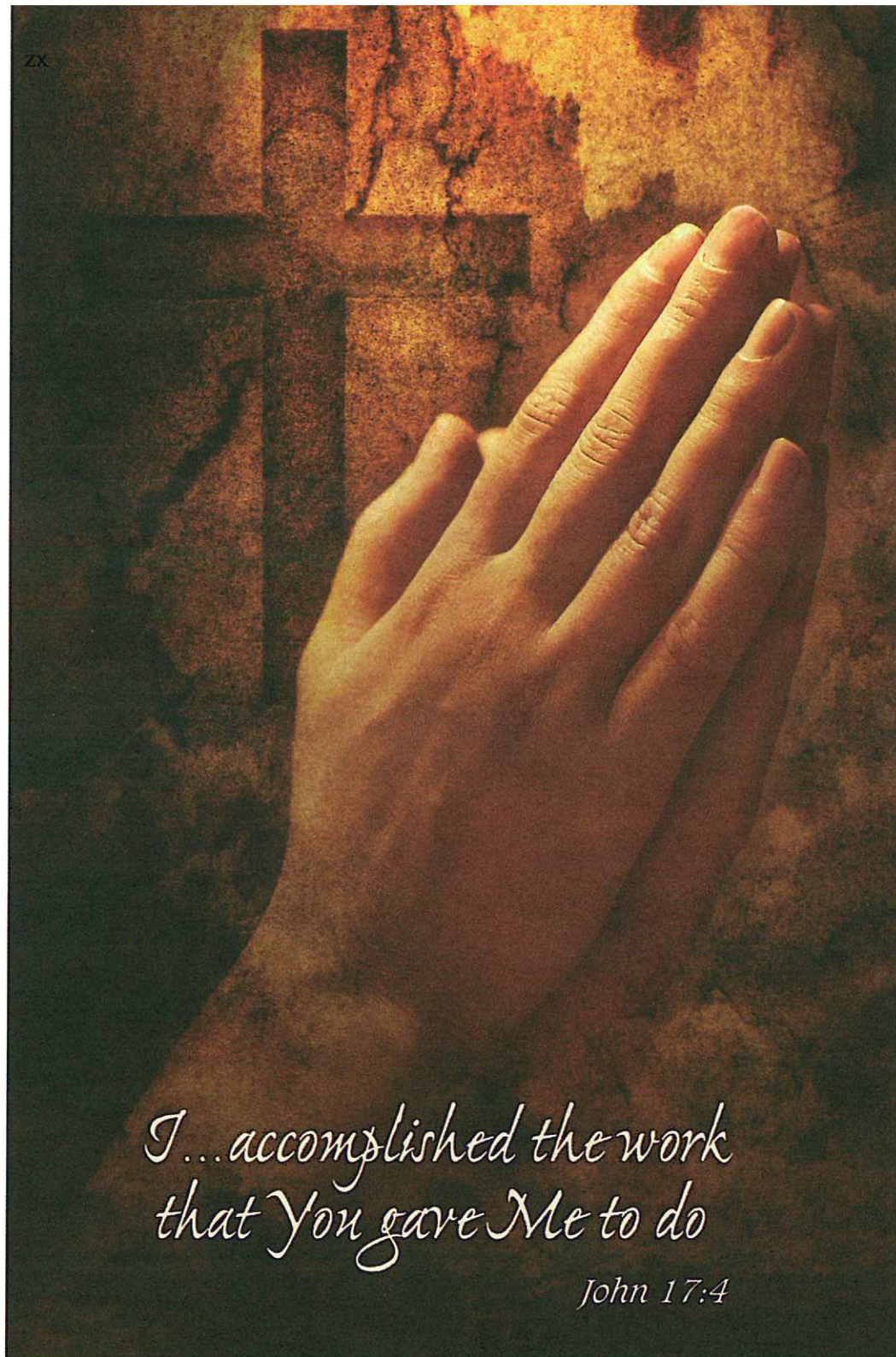
⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³and were continually in the temple blessing God.



Easter

About the Cover: Jesus, our Redeemer, came from His Father to save creation from sin. On Calvary, He willingly gave His sinless life for us. His resurrection from the dead and His ascension into heaven show that His sacrifice for our sins was acceptable to His Father for our atonement. In Jesus' High Priestly Prayer, He acknowledges, "I . . . accomplished the work that You gave Me to do." Jesus accomplished our salvation just as the Father had asked of Him. Alleluia!



*I...accomplished the work
that You gave Me to do*

John 17:4

ASCENSION

May 24 & 28, 2017

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

St. Bartholomew Lutheran Church
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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting Four p. 203
Hymns: 492, 491, 805, 493
Sermon: "He's Still with Us" John 14:44-53

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 5/17 (Wed.): 34	Comm.: 32	Offering: \$ 513.00
Attendance 5/21 (Sun): 141	Comm.: 103	Offering: \$1,821.00
S.S. - 24	Staff - 9	B.C. - 3
Budget Needs: \$3,330.00	Scrip Profit 5/21: \$81.25	

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

MON (5/29) Memorial Day – Office Closed
WEDS (5/31) 7:00 p.m. Worship with Communion
Wear Red
FRI (6/02) Paver Order Deadline
SUN (6/04) 9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
Wear Red

ALTAR FLOWERS are given in God's glory by Pastor & Kris Krueger in honor of their anniversary.

TODAY'S BULLETINS are sponsored by Judy Baer.

YOUTH LOCK-IN: Attention Parents of current 6th graders & up: We will be holding a Service Lock-in Thursday, June 8th from 3:00 p.m.-7:30 a.m. Friday morning June 9th. Please sign up as soon as possible with Holly & Melissa so we can plan accordingly.

WEAR RED FOR PENTECOST – Wednesday, May 31 and Sunday June 4 we will celebrate Pentecost. The liturgical color of the day is red which is symbolic of the Holy Spirit. You are encouraged to wear red.

HELP NEEDED: The Board of Stewardship/Evangelism is looking for people/families to walk along our church float on June 9th to pass out hand-outs. We will be decorating the float on Thursday, June 8th at 9 a.m. if you would like to help. Contact Ron & Sue Detert (756-3439), or Lon & Lori Fels (920-864-2366) if you can help by being a walker along the float, or help on Thursday to decorate. Thank you!

NEW SCRIP AVAILABLE: Looking for the perfect graduation gift. The following scrip cards are now available - \$5 & \$10 Barnes & Noble, \$5 Starbucks, \$10 Walmart.

VBS – June 7-9 – 9-11:30 a.m. – REGISTER TODAY! Go to www.vbsmate.com/stbartholomewbrillionwi or find the link on the church website.

GRADUATION CARDS are available in the card room.

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL, Rantoul is looking for a teacher/technology coach (with an emphasis in Math & Science). If interested, please send your credentials to: Trinity Lutheran School Attn: Shelly Geiser, N6081 W. River Rd., Hilbert, WI 54129. Application deadline: June 9th. Please call 920-418-3085 with questions.

STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR SUMMER CAMP: This summer we will be looking at people in the Bible who heeded God's calling and said, "Here I Am Lord!" Some of these people include Noah, Moses, Samuel, Abraham, and Paul. We will also explore how God calls each of us to follow and serve Him. We still have plenty of room in our summer camp programs to share the Good News of Jesus and to heed His calling. Check out <http://www.luwisomo.org/youth-camp-summer> to register.

OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE

Acts 1:11 "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ is ascended—and Christ will come again. We live our lives in this world in the sure confidence of the world to come. We live as people who know our Lord Jesus—and who know that He is coming back. This makes all the difference in how we approach the things of this world.