

## Old Testament

*Isaiah 40:21–31*

<sup>21</sup>Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? <sup>22</sup>It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in; <sup>23</sup>who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.

<sup>24</sup>Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

<sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. <sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name, by the greatness of his might, and because he is strong in power not one is missing.

<sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God?” <sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. <sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. <sup>30</sup>Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup>but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 9:16–27*

<sup>16</sup>For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! <sup>17</sup>For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. <sup>18</sup>What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

<sup>19</sup>For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup>To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to

win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup>To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup>To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. <sup>23</sup>I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

<sup>24</sup>Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. <sup>25</sup>Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. <sup>26</sup>So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. <sup>27</sup>But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

## Holy Gospel

*Mark 1:29–39*

<sup>29</sup>And immediately [Jesus] left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon’s mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. <sup>31</sup>And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

<sup>32</sup>That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered together at the door. <sup>34</sup>And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

<sup>35</sup>And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, <sup>37</sup>and they found him and said to him, “Everyone is looking for you.” <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, “Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out.” <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.



**About the Cover:** We respect those who lead by example. Jesus teaches and even commands us to pray to our heavenly Father. He taught His own disciples how and what to pray. We are given many examples of Jesus praying in Scripture. We are to pray to our heavenly Father to praise Him, thank Him, confess our sins, and seek His help for us and for others. Prayer is truly a wonderful gift from God.

# He prayed

*Mark 1:35*

# FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 31 & February 4, 2018

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

St. Bartholomew Lutheran Church  
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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting One p. 151  
Hymns: 833, 830, "We Believe," 805, "How Beautiful,"  
"Because He Lives," "Thrive"  
Sermon: "What Can I Do?"  
Psalm 96:3; Mark 16:15

*Holy Communion: Members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod are invited to receive the Lord's Supper. Non-members are requested to speak with Pastor before worship.*

## THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 1/24 (Wed.): 46	Offering: \$1,001.00
Attendance 1/28 (Sun.): 87	Offering: \$2,154.00
S.S. – 18	Staff – 7
Budget Needs: \$3,397.00	Scrip Profit 1/28: \$87.25

## KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

WED (2/7) 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class  
6:00 p.m. – Choir  
**7:00 p.m. – Worship**

THUR (2/8) 12:30 p.m. – Ladies Aid  
3:30 p.m. – Trustees  
6:30 p.m. – Adult Information Class

SUN (2/11) 8:00 a.m. – Sunday School/Bible Class  
**9:00 a.m. – Worship**  
1:00 p.m. – Elders  
6:30 p.m. – Farm & Home 4H

**IN OUR PRAYERS** we remember Norma Latvala who will undergo back surgery on Monday.

**LENTEN MEAL HOST:** sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

**SILENT WITNESSES** – Lenten Devotions – A few copies are available on the table in the narthex or go to [lhm.org/lent](http://lhm.org/lent).

**LENTEN MEALS:** Meals are Wednesday evenings from 5:45-6:45 p.m. starting Ash Wednesday. Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board. *Menu – Feb. 14: Spaghetti, garlic bread and salads.*

**LADIES AID IS PLANNING A CHILI DINNER** on February 25<sup>th</sup>. We will serve from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. You can take out or eat here right after the church service. If you wish to take out, please bring your own container. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board if you would like to help purchase some of the ingredients or bake a pie.

**LADIES AID IS REQUESTING YOUR HELP** with their annual chili dinner on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>. With several of our members with health issues, we could use some of you to give us a hand on Saturday, Feb. 24 and Sunday, Feb. 26. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you can give an hour or two of your time on Saturday a.m. or Sunday a.m., especially with serving.

**TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL, RANTOUL** is holding their Preschool (3K and 4K) & Kindergarten Round-up on Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. Please bring your child(s) immunization records. For more information call 853-3134.

**SAVE THE DATE!!!** – Trinity Lutheran Rantoul Chicken dinner tickets for February 24 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm will go on sale the first week in February. An adult ticket will cost \$12 and a child ticket (10 and under) will cost \$6. Please contact Trinity Lutheran at [trinity.rantoulschool@gmail.com](mailto:trinity.rantoulschool@gmail.com) or 920-853-3134. Neighborhood likes to have a rough estimate of how many people will be attending so that they can order and prepare enough food.

## **OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE**

**Luke 8:5** "And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot..." Know any farmers like this? Who just throw their crop seed wherever? That's crazy! But God's ways are not our ways – He is generous beyond compare! He delights in giving. As we are more and more conformed to His image, may we learn the joy of generosity and giving as well!