

## Old Testament

*Genesis 12:1–9*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

<sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. <sup>5</sup>And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, <sup>6</sup>Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup>Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. <sup>8</sup>From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. <sup>9</sup>And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

## Epistle

*Romans 4:1–8, 13–17*

<sup>1</sup>What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” <sup>4</sup>Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. <sup>5</sup>And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, <sup>6</sup>just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: <sup>7</sup>“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; <sup>8</sup>blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.” ...

<sup>13</sup>For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith.

<sup>14</sup>For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

<sup>16</sup>That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

## Holy Gospel

*John 3:1–17*

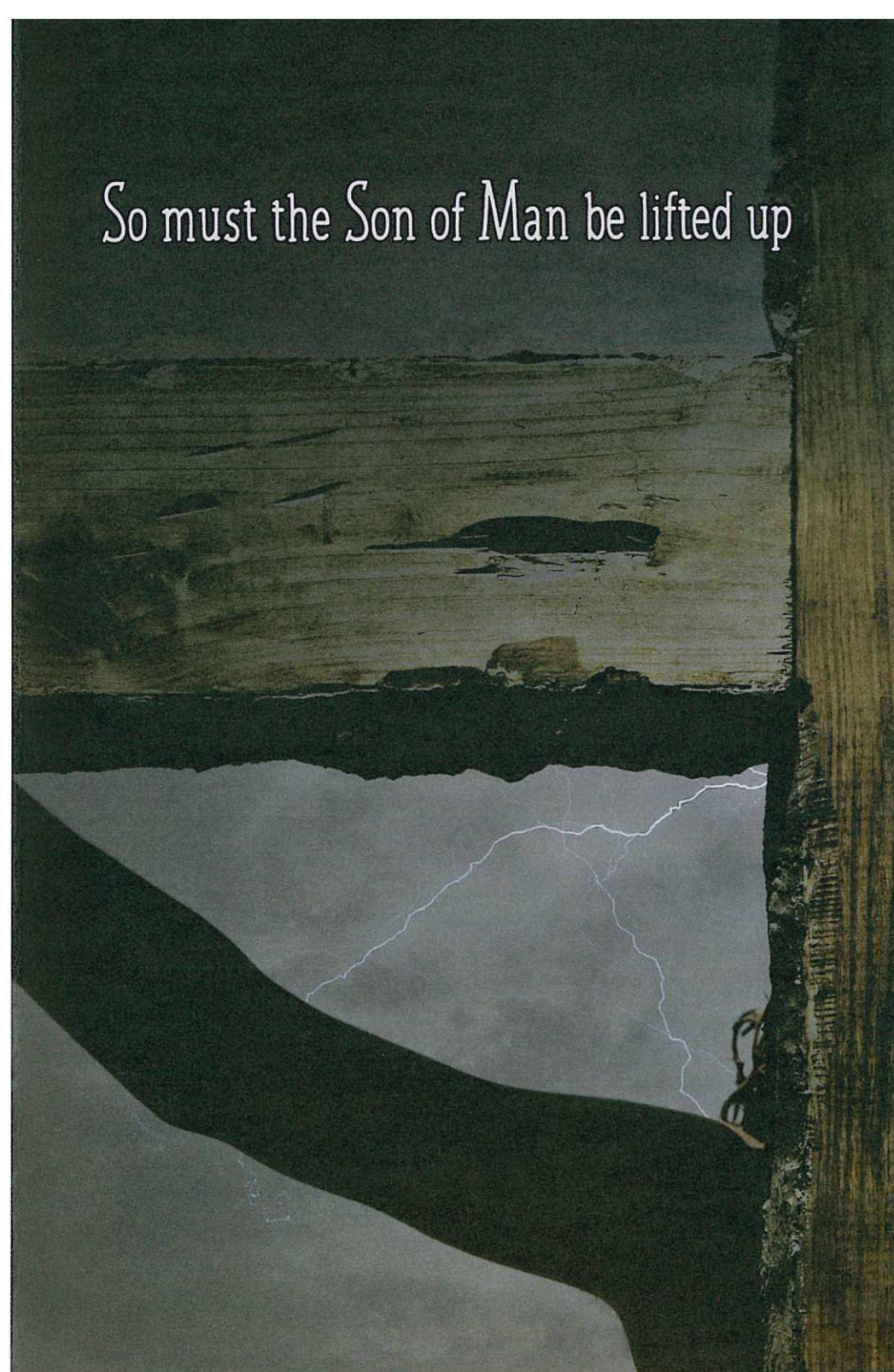
<sup>1</sup>Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup>That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”



**About the Cover:** In Numbers 21, the Lord commanded Moses to make a bronze serpent and lift it up on a pole so the Israelites who looked at it would be saved from the bites of fiery serpents. Likewise, Jesus was lifted up on the cross so all may look upon Him and be saved from the death of sin’s bite that has infected us all. In the darkness of the crucifixion, God’s judgment thundered against sin. Now, by His grace, all who believe in Christ are saved.



So must the Son of Man be lifted up



## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

March 8, 2020

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

St. Bartholomew Lutheran Church  
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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting One p. 151  
Hymns: 615, 798, 918  
Sermon: "Our Hope and Abraham's"  
Genesis 12:1-9

### THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 2/26 (Ash Wed.): 62    Comm.: 58    Offering: \$947.00  
Attendance 3/1 (Sun.): 84    Comm.: 75    Offering: \$2,856.04  
S.S. – 11    Staff – 5    B.C. – 9  
Budget Needs: \$3,484.00    Scrip Profit 3/1: \$41.88

### KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

SUN (3/8)    6:30 p.m. – Farm & Home 4H  
WED (3/11)    3:30 p.m. – Confirmation Class  
                  6:00 p.m. – Choir  
                  **7:00 p.m. – Lenten Worship**  
                  7:45 p.m. – Elders  
THUR (3/12)    12:30 p.m. – Ladies Aid  
                  3:30 p.m. – Trustees  
FRI (3/13)    Office Closed  
SUN (3/15)    8:00 a.m. – S.S./No B.C.  
                  **9:00 a.m. – Worship w/Comm.**

**IN OUR PRAYERS** we remember Howard Heimke (former longtime member) who is recovering from surgery; family & friends of Jim Schwantes (former school teacher) upon his death.

**TODAY'S BULLETINS** are sponsored by Steve & Sue Juno.

**PASTOR WILL BE GONE** Thursday evening through Monday to baptize his grandson. If an emergency should arise, contact Pastor Thomas Schmitt (414-477-7804) or one of the elders.

**SERMON ON THE MOUNT** - Join us on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. for our midweek Lenten services. This week's theme is "Prayer and Fasting." We remember that Lent is a season of prayer and fasting. We grow in our relationship with Christ by communicating with Him, and we learn more about Him and ourselves by giving up those things that can distract us from our connection to Him.

**MILITARY BIBLESTICKS** – Lenten Mission Project – Place your donations in an envelope marked "Military BibleSticks" and put them in the offering plate or drop them off in the church office. Our goal is to provide 50 BibleSticks for our military personnel. Each one costs \$25. Checks should be made payable to church.

**CHRISTMAS TREE SALES CHAIRPERSON** – We are looking for someone to be the chairperson of the Christmas tree sales. If interested, please contact Bob Behnke, Gary Koerth, or the church office.

**2020 CHURCH DIRECTORIES** are available in the church narthex if you'd like a copy.

**LENTEN DEVOTIONS**, Deliver Us: Jesus Sets Us Free – You can receive them as a daily email or listen to it as a podcast. You can also receive a hard copy in regular size print or large print. Contact the church office, or go to [lhm.org/lent](http://lhm.org/lent).

**EASTER FLOWER** order forms are available in your mailbox. Deadline to order is March 29.

**EASTER CARDS** are available in the card room.

**EASTER BREAKFAST**: Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend. Breakfast will be served between the Easter services April 12 from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

**ANNUAL WOMENS DAY** – Zion, New Holstein, Saturday March 21 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Registration deadline is March 14. \$15 includes breakfast and lunch. If interested, contact Janet Kalies by Mar. 14.