

## Old Testament

*Isaiah 40:1–2*

<sup>1</sup>Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup>Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

## Epistle

*2 Corinthians 4:1–18*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup>But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. <sup>3</sup>And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup>But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. <sup>8</sup>We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; <sup>10</sup>always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. <sup>11</sup>For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. <sup>12</sup>So death is at work in us, but life in you.

<sup>13</sup>Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, <sup>14</sup>knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup>For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

<sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, <sup>18</sup>as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

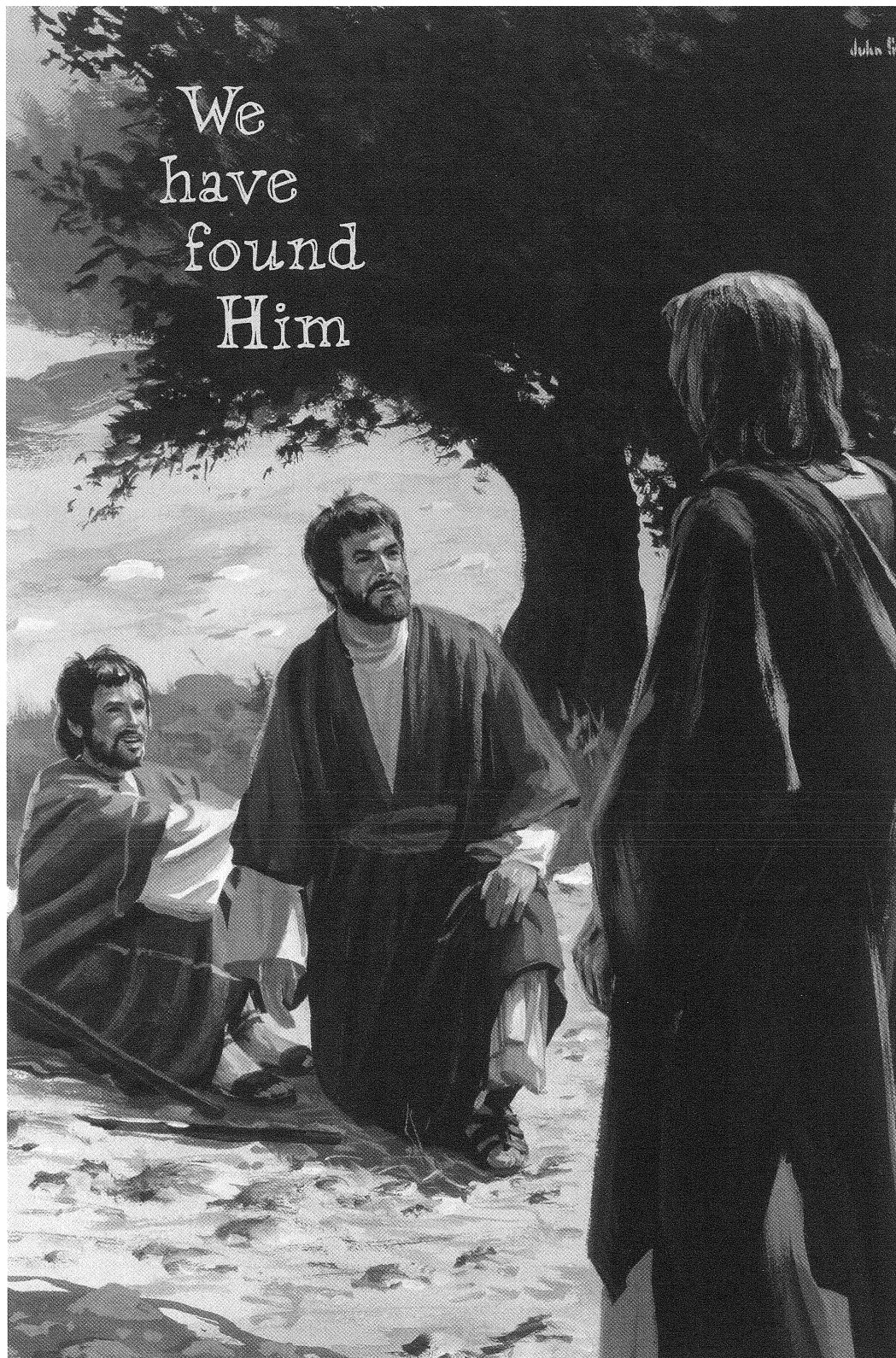
## Holy Gospel

*John 14:1–7*

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.

<sup>2</sup>In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to where I am going." <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

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**About the Cover:** Philip's joy cannot be contained: "We have found Him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote" (John 1:45). Nathanael is skeptical. But Philip issues the invitation: "Come and see" (v. 46). This is the heart of the Church's mission in the world: to invite the skeptics to come and see, to meet Jesus as He still comes to be among us with His saving gifts in Word and Supper.

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 14 & 18, 2015  
Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

St. Bartholomew Lutheran Church  
105 Horn St., Brillion, WI

Rev. Mark L. Krueger, Pastor  
Lois Stache, Organist

Liturgy: Special Order of Service

Hymns: 496, 933, 347, "From Within the Womb's Warm Haven" (Tune: 725),  
805, 618, 725, 917

Sermon: "Matters of the Heart" Isaiah 40:1-2

**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 1/07 (Wed.): 32	Offering: \$ 649.00
Attendance 1/11 (Sun.): 114	Offering: \$2,454.00
S.S. - 18	Staff - 5
Budget Needs: \$3,181.00	B.C. - 9
	Scrip Profit 1/11: \$91.50

### KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

MON (1/19)	Newsletter Articles Due
TUES (1/20)	9:45 a.m. Circuit Pastor's Conf., St. Luke, Brant
WEDS (1/21)	3:30-4:30 p.m. Confirmation
	<b>7:00 p.m. Worship</b>
	8:00 p.m. Church Council
SUN (1/25)	8:00 a.m. S.S./B.C.
	<b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b>
	10:00 a.m. Voters Meeting

**IN OUR PRAYERS** we remember Casey Kalies who was hospitalized this week with pneumonia.

**HELP NEEDED** for dramas/skits for our midweek Lenten services and Holy Week services. If you are interested in helping for one or more services, contact Pastor Krueger as soon as possible so that a schedule can be put together.

**VOTERS MEETING** is Sunday, January 25 at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall. The agenda includes election of officer(s) and a lay delegate to the District convention and nominations for District offices.

**VALENTINE'S DAY CARDS** are available in the card room.

**LOWES SCRIP CARD** – There is (1) \$100 Lowes Scrip card on hand if anyone is interested.

**LENTEN SUPPER HOSTS** – If any family or group would like to sponsor one of the six Lenten meals, please sign up on the bulletin board. The first meal is Ash Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>.

**PENNIES FOR LIFE** runs through the month of January. Be sure to deposit your pennies in the jar in the narthex (one penny for each year you've been alive). *Please do not put junk pennies or Canadian pennies in the jar.* Your donations will go to Lutherans For Life of Wisconsin.

**ADDRESS, PHONE & EMAIL CHANGES!** Please check and update the information we have for you on the sheets in the narthex, including any changes or additions.

### **OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE**

*1 Corinthians 6:19-20 "You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body."* God owns everything, including our very selves. We are made to serve Him and glorify Him and will never truly be happy or find our fulfillment until we learn that lesson. Jesus has redeemed us and brought us back into the Kingdom of the Father-and that has set us free to serve Him in joy, generosity, liberty, and faith.

### **DISTRIST MISSION PRAYER FOR THE WEEK**

College campuses are prime targets for the devil's deception and temptations! This week, please remember in your prayers our Campus Ministries located on the University of Wisconsin campuses across the District, as these ministries seek to keep our students close to their Lord and reach out to others who don't know Him yet.

**NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS:** Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

**NEXT WEEK'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON:** Jesus Calls Matthew, Mark 2:13-17