

**Isaiah 40:21-31 (ESV)**

<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.

**1 Corinthians 9:16-27 (ESV)**

<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 if 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 run, 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.

**Mark 1:29-39 (ESV)**

<sup>29</sup> And immediately he 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.

Don't you realize that in a  
race everyone runs, but only  
one person gets the prize?

**SO RUN TO WIN!**

1 Corinthians 9:24, NLT



**February 4, 2018**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

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**✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠**

**Theme of the Day** ~ *The Son of God, Christ Jesus, Makes Us a New Creation.* The Lord alone *"is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth"* (Is. 40:28). He *"sits above the circle of the earth"* and *"stretches out the heavens like a curtain"* (Is. 40:22). Yet His almighty power is demonstrated chiefly by His mercy and compassion. *"He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength"* (Is. 40:29). The only begotten Son of the Father, the very Word by whom all things were made, becomes flesh and takes all the poverty and weakness of our sin and death upon Himself, bearing it in His body to the cross. As He dies for us there, He also raises us up, a new creation, in His resurrection from the dead. Thus, by the preaching of this Word, He heals *"many who were sick with various diseases,"* and He casts out *"many demons"* (Mark 1:34, 39). And His preaching continues through those whom He has sent, who are *"entrusted with a stewardship"* to *"preach the gospel"* (1 Cor. 9:16–17). Thus, we are set free by the Word of Christ, and we exercise our freedom in loving service to others.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE BELL

PASTORAL WELCOME

OPENING HYMN *"How Great Thou Art"* LSB 801

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

Pastor: The Bible says that if we do not confess our sins and our Savior we will not be forgiven. So, I ask you before God, "Do you

confess the sins you have committed in thought, desire, words, and actions? Do you trust that Jesus died on the cross, suffering hell, to forgive all your sins? And will you ask the Holy Spirit to empower you to repent and live gratefully in obedience to our risen Lord Jesus, then answer, "Yes."

**People: Yes!**

Pastor: Sent by God, I, as your pastor and Christ's public servant, I announce to you that your sins are all forgiven because of Jesus, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen!**

**(All sing): Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!**

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 40:21-31

HYMN *"On Eagles' Wings"* LSB 727

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 9:16-27

HYMN *"Fight the Good Fight"* LSB 664

GOSPEL Mark 1:29-39

SERMON HYMN *"Your Hand, O Lord, In Days of Old"* LSB 846

SERMON *"Humbly, Run Like the Wind!"* Is.40:31, 1 Cor.9:24

OFFERING

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION AND HYMNS

*"Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees"*

Let us break bread together on our knees,  
Let us break bread together on our knees;  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me!

Let us drink wine together on our knees,  
Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me!

Let us bow 'round the altar on our knees,  
Let us bow 'round the altar on our knees;  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me!

Let us praise God together on our knees,  
Let us praise God together on our knees;  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me!

*"I Am the Bread of Life"*

I am the bread of life  
He who comes to Me shall not hunger  
He who believes in Me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to Me, unless the Father draws Him.  
And I will raise Him up, And I will raise Him up,  
And I will raise Him up, On the last day.

The bread that I will give  
Is my flesh for the life of the world.  
And he who eats of this bread,  
He shall live forever He shall live forever.  
And I will raise Him up, And I will raise Him up,  
And I will raise Him up, On the last day.

Unless you eat of the flesh,  
Of the Son of Man,  
And drink of His blood, and drink of His blood,  
You shall not have life within you.  
And I will raise Him up, And I will raise Him up,  
And I will raise Him up, On the last day.

I am the Resurrection, I am the Life.  
He who believes in Me, even if he dies,  
He shall live forever.  
And I will raise Him up, And I will raise Him up,  
And I will raise Him up, On the last day.

Yes, Lord, I believe,  
That You are the Christ,  
The Son of God, who has come into the world,  
Who has come into the world.  
And I will raise Him up, And I will raise Him up,  
And I will raise Him up, On the last day.

*"Awesome God"*

Our God is and Awesome God,  
He reigns from heaven above,  
With wisdom, power and love,  
Our God is and awesome God!  
Our God is and awesome God!  
Our God is and awesome God!

*"Thy Word"*

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path.  
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid,  
And think I've lost my way.  
Still, You're there right beside me.  
Nothing will I fear As long as You are near;  
Please be near me to the end.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path.  
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path.

I will not forget  
Your love for me and yet,  
My heart forever is wandering.  
Jesus be my guide,  
And hold me to Your side,  
And I will love you to the end.  
Nothing will I fear  
As long as You are near;  
Please be near me to the end.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path.  
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path.  
And a light unto my path.  
You're the light unto my path.

#### BENEDICTION

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**People: Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN *"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"* LSB 805

POSTLUDE

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| <b>Pastor</b>      | Paul Hauser                             |
| <b>Elders</b>      | Frank Yell & Dale Rohde                 |
| <b>A/V</b>         | Paul Bohn                               |
| <b>Musicians</b>   | Tami Mosher/Randy Laurenz               |
| <b>Acolytes</b>    | Kahl Mallek & Krista Kade               |
| <b>Greeters</b>    | Jeanne Kade & Maxine Diener             |
| <b>Ushers</b>      | Marc Pinet, Mike Hingston, Dick Bluemer |
| <b>Altar Guild</b> | Arlene Rohn & Chris Farrar              |

#### Our Measure of Love and Gifts

**Attendance last week** – 92 ~ *Needed for The Lord's Work at Zion* \$4,220 ~ *Received for the Lord's Work* \$3,260 = Loose Plate \$93, Envelopes \$2,502, Mission \$197, Maintenance \$468; Cap Imp. \$120.

**Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday:**  
Feb 10 – Leon Zastrow; Feb 11- Mac McKellar (his 85<sup>th</sup>); Feb14- Tami Mosher; Feb 15- Kim Grossman.

**Today's Memory Verse** ~ "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered. It keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails." 1 Cor. 13:4-8a

**Coach needed** ~ Valley Lutheran High School is in need of a JV baseball coach for this spring. The ideal candidate should have a working knowledge of baseball fundamentals and the desire to work with high school aged young men. Since a majority of the time commitment is after school each day (3:00 PM onward), availability is a key component to this position. Please call Kurt Hofmeister (225-7385) or Eric Smith (790-1676), if interested.

**Souper Bowl Sunday** ~ A door offering will be taken following the service this morning with donations going to East Side Soup Kitchen. Your generosity to those less fortunate is greatly appreciated.

**Fleece Drive** ~ The Global Awareness Club at Valley Lutheran H.S. is having a fleece drive to make blankets this February. The blanks will be distributed to foster children through Lutheran Child and Social Services as well to Native American Alaskan children who live in Eek, Alaska. If you would like to help with this ministry, you can drop off 2 pieces of 1.5 yard fleece to the VLHS office or give it to any Valley Lutheran student. These blankets are a blessing to children because both groups of kids don't have a lot of material possessions or stability in their lives. The blankets can keep the children warm and they go with them when moving to a new home. Fleece donations will be taken throughout the month of February. Thanks for your donations and support!