

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

One of the primary reasons for obtaining wealth  
is to be able to give it to God.

*“ . . . remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said  
‘It is more blessed to give than to receive’ ” (Acts 20:35).*

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:21-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? 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 live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. 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"? 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. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those 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.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### PSALM 147:1-12, 21c

Hallelujah!

How good it is to sing praises to our God! \*

how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; \*

he gathers the exiles of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted \*

and binds up their wounds.

He counts the number of the stars \*

and calls them all by their names.

Great is our Lord and mighty in power; \*

there is no limit to his wisdom.

The Lord lifts up the lowly, \*

but casts the wicked to the ground.

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; \*

make music to our God upon the harp.

He covers the heavens with clouds \*

and prepares rain for the earth;

He makes grass to grow upon the mountains \*

and green plants to serve mankind.

He provides food for flocks and herds \*

and for the young ravens when they cry.

He is not impressed by the might of a horse; \*

he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, \*  
in those who await his gracious favor.

Hallelujah!

### SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. 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 I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:29-39

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured 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. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

**WE REMEMBER BEFORE GOD ALL PEOPLE  
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WHOSE LIVES HAVE BEEN  
DISRUPTED BY VIOLENCE OR WAR.**

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO WORK FOR PEACE  
AND FOR NEW BEGINNINGS.**

✱ As we pray, let us remember Sue; Brian & his family; Timothy; Michael; Dave & Kristie, their unborn baby & their families; Ramona; Sherry; Steve; Paula & her family; Steve & Cheryl; Diana & Jeff; Haley & Andrew; Alexander, Antonia, Radu, Claudia & Livia; Kim & Dan; Sue; Wade; HT; John; Robert; Mike; Randal; Lori; Hollis & Denise; Keira.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**INFO FROM DAN BASCHE** We really need your help this afternoon for our Soup Kitchen visit, as some of our regular helpers will be watching the Super Bowl! If you can join us, it would be great! We get started just after 4 PM. (The game is often on at the Soup Kitchen). Let me know if you can help, so I can give out shoes and socks, as well as the many other things. Also, a heads-up for April 1 – we serve on Easter for the first time I can remember in our 20 yrs. of serving at the Soup Kitchen. Thanks go out to all of our cheerful, helpful workers. Dan

### **SHROVE TUESDAY FEBRUARY 13, 5:30-7:30 PM PANCAKE SUPPER**

**OUR LENTEN FRIDAY EVENING SERIES BEGINS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16.** We will have Stations of the Cross at 6 PM, followed by a pot luck soup supper and a Lenten discussion. This season's topic is *Meeting Jesus for the First Time*. Please join us each Friday during Lent.

**WOMEN UNLIMITED** Saturday, February 17, 9 AM in Chilton Hall, we will host speaker Carroll Wheat. The topic is "A Christian in Burma". All women are invited to a potluck breakfast as well. Signup at the Vestry Table. Contact Pattie Prosory for further details.

**IF YOU NEED PRAYER FOR YOURSELF OR SOMEONE ELSE,** a member of the Pastoral Care Ministry can be found in our Library during Communion at both services, for 10 minutes before & after the first service, and for 10 minutes after the second service.

**OUR POWWOW & FOOD PANTRY MINISTRIES** need plastic grocery bags so don't throw used bags out—recycle them with us! Please place them in the wicker basket under the round table in the kitchen. Thanks!

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!** Christine Burk has been released from Perryville Women's Prison. She was attending our Episcopal church services at Perryville for about a year and would like to worship with us at St. John the Baptist now. Unfortunately, she does not have transportation. Chris is with her elderly mother in an apartment near 43rd and Glendale Ave. If you are able provide transportation to and from church on Sundays, please contact Kim Crecca [C16873@yahoo.com](mailto:C16873@yahoo.com). Thank you!

**REFUGEE MINISTRY UPDATE!!** Thank you for all the help in collecting, donating, shopping, cleaning, transporting and setting up the apartment for our new Refugee Family. By working together we did it!

Our 'Wish List' is very short — we need a chest of drawers and an area rug for a bedroom.

With Kind Regards,  
The Refugee Ministry

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today	Nursery care	7:45–11:15 AM
	<b>Healing Litany / Holy Eucharist Rite I</b>	<b>8 AM</b>
	Soul Food Sunday (CH3)	9:10 AM
	Sunday School (CH 2 & 8)	9:45 AM
	Youth Group (CH 6)	9:45 AM
	<b>Healing Litany / Holy Eucharist Rite II</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
	Praise Band Practice	11:30 AM
	Chris Becker Dining Hall	4:10 PM
Tue.	Tuesday Night Bible Study	6 PM
	Joyful Noise practice	7 PM
	Stewardship Meeting (L)	7 PM
Wed.	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite II</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
	Vestry meeting (CH3)	7:15 PM
	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:15 PM
Thu.	Women's Bible Study (MR)	6 PM
Sat.	Crafters Ministry (PH)	10 AM
	Strategic Planning Ministry (CH3)	10 AM
	Ministry meeting / Rev. Guerrero (MR)	10 AM
	Re-Entry Simulation (PH & L)	1 PM
Sun.	Nursery care	7:45–11:15 AM
	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite I</b>	<b>8 AM</b>
	Soul Food Sunday (CH3)	9:10 AM
	Sunday School (CH 2 & 8)	9:45 AM
	Youth Group (CH 6)	9:45 AM
	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite II</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
	Praise Band Practice	11:30 AM

#### FOOD PANTRY

hamburger helper, Spam;  
pancake mix, syrup

#### BLESSING BAGS

Travel size or individually wrapped please

Tooth brushes & toothpaste,  
Cheez-its