

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
February 4, 2018

**Preparation for Worship – We bow before You, O Lord!**

Prelude  
Announcements  
Invocation.....Inside cover of hymnal  
Confession of Sins/Absolution.....Inside cover of hymnal  
The Ten Commandments

**Adoration in Worship – We Praise You, O Lord!**

Opening Hymn....."Break Thou the Bread of Life".....#274  
Liturgical Reading....."A Living Hope".....#403  
Hymn Response....."O for a Heart to Praise My God".....#440  
Prayer of the Day .....Bulletin  
Passing of the Peace

**Instruction in Worship – We Serve You, O Lord!**

Scripture Readings  
Special Music  
The Gospel. ....Mark 1:29-39  
The Chorus: "Thank-You Lord"  
The Sermon: .....Pastor Nate

**Dedication in Worship – We Serve You, O Lord!**

Offering Hymn:....."Near to the Heart of God".....#497  
Offertory Hymn:....."We Give Thee But Thine Own".....#620  
Apostles' Creed .....Inside cover of hymnal  
Holy Communion  
The Lord's Prayer  
Closing Hymn....."Blest Be the Tie That Binds".....#286  
Benediction

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**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: Feb 4<sup>th</sup> thru Feb 11<sup>th</sup>**

Today:	Feb 4 <sup>th</sup>	Worship Schedule
	9:00 a.m.	Worship at Lands
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School at Romsdal
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School at Lands
	10:30 a.m.	Worship at Romsdal
		Romsdal Annual Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study at the Parsonage
Wed:	10:00 a.m.	Hudson Care Center Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study in Canton
	5:30 p.m.	Confirmation
	6:00 p.m.	Sunday School at Lands
	7:00 p.m.	Lands Council meets at Romsdal
	7:00 p.m.	Trinity/Romsdal Choir at Romsdal
	8:00 p.m.	Parish Council meets at Romsdal
Thurs:	1:30 p.m.	Quilting Workshop at Lands
Sat:	9:30 a.m.	Romsdal Women meet
Sun:	Feb 11 <sup>th</sup>	Worship Schedule
	9:00 a.m.	Worship at Lands
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School at Trinity
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School at Lands
	10:30 a.m.	Worship at Trinity
	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study at the Parsonage

Romsdal Ladies will meet on February 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. at the Church. We will be going to see Sue & Dave Brue's home and then will go out for noon lunch.

On February 11<sup>th</sup>, Trinity/Romsdal Sunday School will be completing a mission project of tying fleece blankets to donate to the Alpha Center.

Please let Karen know if you would like the newsletter from Love INC e-mailed to you. Paper copies are also available.

Trinity-Romsdal Choir will meet this coming Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Romsdal.

Skrefsrud Lutheran Church is hosting a game feed today from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. All are welcome!

**Today's Readings**

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**Prayer of the Day**

Dear Lord, We know that You long to be gracious to us, and will rise up and show us Your compassion. You are a God of justice, and a faithful God. We thank You for Your many blessings.  
In Jesus' Name, Amen.  
(Isaiah 30:18)

**First Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31**

- 21** Do you not know?  
Have you not heard?  
Has it not been told you from the beginning?  
Have you not understood since the earth was founded?
- 22** He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth,  
and its people are like grasshoppers.  
He stretches out the heavens like a canopy,  
and spreads them out like a tent to live in.
- 23** He brings princes to naught  
and reduces the rulers of this world to nothing.
- 24** No sooner are they planted,  
no sooner are they sown,  
no sooner do they take root in the ground,  
than he blows on them and they wither,  
and a whirlwind sweeps them away like chaff.
- 25** "To whom will you compare me?  
Or who is my equal?" says the Holy One.
- 26** Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens:  
Who created all these?  
He who brings out the starry host one by one  
and calls forth each of them by name.  
Because of his great power and mighty strength,  
not one of them is missing.

- 27** Why do you complain, Jacob?  
 Why do you say, Israel,  
 “My way is hidden from the Lord;  
 my cause is disregarded by my God”?
- 28** Do you not know?  
 Have you not heard?  
 The Lord is the everlasting God,  
 the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
 He will not grow tired or weary,  
 and his understanding no one can fathom.
- 29** He gives strength to the weary  
 and increases the power of the weak.
- 30** Even youths grow tired and weary,  
 and young men stumble and fall;
- 31** but those who hope in the Lord  
 will renew their strength.  
 They will soar on wings like eagles;  
 they will run and not grow weary,  
 they will walk and not be faint.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-27**

**16** For when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, since I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! **17** If I preach voluntarily, I have a reward; if not voluntarily, I am simply discharging the trust committed to me. **18** What then is my reward? Just this: that in preaching the gospel I may offer it free of charge, and so not make full use of my rights as a preacher of the gospel. **19** Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. **20** To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. **21** To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God’s law but am under Christ’s law), so as to win those not having the law.

**22** To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. **23** I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings. **24** Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. **25** Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. **26** Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. **27** No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.

**Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:29-39**

**29** As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. **30** Simon’s mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. **31** So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them. **32** That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. **33** The whole town gathered at the door, **34** and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was. **35** Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. **36** Simon and his companions went to look for him, **37** and when they found him, they exclaimed: “Everyone is looking for you!” **38** Jesus replied, “Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come.” **39** So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

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Next Week’s Texts: II Kings 2:1-12  
 1 Corinthians 3:16-4:6  
 Mark 9:2-9



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