



had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

<sup>6</sup> Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup> The LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

<sup>8</sup> From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD.

**Psalm of the Day:** Psalm 19 (p. 70)

**Second Lesson:** Philippians 3:4b-11

*When Paul lists his qualifications as a son of Israel, many might have thought it was too much to leave behind and follow the Way. Paul, however, views everything differently in Christ. Chasing after worldly gain will only result in the loss of the soul. Rather, with faith firmly rooted in him, follow Jesus and share in his sufferings. Suffering for his sake will miraculously result in a share of his resurrection and eternal inheritance. Paul counted the cost of discipleship and God gave him both the fear of the Lord and true wisdom.*

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more:<sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee;<sup>6</sup> as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

<sup>7</sup> But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ.<sup>8</sup> What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ<sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.<sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,<sup>11</sup> and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

**Gospel:** Luke 14:25-33

*Jesus warns all those who would come after him to count the cost of discipleship. Jesus' statement may seem hyperbolic to those who have been blessed with doctrinal unity within the family. But the weight of each one's cross is different. Those whose families have been ripped apart by religious differences know how heavy our Savior's cross can be. Know this; know well; know now what it takes to follow our Savior. The life of faith is certainly not for the faint of heart. Remember, however, whom we follow. We follow a Savior who carried the cross for us and for our salvation. Remembering his love leads us to follow him at any cost.*

Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said:<sup>26</sup> “If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple.<sup>27</sup> And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

<sup>28</sup> “Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it?<sup>29</sup> For if you

lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you,<sup>30</sup> saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’

<sup>31</sup> “Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won’t he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand?<sup>32</sup> If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace.<sup>33</sup> In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

**Sermon:**

Genesis 12:1-8

**The Believer Hears Jesus' Warnings  
Count the Cost of Discipleship**

**Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:**

**Worship:** 266 (51, 213) **Bible Class:** 40 (29, 11)

Sunday	7:00 p.m.	Today's Light Bible discussion, church basement
Monday	9:30 a.m.	Pastoral Circuit Meeting, Mishicot
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group Bible Class
Tuesday	2:00 p.m.	Bible Class, church basement
	6:00 p.m.	Elders
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Worship
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Worship
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School, church basement
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Christ-Light Bible Class, church
	9:15 a.m.	Translation Bible Study, school commons
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	7:00 p.m.	Today's Light Bible discussion, church basement

**Baptism & Affirmation of A Baptism** In the 10:30 a.m. service this week McKenzie Jo Berg, the daughter of Tracie Beyer, will be baptized into Christ. McKenzie was born on June 12, 2013. Kaylee Rose Hyde, the daughter of Tammie & Dale Hyde was baptized on March 20, 2013. Kaylee was born on March 19. We will publicly affirm her baptism in the 10:30 service this week. Please remember these children of God and their families in prayer!

**Sunday School** for 3-5 year olds begins this week. We meet at 9:15 a.m. in the church basement.

**Adult Christ Light** begins this Sunday at 9:15 a.m. We will meet in the church. We will study the Old Testament this year.

**Translation Bible Study** will meet this Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the commons. This four week course will look at the challenges that face translating the Bible from the original languages and how to evaluate translations.

**Today's Light Bible Discussion** begins Sunday evening at 7:00. Even if you can't make the discussion please pick up a guide that lists the daily readings and join us in reading the Bible in two years. Two bibles are still available for \$10. Talk to Pastor Ott if you would like one.

**Youth Group** bible class begins this Monday at 7:00 p.m.