



**DAILY BREAD  
LECTIONARY DEVOTIONS  
EPIPHANY 2 —YEAR A**

**INVOCATION**

L: In the name of the Father  
and of the Son +  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**G: Amen**

**PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 89**

**A: At the works of your hands, O Lord,  
I lift up my voice in song;  
I sing for joy.**

L: I will sing of the LORD'S great love forever;

**G: I will make your faithfulness known  
through all generations.**

L: I will declare that your love stands firm forever,

**G: that you established your faithfulness in  
heaven itself.**

L: The heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,

**G: your faithfulness too, in the assembly of  
the holy ones.**

L: O LORD God Almighty, who is like you?

**G: You are mighty, O LORD, and your  
faithfulness surrounds you.**

L: Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim  
you,

**G: who walk in the light of your presence,  
O LORD.**

L: They rejoice in your name all day long;

**G: they exult in your righteousness.**

**A: At the works of your hands, O Lord,  
I lift up my voice in song;  
I sing for joy.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

**READING & MEDITATION** *see next page*

**PRAYER**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**A: Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

**A: He said to me, "You are my servant in  
whom I will display my splendor."  
(Isaiah 49:3 cf. NIV)**

**BENEDICTION**

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ  
and the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

**A: Amen**

## READING AND MEDITATION:

**Second Sunday after the Epiphany:** Jesus appears as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. This Lamb would take away the sins of the world and bring both Israel and the Gentile nations into the kingdom of God. The hearts that see this Savior in faith cannot help but take news of this salvation to the ends of the earth.

**As you study this week, seek to find the connecting theme in all the lessons by using Luther's Four Big Barber Questions to ponder and discuss each individual reading:**

1. *What is God saying to me in this lesson?*
2. *For what does this lesson lead me to give thanks?*
3. *What sins does this lesson lead me to confess?*
4. *For what does this lesson lead me to pray?*

## THE GOSPEL: JOHN 1:29-41

As the last and greatest of the prophets, John the Baptist rightly summarizes the totality of God's plan of salvation by pointing to Jesus and calling him the Lamb of God. Though not an Old Testament title, John's name for Christ is the perfect sum of the sacrificial system. Christ is the fulfillment of all the sacrificial victims of the Old Testament, from Yom Kippur's goat to the Passover Lamb and every sin and guilt offering in between. They are all fulfilled in the Son of God made flesh that he might stand in our place, that he might take the burden of sins off the world and onto his shoulders, and that he might die in our stead. Seeing the Lamb of God leads believers like John and Andrew to bring his salvation to the ends of the earth.

*My takeaways:*

## FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 49:1-6

Listen to the message meant for all nations: The Messiah is a weapon in the hand of God. God concealed him like an arrow in a quiver: the Messiah would come with his glory hidden in flesh. That meant the Servant would suffer, but in that suffering God would display his splendor. Jesus struggled with the cup he was to drink, but trusted in God's promised reward (v 4). God would use the Servant to restore Israel and shine the light of his love on all the Gentiles, too. The salvation won by the Lamb would be brought to the ends of the earth. When Simeon

laid eyes on the Christ-child, he remembered these words and could depart in peace, because he knew that God had now kept his promise.

*My takeaways:*

## SECOND LESSON: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-9

This lesson begins a seven-week set of continual readings through 1 Corinthians 1-4 that runs from Epiphany 2-8. The preacher may consider a sermon series on the unity of the Church. In this section, Paul shows the great confidence he has in the Christian congregation in Corinth—even though they struggled with many congregational problems and sins. Paul's confidence came from knowing that the burden of their sins had been picked up and carried by the Lamb of God, so that they will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus. Paul reminds us that our blameless state on the day of Christ will not rely on our faithfulness, but on the faithfulness of God.

*My takeaways:*

## SUPPLEMENTAL FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 49:1-7

The addition of one verse features the LORD himself speaking and ratifying the Servant's words. He promises that though his Servant will suffer and be despised, the LORD will not forget him, but will ensure his glory and honor. To that promise he adds a pledge on his name as the Redeemer and the Holy One of Israel. Though Christ would be the Lamb of God who would suffer and die to bear our sins, though he would be rejected and despised, God promised to glorify him again. He promised that every eye will see him—even those who pierced him—and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

*My takeaways:*

## SUPPLEMENTAL SECOND LESSON: ACTS 13:38-49

In Pisidian Antioch, Paul preached the message of the Lamb of God: the sacrifices in the Law of Moses could not justify; only the Lamb sacrificed for sin could. The Gospel resulted in faith in some Jewish hearts and rejection in others. In the face of opposition, Paul and Barnabas fulfilled the promises of God in Isaiah and made Christ a light to Gentiles and brought salvation to the ends of the earth.

*My takeaways:*

***What major theme(s) connect(s) all the lessons?***