



**DAILY BREAD
LECTIONARY DEVOTIONS
EPIPHANY 1 — YEAR C**

INVOCATION

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

G: Amen

PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 2

**A: Great are the works of the Lord.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Great are the works of the Lord.**

L: Why do the nations conspire

G: and the peoples plot in vain?

L: The kings of the earth take their stand and the
rulers gather together against the LORD

G: and against his Anointed One.

L: The One enthroned in heaven laughs;

G: the Lord scoffs at them.

L: Then he rebukes them in his anger
and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,

**G: "I have installed my King on Zion, my holy
hill."**

L: I will proclaim the decree of the LORD:

**G: He said to me, "You are my Son;
today I have become your Father."**

**A: Great are the works of the Lord.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Great are the works of the Lord.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, 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: You are my Son, whom I love; with you I
am well pleased. (Mark 1:11b)**

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:

First Sunday after the Epiphany—The

Baptism of Our Lord: The long-expected Christ has arrived; the waiting is over as the Son of David is anointed. The Father's approval sounds from heaven and book-ends the season of Epiphany, when with the Holy Spirit and with power it thunders again on the Mount of Transfiguration as the Son is revealed in glory.

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: LUKE 3:15-17, 21, 22

The word of the Lord through John and the waters of his baptism powerfully proclaimed preparation for the arrival of the Messiah. For he would come with justice to rule the people with equity. At his own baptism, Jesus is anointed with the Holy Spirit and power as our Prophet, Priest, and King to the approval of the Father. Just as he who knew no sin was baptized, our baptism is also an anointing by the Spirit, but for the forgiveness of our sins. This is our connection to Christ and his redeeming work.

My takeaways:

fulfillment with the anointing of the Christ and the Lord's royal priesthood of all believers.

My takeaways:

SECOND LESSON: TITUS 3:4-7

Baptism brings the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Christ and David were anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power. When we were baptized, the Spirit was poured out on us as well. It was a washing that brought rebirth for sin-deadened hearts and spiritual renewal for fleshly minds. Note how one-sided our baptism is! Like David, there was nothing in us that the Lord should choose us. But as young David was chosen over his older brothers and made into Israel's king, so we who are worth nothing, become what God makes us: heirs having the hope of eternal life.

My takeaways:

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

FIRST LESSON: 1 SAMUEL 16:1-13

Young David is anointed by Samuel to Shepherd the Lord's people, Israel. Centuries later would come