DAILY BREAD  
LECTIONARY DEVOTIONS  
EPHPHANY 2 — 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 133-134
A: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.
L: How good and pleasant it is
G: when brothers live together in unity!
L: For there the LORD bestows his blessing,
G: even life forevermore.
L: Praise the LORD, all you servants of the LORD
G: who minister in the house of the LORD.
L: Lift up your hands in the sanctuary
G: and praise the LORD.
L: May the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth,
G: bless you from Zion.
A: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

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, illuminated 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 comes as the invited guest to reveal the splendor of his glory. As we behold his glory, we delight in our bridegroom. For he delights in us, bringing to us his righteous deliverance, the strength of his Spirit, and the divine dimensions of his immeasurable love.

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 2:1-11

This account from the Gospel of John is not so much a stamp of approval on wedding celebrations as it is a display of glory by our bridegroom, Jesus the Christ. The Savior’s meeting of an immediate need was a secondary benefit to the revelation of his glorious power, his divine authority and the confirmation of his first disciples’ faith.

**My takeaways:**

SECOND LESSON: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-11

This selection begins a reading of the latter chapters of 1 Corinthians, taking us on a journey through proper use of spiritual gifts and the glory of the resurrection. On this day of reverent joy at the glory of the Lord revealed to fainting hearts, we rejoice at the Lord’s delight to make the Church his bride. As gifts to his bride, come the gifts of the Spirit for the common good.

**My takeaways:**

SUPPLEMENTAL FIRST LESSON: EXODUS 7:14-24

Before Pharaoh, God changed water into blood: this was an act of divine judgment on an unbelieving people. The power of God was meant to break open hearts of stone, or harden them further. This, like all the plagues, occurred that Pharaoh might know the LORD. How amazing to read this miracle of God’s judgment changing water to a stinking, undrinkable liquid, and then read the Gospel where the Son of God does just the opposite. In a miracle of Grace, the Son of God takes water and makes it into the finest tasting wine.

**My takeaways:**

FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 62:1-5

The Lord proclaims good news to Zion: the once rejected harlot will stand as his bride. To his glory, she will stand together with him in righteousness and salvation. No longer called Deserted and Desolate, she will be recognized as the delightful bride of the Lord, the jewel of his crown.

**My takeaways:**
SUPPLEMENTAL SECOND LESSON: 
EPHESIANS 3:14-21

This selection from Ephesians chapter three brings comfort and confidence to the heart of Christ’s bride. As his bride, rooted in his love, we can only begin to grasp the immeasurable width, length, height and depth of his love. We join in echoing Paul’s prayer: to him be glory.

My takeaways:

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