



**DAILY BREAD  
LECTIONARY DEVOTIONS  
EPIPHANY 5 — 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 85**

**A: I will hear what the Lord proclaims:  
peace to his people.**

L: You showed favor to your land, O LORD;

**G: you restored the fortunes of Jacob.**

L: You forgave the iniquity of your people

**G: and covered all their sins.**

L: Show us your unfailing love, O LORD,

**G: and grant us your salvation.**

L: I will listen to what God the LORD will say;

**G: he promises peace to his people, his  
saints.**

L: Surely his salvation is near those who fear him,

**G: that his glory may dwell in our land.**

L: Love and faithfulness meet together;

**G: righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

**A: I will hear what the Lord proclaims:  
peace to his people.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us to believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, 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: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world.  
Whoever follows me will never walk in  
darkness, but will have the light of life."  
(John 8:12 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:

**Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany:** Jesus reveals himself as the Lord's Anointed with the power and authority to call us to serve as his messengers.

**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 5:1-11

In calling the disciples to be full-time fishers of men, Jesus reveals his power as the Lord's anointed. What a beautiful picture of future fishing for these maturing disciples. For the miracle of this abundant catch of fish would only be surpassed by the fishing for souls to which they were called. What a privilege for us to answer the same call, to lay our hands on the net of the gospel, and be fishers of men.

*My takeaways:*

## FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 6:1-8

God called Isaiah to the prophetic office with a grand vision of heaven. This man of unclean lips was called to carry the message of salvation for the Lord. Though sin had separated him from the Lord Almighty, yet the LORD of free and faithful grace took away his guilt and atoned for his sin. With a pure and contrite heart Isaiah boldly answers the Lord's call. (This week is the call of Isaiah. Last week was the call of Jeremiah.)

*My takeaways:*

## SECOND LESSON: 1 CORINTHIANS 4:12B-20

After describing the attitude of the heart in connection with spiritual gifts, Paul moves into the application of such Christ-imitating love regarding spiritual gifts, specifically the gift of speaking in tongues. Spiritual gifts are not given out like so many children's toys, to use for self or personal glory. Love goes hand-in-hand with spiritual gifts when they are used for the building up of the body of Christ. Love for our neighbor is a hallmark of the messengers of Christ.

*My takeaways:*

**SUPPLEMENTAL FIRST LESSON:  
JUDGES 13:6-24**

The Word of the Lord appears to Samson's parents to foretell his birth as an instrument of the Lord's deliverance. Samson would be dedicated as a Nazarite of God, just as the Angel of the Lord directed. He would carry the Lord's message of destruction on the Philistines and rescue for God's people until the day of his death.

*My takeaways:*

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

**SUPPLEMENTAL SECOND LESSON:  
ROMANS 10:13-17**

This *sedes doctrinae* for conversion describes in detail its process through the Word. Yet the emphasis on this Sunday highlights not only the work of the Holy Spirit through the Word but also the privilege given to sinful human beings called to serve as God's messengers, proclaiming that which has the power to bring people to faith. How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!

*My takeaways:*