

the Spirit come down and remain is he who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’³⁴ I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God.”

³⁵ The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶ When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”

³⁷ When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. ³⁸ Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?”

They said, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?”

³⁹ “Come,” he replied, “and you will see.”

So they went and saw where he was staying, and spent that day with him. It was about the tenth hour.

⁴⁰ Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹ The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ). ⁴² And he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas” (which, when translated, is Peter).

Sermon Hymn: 86 The Only Son from Heaven

Sermon: Strong to the End

Offering: *(Please remember to sign the Friendship Register.)*

“Oh Church Arise” sung by Jason Fry

Hymn: 714 The Lamb

Benediction

Closing Hymn: 265 This Is the Feast of Victory

Ushers: This Week – Tanner Latsch & Justin Cusack
Next Week – Zack Vogel & Alex Vogel

Greeters: This Week – Richard & Shirley Pfeifer
Next Week – Kevin & Holly Broedlow

Cleaning: This Coming Week – Please Volunteer to Help
The Following Week – Please Volunteer to Help
(There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church.)

The Second Sunday in Epiphany – January 18 & 19

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We Welcome You!

Order of Worship: New Service Setting

Opening Hymn: 577 Rise, O Light of Gentile Nations v. 1, 4

Prayer of the Day:

M: 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.

C: Amen.

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.

49 Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations: Before I was born the LORD called me; from my birth he has made mention of my name.² He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver.³ He said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will display my splendor."⁴ But I said, "I have labored to no purpose; I have spent my strength in vain and for nothing. Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand, and my reward is with my God."⁵ And now the LORD says—he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD and my God has been my strength—⁶ he says: "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth."

Psalm of the Day - Psalm 63, on screen

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.

1 Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

²To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ - their Lord and ours:

³Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus.⁵ For in him you have been enriched in every way—in all your speaking and in all your knowledge - ⁶because our testimony about Christ was confirmed in you. ⁷Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. ⁸He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.

Verse of the Day: *Alleluia. Alleluia. He said to me, "You are my servant in whom I will display my splendor." Alleluia. (Isaiah 49:3 –cf. NIV)*

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.

²⁹The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" ³⁰This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' ³¹I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel."

³²Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. ³³I would not have known him, except that the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see