

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2017

2nd SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God." And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength— he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

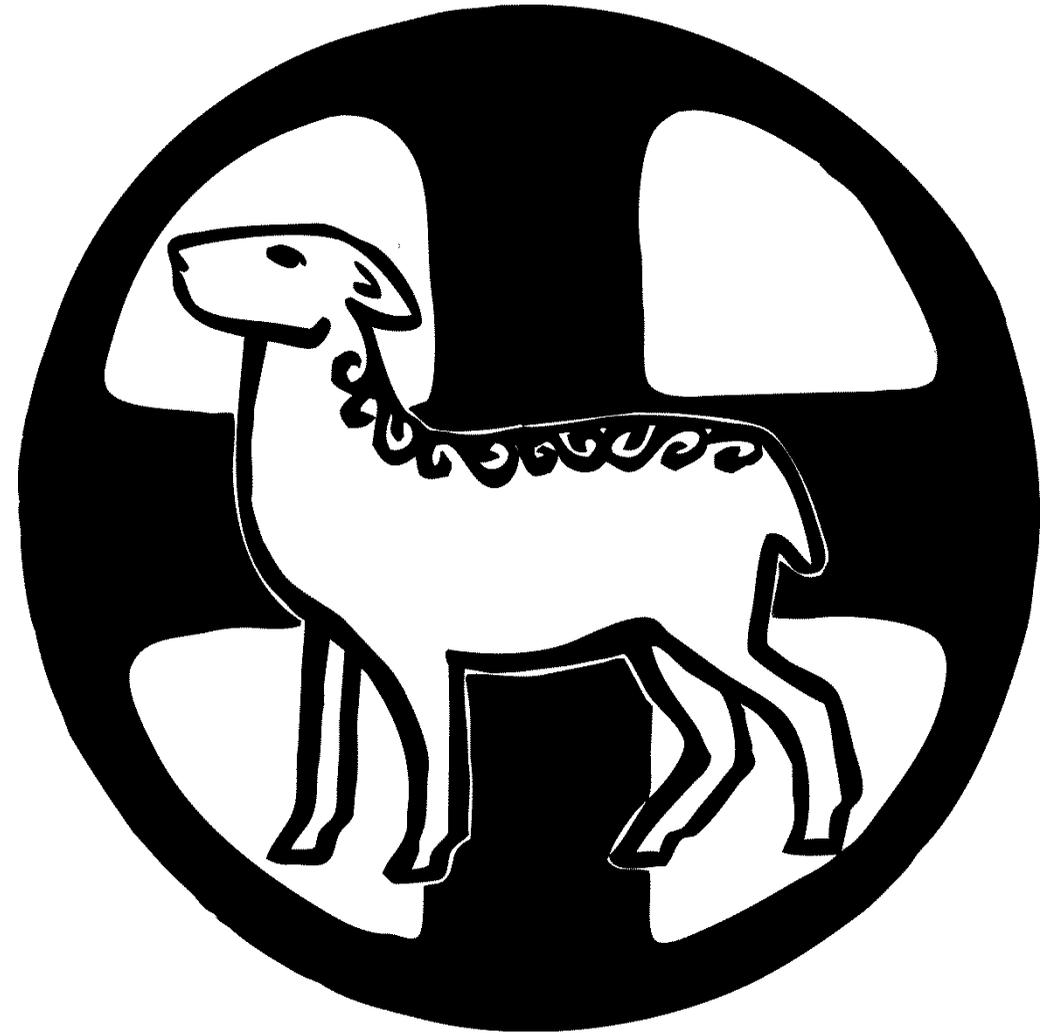
SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

GOSPEL John 1:29-42

[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



JANUARY 15, 2017

Second Sunday After Epiphany

January 15, 2017
8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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Prelude

Announcements

*Entrance Hymn

Bright and Glorious

ELW 301 (v. 1, 2, 5, 6)

*Apostolic Greeting

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*Kyrie

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*Hymn of Praise

Glory to God

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*Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. . . .

C Amen

First Lesson

Isaiah 49:1-7

Here the servant Israel speaks for herself and acknowledges herself as God's secret weapon. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel itself. The servant's ultimate assignment is to bring news of God's victory to the ends of the earth.

God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.

(Congregational response after reading: **Thanks be to God**)

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Though God's church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.

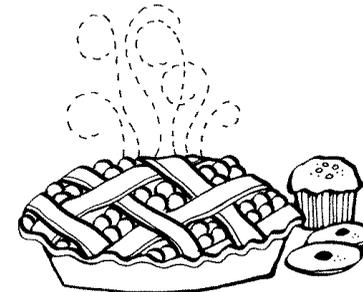
(Congregational response after reading: **Thanks be to God**)

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING

JANUARY 29TH, 2017

11:45 a.m. Annual Meeting in Sanctuary

12:30 p.m. Potluck in Fellowship Hall



POTLUCK

This Week at Lutheran:

Today: 8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Adult Bible Study

Monday: **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED (Martin Luther King Day)**
No WELCA Love Days
5:00 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
10:00 a.m. WELCA Board Meeting
10:30 a.m. Senior Coffee & Bible Study (NOTE CHANGE)**
5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts

Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. Al-Anon
10:00 a.m. AA
3:45-4:30 p.m. Children's Choir
4:30-5:15 p.m. FLY 57
6:00 p.m. Hosanna Handbells
6:30 p.m. 8th Grade Confirmation (Parent's Night)
7:00 p.m. 9th Grade Confirmation (Parent's Night)
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal resumes

Thurs.: 8:45 a.m. Morning Watch – Pastor Jennifer – KBRF AM 1250
No Sr. Bible Study & Coffee (see Tuesday)

Friday: CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Next Sunday, January 22:

8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship/
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Preschool 2 Milestone Class
10:00 a.m. Temple Talk on First Lutheran Budget (Sanctuary)
No Adult Bible Study
12:00 p.m. Youth Mystery Mission Trip Information Meeting (for this year's 8th-12th grades)

***Gospel Acclamation**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

(Congregational response read after Gospel is announced: **Glory to you, O Lord.**)

***Gospel**

John 1:29-42

John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.

(Congregational response read after Gospel is read: **Praise to you, O Christ**)

Children's Event

Pastor Erick

Sermon

Pastor Erick

Hymn of the Day

As with Gladness Men of Old

ELW 302

***The Apostles' Creed**

Back Cover of ELW Hymnal

***The PEACE is shared**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Mission Moment

*denotes when to stand

Offering

***Offertory**

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -
 it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
 not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the
 joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

***The Prayers**

P ...Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

OR P ... Let us pray to the Lord,
C Lord, have mercy.

***The Lord's Prayer**

C 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

***Blessing**

***Threefold Amen**

***Sending Hymn**

Shine, Jesus, Shine

ELW 671

***Sending**

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Fellowship and Refreshments this morning in the narthex between services by the families of Kyra & Koryna Loomer and Kaydence Knutson.

Visitors! If you didn't get a "Visitors Bag" when you came in this morning please pick one up on your way out after worship. You'll find them in a basket located on the small table on the ramp coming up from the narthex into the sanctuary.

Large Print Edition of the order of worship, the lessons, and the hymns for today are available. If you would like copies for worship, please ask an usher.

Beginning Experience Support Group for those who are separated, divorced, or widowed... Winter Session starts Monday, January 16th. For more information or to register call 998-4300.

The Lion's Reading Program for visually and physically impaired listeners is in need of some additional volunteer readers. If anyone is interested, please call Lynn Brand at 218-739-3842 or Ginny Paulson at 218-736-5109. Also, they are looking for a volunteer to help prepare their reading schedule every 10 or 12 weeks.

Bruce Rosendahl, son of Dan and Kathy, will be running the Boston Marathon for the 5th time on April 17th. He is holding a fundraising event on Sat. Jan. 21st from 11-3 at the VFW for the Boston Children's Hospital. This is the organization that sponsors his run. There will be a freewill donation meal, silent auction, prizes and a bake sale. We not only invite you to attend, but we are asking any bakers in our congregation if they would be willing to donate any baked goods for the bake sale. Any unsold items will be donated to the Veterans Home. Please contact Kathy at 736-2940 if you would be willing to help. Thank you.

Interim Senior Pastor:	Erick Thompson
Associate Pastor:	Jennifer Rose
Visitation Pastor:	Stan Satre
Sunday School Superintendent:	Cindy Larson
Council President:	Elizabeth Abrahams
Organist:	Keith Melberg
Cantors:	11-Janel Trosvig
Lectors:	8:30 – Dolores Simdorn 11-Kurk Werner
Acolytes:	8:30- Andrey Lockett 11-Sophia Prischmann
Greeters:	8:30- Brenda Piekarski
Ushers:	8:30- Neil Herman, Steve Fitz, David Thole
	11-Steve Leitte, Doug Hansen, Tim & Jana Johnson
PA Operator:	8:30- Brian Becker 11- Margaret Ness-Ludwig