

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

January 12 & 15, 2023

**The Season** The season of Epiphany highlights the revealing of the Son of God as the Savior of the whole world—both Jew and Gentile. God revealed the mystery of his person and his mission through the words and works of the Father, though the anointing and empowering of the Spirit, and through the preaching and miracles of Christ.

**The Sunday** Jesus appears as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. This Lamb would take away the sins of the world and bring both Israel and the Gentile nations into the kingdom of God. The hearts that see this Savior in faith cannot help but take news of this salvation to the ends of the earth.

### Opening Hymn

*O Jesus, Lamb of God, You Are* CW 27



1 O Je - sus, Lamb of God, you are My com - fort  
2 O Lord, my sin in - deed is great; I groan be -  
3 Saint John the Bap - tist points to you And bids me  
4 Help me to change my ways, O Lord, And glad - ly



and my guid - ing star; I come, a sin - ner,  
neath the dread - ful weight. Be mer - ci - ful to  
cast my sin on you, For you have left your  
to o - bey your Word. While here I live, a -



trust - ing - ly And bring my man - y sins with me.  
me, I pray; Take guilt and pun - ish - ment a - way.  
throne on high To suf - fer for the world and die.  
bide with me, Then take me home e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: Bartholomäus Helder, 1585–1635; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.  
Tune: WEIMAR (LM) C. P. E. Bach, 1714–88.

### Stand

**M:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

### CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C:** Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways

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as we

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to help people

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**Welcome!** We thank God that you have joined us at worship today.

Restrooms are located in the basement. Hearing loop headphones and Large Print Hymnals are available from an usher.

If your children need to leave worship, please take them to the basement. A TV broadcasts the service in the basement.

Today we gather together in the presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of our worship.

**I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C:** Amen.

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## PRAYER AND PRAISE

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**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

### Oh, Taste and See

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are: "Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e - ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for - ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him." The music features a simple melody with some rests and a final double bar line.

**C:** Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are  
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Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

### Prayer of the Day

**M:** Let us pray.

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**

*Be Seated*

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## THE WORD

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**Grades 1-2**

*Look, the Lamb of God (10:30)*

### First Lesson

**Isaiah 49:1-7**

Though the Christ would be the Lamb of God who would suffer and die to bear our sins, though he would be rejected and despised, God promised to glorify him again. He promised that every eye will see him—even those who pierced him—and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

**49** Listen to me, you islands;

hear this, you distant nations:

Before I was born the LORD called me;

from my mother's womb he has spoken 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 in vain;

I have spent my strength for nothing at all.

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 my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

**7** This is what the LORD says—

the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel—

to him who was despised and abhorred by the nation,

to the servant of rulers:

"Kings will see you and stand up,

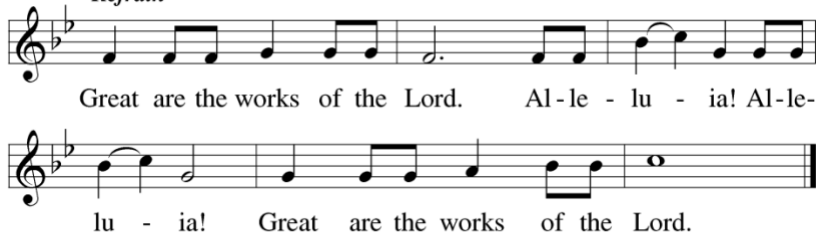
princes will see and bow down,

because of the LORD, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.” (NIV)

## Psalm of the Day

## Psalm 45 CW

### Refrain



Great are the works of the Lord. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!  
Great are the works of the Lord.

### Psalm tone



My heart is stirred by a noble theme\*  
as I recite my verses for the King.

You are the most excellent of men,\*  
and your lips have been anointed with grace.

Gird your sword upon your side, O Mighty One;\*  
clothe yourself with splendor and majesty.

In your majesty ride forth victoriously;\*  
let your right hand display awesome deeds.

### Refrain

Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever;\*  
a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.

You love righteousness and hate wickedness;\*  
therefore God has anointed you with the oil of joy.

I will perpetuate your memory through all generations;\*  
therefore the nations will praise you for ever and ever.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### Refrain

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## Second Lesson

## Acts 13:38-49

In Pisidian Antioch, Paul preached the message of the Lamb of God: the sacrifices in the Law of Moses could not justify; only the Lamb sacrificed for sin could. The Gospel resulted in faith in some Jewish hearts and rejection in others. In the face of opposition, Paul and Barnabas fulfilled the promises of God in Isaiah and made Christ a light to Gentiles and brought salvation to the ends of the earth

<sup>38</sup> “Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. <sup>39</sup> Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses. <sup>40</sup> Take care that what the prophets have said does not happen to you:

<sup>41</sup> “Look, you scoffers,  
wonder and perish,  
for I am going to do something in your days  
that you would never believe,  
even if someone told you.”<sup>[Habakkuk 1:5]”</sup>

<sup>42</sup> As Paul and Barnabas were leaving the synagogue, the people invited them to speak further about these things on the next Sabbath. <sup>43</sup> When the congregation was dismissed, many of the Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who talked with them and urged them to continue in the grace of God.

<sup>44</sup> On the next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. <sup>45</sup> When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy. They began to contradict what Paul was saying and heaped abuse on him.

<sup>46</sup> Then Paul and Barnabas answered them boldly: “We had to speak the word of God to you first. Since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. <sup>47</sup> For this is what the Lord has commanded us:

“I have made you a light for the Gentiles,  
that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.”<sup>[Isaiah 49:6]”</sup>

<sup>48</sup> When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord; and all who were appointed for eternal life believed.

<sup>49</sup> The word of the Lord spread through the whole region. (NIV)

## Verse of the Day

M: Alleluia. He said to me, “You are my servant in whom I will display my splendor.”  
Alleluia. (Isaiah 49:3)

## Stand

## 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. 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. Seeing the Lamb of God leads believers like John and Andrew to bring his salvation to the ends of the earth.

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

<sup>32</sup> Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. <sup>33</sup> And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water

told me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit." <sup>34</sup> I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One."

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

<sup>37</sup> When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?"

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

<sup>39</sup> "Come," he replied, "and you will see."

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

<sup>40</sup> Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. <sup>41</sup> The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). (NIV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be Seated*

## Hymn of the Day

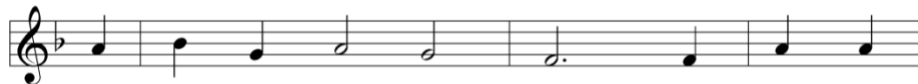
*The Only Son from Heaven CW 86*



1 The on - ly Son from heav - en, Fore - told by  
2 Oh, time of God ap - point - ed, Oh, bright and  
3 A - wak - en, Lord, our spir - it To know and  
4 O Fa - ther, here be - fore you With God the



an - cient seers, By God the Fa - ther giv - en,  
ho - ly morn! He comes, the King a - noint - ed,  
love you more, In faith to stand un - shak - en,  
Ho - ly Ghost And Je - sus, we a - dore you,



In hu - man form ap - pears. No sphere his  
The Christ, the vir - gin - born, Grim death to  
In spir - it to a - dore, That we, through  
O Pride of an - gel host. Be - fore you



light con - fin - ing, No star so bright - ly  
con - quer for us, To o - pen heav'n be -  
this world mov - ing, Each glimpse of heav - en  
mor - tals low - ly Cry "Ho - ly, ho - ly,



The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen**

*Be Seated*

**Hymn**

*O God from God, O Light from Light CW 85*



1 O God from God, O Light from Light, O Prince of  
 2 Deep in the proph-ets' sa-cred page, Grand in the  
 3 That life of truth, those deeds of love, That death of  
 4 Sing to the Lord a might-y song; Sing to his



Peace and King of kings, To you in heav-en's  
 po-ets' wing-ed word, Slow-ly, in type, from  
 pain mid hate and scorn—These all are past, and  
 name, his glo-ries tell! Sing, heav'n-ly hosts, your



glo-ry bright The song of praise for-ev-er rings.  
 age to age The na-tions saw their com-ing Lord;  
 now a-bove He reigns, our King once crowned with thorn.  
 praise pro-long, And all on earth, your an-them swell!



To him who sits up-on the throne, The Lamb once  
 Till through the deep Ju-de-an night Rang out the  
 Lift up your heads, O might-y gates! So sang the  
 Wor-thy the Lamb for sin-ners slain! For-ev-er



slain but raised a-gain, Be all the glo-ry  
 song, "Good will to men!" Sung by heav'n's hosts in  
 an-gel hosts a-gain. Lift up your heads—your  
 let the song as-cend! Wor-thy the Lamb en-



he has won, All thanks and praise! A-men, A-men.  
 splen-dor bright, Re-ech-oed now, "Good will!" A-men.  
 King a-waits. We lift them up, A-men, A-men.  
 throned to reign; Glo-ry and pow'r! A-men, A-men.

Text: John Julian, 1839–1913, abr., alt.

Tune: O GROSSER GOTT (LM D) *Johann Störls . . . Schlag-Gesang-Und Noten-Buch*, Stuttgart, 1744.