

January 17 - January 18, 2026
Second Sunday after Epiphany Readings

First Reading

A Reading from Isaiah

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, God named me.

The Lord made my mouth like a sharp sword;
in the shadow of God's hand, I was hid;
the Lord made me a polished arrow;
in God's quiver I was hid away.

The Lord 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 and Holy One of Israel,
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."

(pause)

Reader: Word of God, word of Life.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

Second Reading

A Reading from First Corinthians

Grace to you and peace from God our Creator 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 Christ,
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 gift
as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus 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 whom you were called into the partnership of God's Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

(pause)

Reader: **Word of God, word of Life.**

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

A Proclamation of the Holy Gospel According to John

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 the One 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 the One 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,
‘The One 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 Chosen One.”

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 John say this, and they followed Jesus.
When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to the disciples,
“What are you looking for?”
They said to Jesus, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher),
“where are you staying?”
Jesus said to them, “Come and see.”

Pastor: **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Congregation: Thanks be to God.