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found  
the*  
**Messiah**

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**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**  
**7:45 A.M. SERVICE**

**Today's Theme:** Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.

**Welcome all visitors!** We welcome all who worship with us. May the joy of Christ's presence and the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with peace and hope! We are honored by your presence and trust that you will join us in the praise and worship of God. Please sign our guest book in the narthex. If you are interested in church membership, please give your name and telephone number to Pastor Rankin.

**Welcome to the Eucharist!** All who seek to follow Jesus and who seek the gifts Jesus offers us are invited to share in this sacrament of Holy Communion. *Children are invited to receive communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. If a child wants to receive a blessing, they are asked to fold their hands.*

**Prayer As You Enter:** *Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

#### **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM AND INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Have you understood God's thoughts towards us?

Have you listened to glad news of deliverance?

**We are here to receive God's message.**

**Our hearts are open to the Word we will hear.**

Listen, to all who are near and all who are far away;

God is calling us as servants and as saints.

**Usually we do not think of ourselves in that way.**

**We resist lowly roles, but we do not aspire to sainthood.**

Do not be afraid to serve God with your whole being.

Neither fear the call to join the saints of Jesus Christ.

**We trust that God will strengthen us for our tasks.**

**We are ready to be led into new responsibilities.**

Come and taste the joy of God!

### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

#### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

God has come to us in Christ, but we often live as if it made no difference.

Let us now confess our sins in silent prayer.

*(SEATED OR KNEELING)*

#### **SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS**

#### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

**Holy One, source of our renewal, we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

## KYRIE

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## ADORATION AND PRAISE

### ACT OF PRAISE

O God, open my lips.

And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

### COLLECT FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Let us pray the collect together.

God of peace, whose love has graced this world in Jesus Christ and baptized us with the Holy Spirit, reawaken our eagerness to follow where Jesus leads so we may fulfill the discipleship to which we are called, lead others to experience your steadfast love and faithfulness, and inspire them to delight in doing your will; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

## TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 49:1-7

*Here the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. 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.*

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!



## THE PSALTER

Psalm 40:1-11

I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.  
**He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

**Happy are those who make the Lord their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.**

You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts towards us; none can compare with you. Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.

**Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.**

Then I said, "Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me.

I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."

**I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord.**

I have not hidden your saving help within my heart, I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.

**Do not, O Lord, withhold your mercy from me; let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.**

## THE 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.*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. 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.*

***Glory be to You, O Lord.***

## THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

***Praise be to You, O Christ.***

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SERMON                      “Community Rooted in God’s Grace”                      Pastor Rankin

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, and has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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## PEOPLE’S OFFERING

MISSION MOMENT

Sean McKelvey  
Trinity Preschool Director

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## OFFERING DEDICATION

God of the saints in every age and time, we are grateful for the privilege of being numbered among them as we invest our gifts from you. Because of your generosity, we have not lacked for anything we really need.

Grant now that our words and deeds may follow our offering into loving service in your realm. We pray in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord!**

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Eternal God, who has created the heavens and the earth, giving breath to every living thing, we thank you for all the gifts of creation and for the gift of life itself. We thank you for making us in your own image, for forgiving us when we act as though you have no claim on us, and for keeping us in your steadfast care. We rejoice in Jesus Christ, the only one eternally begotten by you, who was born of your servant Mary and shared the joys and sorrows of life as we know it. We remember Christ's death, we celebrate Christ's resurrection, and, in the beloved community of your church, we await Christ's return at the end of history. We take courage from the abiding presence of your Holy Spirit in our midst. We offer you our praise for women and men of faith in every age who stand as witnesses to your love and grace. With the prophets, martyrs, and saints, and all the company of heaven, we glorify you.

**Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God, Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

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## WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

### THE PRAYER OF OUR LORD

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

## BREAKING OF THE HOST & POURING OF THE CUP

As this grain was once scattered in the fields, and has come together in one bread, so we, with different needs and hopes, come together as one, for we share one bread.

**The Bread of Life, broken for us.**

The cup which we share is the cup of the New Covenant written in our hearts and witnessed by Jesus.

**The Cup of Blessing, poured out for us and for the many.**

*(Those who wish to come forward will be invited by the pastor. The pastor will serve you the host, saying, "The Body of Christ." You reply, "Amen!" The assistant will present you with the cup, saying, "The Blood of Christ." You reply, "Amen!" Grape juice is in the chalice with the cross and wine is in the other chalice. If you need the pastor and assistant to come to you, please indicate that to someone near you or the pastor. If you do not wish to come forward, you are invited to use the packaged elements in the narthex and commune in your pew. The pastor will offer a blessing everyone has communed. **Children are invited to receive communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. If a child wants to receive a blessing, they are asked to fold their hands.**)*

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the Church, the world, and all in need.

Put a new song in the mouth of your church. Inspire the baptized to tell of your faithfulness, sharing the good news of your salvation throughout the earth. Bless the witness of missionaries. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

The waters of baptism call us into life in the Spirit. Preserve the world's water: protect them from pollution, support plants and animals who depend on them and bring rain in places of drought. Guide us in protecting local waterways and in responding to devastating floods. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**



In Jesus you are the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Show your mercy to all nations. Direct leaders to do your will; fill governing bodies with righteousness; equip judges with discernment and compassion. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You incline your ear to all who cry to you. Draw near to individuals and communities suffering violence, injustice, illness, or poverty. Hide them in the shadow of your hand and make us signs of your faithfulness to all in need. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You are glorified in the servants you have called. With Martin Luther King Jr., give us bold trust in you. Even when it feels like a sharp sword or polished arrow, give us courage to receive your call to repentance and racial justice. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

### **SILENT PRAYER**

Let us pray together.

**Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. Amen.**

## **CLOSE OF WORSHIP**

### **RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION**

Arise, and go forth to shine for all the world to see.

**We go to spread the good news of light and love, righteousness and justice.**

May the blessing of the God of light rest upon you and fill you with light. Amen.



**CATCH THE VISION & SHARE THE JOY**



### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Chancel Flowers** are given by **Denise Pfeiffer** dedicated to all people who worked over the holidays.

**The Worship Aids** are given by **Charlene Cristy**. Happy New Year to members of Trinity.

## **Ministering Today**

<b>Pastor/Celebrant</b>	Rev. Dr. Christopher Rankin
<b>Lector/Assistant</b>	Diane Rice
<b>Money Counters</b>	Nevin Cooley, John Bailey, Pat Sensenig, Cherie Cataldi
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Karen Olley, Hedwig Hunsicker
<b>Koinonia:</b>	Rankin Family
<b>Building Trustee</b>	Mike Wagner
<b>Ministries</b>	<b>Card</b> Christian Ed. Committee (Cherie Cataldi) <b>Called to Care</b> Anne Rankin <b>Visitation</b> Janice Jenkins

## **Happy Birthday!**

Monday – Mary Neville

Tuesday – Jodi Keller, Deb Lichtenwalner

Thursday – Zachary Mowrer

Friday – Hank Fox, Pat Miller

<b>Attendance for Sun., Jan.8</b>	7:45–16 10:30–77 <b>TOTAL – 93</b>
<b>Sunday School Attendance</b>	<b>25</b>

## **This Week at Trinity Church**

**(Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-2 p.m.)**

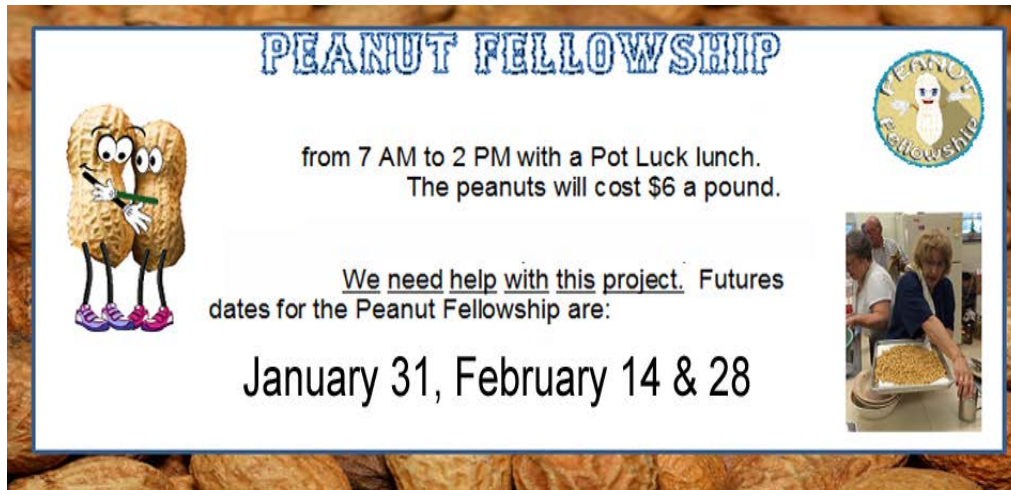
Monday	7:00 PM – SOT Choir/8:15 PM-Bells NO Preschool
Tuesday	1-3 PM – Prayer Shawl 7:00 PM – Consistory
Wednesday	9:30 AM – Stewardship(Virtual)
Thursday	2:00 PM – Crop Walk 6:30 PM – Cub Scouts
Saturday	7:00 PM – Alanon/8:00 PM - AA
Sunday	7:45 AM – Eucharist 9:00 AM – Sunday School 10:00 AM - Koinonia 10:30 AM – Eucharist

**THE JANUARY PARISH POST** is available on both floors of the church building. **There is one correction to the Parish Post....**Shelley Wagner's birthday (January 31) is missing from the birthday list.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** The family of Rev. Dr. Russ Mitman (longtime friend of Pastor Royer & colleague to many clergy), Rev. Tom Busteed & family, the family of Sharon Weible (wife of Rev. Dr. Lyle Weible, Conference Minister Emeritus), James & Rita Malone, Dawn Garvin, Mark Shenk, Dr. Janet Harriger, the Lehman family, Deb Lichtenwalner, Jodi Keller, George DeLong, Dave Trostle, Tom & Elaine Lichtenwalner (parents of Mike Lichtenwalner), Summerlyn Burger (granddaughter of Marge Burger), Danielle Huggins Holbein, Janet Owens (sister-in-law of Scott & Jane Owens), Joann Peck, Mary Lou Shaab, Stan & Pat Seachrist, Rev. Dave & Mid Gockley, Donna Nesbitt (neighbor of John & Sarah Paulukow), Chad Zirkel (son of Donna Zirkel), Jane Portser, Tom Wolf (son of Donna Wolf), Judie Bistline, Jordan Sensenig (grandson of Pat & Joan Sensenig), David and Brenda Haverstick (friends of Mike & Shelley Wagner), Jeannie & Bill Toy (sister & brother-in-law of Lainie Christensen) Carmen Richards, Donna Zirkel, Don & Pat Miller, Sam Minder III, Rev. Bob & Nancy Musser, Dick & Tillie King (friends of Stan & Pat Seachrist), Robin McComsey (neighbor of Himelwrights), Rylan Brent (relative of Chuck & Sue Husted), Hank Fox, Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman, Don Pfeifer (husband of Denise Pfeifer), Bob Kilgore, Judy Barr (friend of Mike & Shelley Wagner), Joann Garvin, Rev. Phyllis Baum, Jake & Jean Otthofer (parents of Dan Otthofer), Rev. Paul Eyer (former pastor of St. Luke's), Mary Witmer, the Martin family, Robert Richards (brother of Jerry Richards), Monica Williams (friend of Sandy DeLong), Ronald Himelwright (grandson of Brenda & Harry Himelwright), Barry Richards (son of Jerry & Carmen Richards), Tyler Miller (grandson of Iris DeMaio), Joan Kalbach (mother of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer), Nancy Patton, Mike & Judy Barr (friends of Mike & Shelley Wagner), Phyllis Zimmerman, Jim & Kathy Long (friends of Jerry & Carmen Richards), John Siebern (Bob Siever's brother-in-law), Carl Roth (Gretchen Leinbach's brother), Lainie Christensen, Sandra Englert (niece of Betty Tyndall), Charles & Betty Booraem, Betty Tyndall and family, Dorothy Fasnacht, Jo Jo Richards & family (Carmen & Jerry's granddaughter-in-law), Bob & Marlyn Wible, Barry Moore (Donna & Ron Denlinger's brother-in-law), Judy Wisniewski (sister of Chuck Husted), and the Bonilla-Rodriguez family (friends of Trinity Church)

## KNIT IN GOD'S LOVE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl will meet Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00 PM. They will continue to meet on the third Tuesday of each month! Come and bring a friend. Hope to see many of you there! Contact Betty Tyndall for more information.



**WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS:** We are looking for worship volunteers on Sunday mornings. Contact the church office to sign-up!

**Greeters:** To welcome worshippers at the door for the second service.

**Ushers:** We have returned to passing the offering plate during the second service. We especially need ushers because some people have stepped down!

**Lectors:** Assist with the worship service or to just read the scripture lessons at the 7:45 a.m. and/or 10:30 a.m. services.

## 2022 CELEBRATION

Join us after the 10:30 service on January 29 for a luncheon and celebration of our ministry in 2022. The Parish Life Committee is planning a short program as we look back over the past year in our annual reports and through a video slideshow. Look for more details about the luncheon in the bulletins. A sign-up sheet is available on the table across from the church office.



## 2022 ANNUAL REPORTS

The 2022 annual reports are due to the church office **TODAY!**

**DEVOTIONALS:** The January-March edition of *These Days* are available on the table across from the church office or on the lower level by the portico entrance.

**KOINONIA:** We have resumed koinonia (community fellowship) every Sunday at 10 a.m. in Isenberg Hall. Volunteers are asked to provide light refreshments and drinks/coffee. The sign-up sheet is on the kitchen coordinator. If you have any questions, contact Paula Dennes.

### **CALLED TO CARE MINISTRY**

The Evangelism Committee is revitalizing the Called to Care ministry this month. Meals will be provided for members after they have returned home from the hospital or during other critical moments. Transportation to medical appointments is also available. Anne Rankin will be the coordinator for January and February.



***News from the Parish Life Committee***

### **Dutch Apple Dinner Theater**

**Saturday, March 11**

**11:30 AM Lunch/1 PM Show**

Trinity is going to Dutch Apple Dinner Theater to see "Sister Act". The Dinner and show, which includes all tips and fees is \$66.93. Children ages 3-12 are \$23.28 per child; students ages 13-18 are \$28.13 per student. Youth ministry funds will be used to pay for children & youth! Don't miss out on this exciting production.

We have ordered 32 tickets. Look for the sign-up sheet across from the church office. **The deadline to order tickets is February 9<sup>th</sup>.** Speak to a member of the Parish Life Committee for more information (Kayla Brennan, Anne Rankin, Cherie Cataldi, Denise Pfeiffer, Jeff Hackenberger, and Rachel Baynard).

### **2023 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AID SPONSORS:**

Upcoming dates for chancel flowers are: February 5, 19 & 26.

Upcoming dates for worship aids are: February 5, 12, 19 & 26. The price for flowers is \$60. The price for worship aids is \$26. Contact Carol and look for charts for 2023 dates.



## Highland Presbyterian Church

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Highland is conveniently located off Oregon Pike just north of Route 30.

Head north on Oregon Pike, turn right on East Roseville Road, then right into the Highland parking lot.



## Deux Voix

Wednesday, March 15, 2023, 7:00 pm

Formed in 2014, Deux Voix ("two voices") has amassed a sterling reputation with national and international acclaim. In their mission to expand the world of trumpet and organ, musicians Stephen Langham and Justin Distad are constantly adapting works from other genres and instrumentations.



## WORKSHOPS



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## Becoming Your Best Self: Introduction to the Enneagram

HYBRID CONTEMPLATIVE

February 25, 2023  
9:00 am - 4:00 pm



Ellen Ranney, LCSW



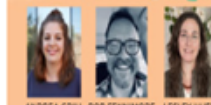
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## Resiliency for Volunteers

ZOOM ONLY VOLUNTEER

February 27, 2023  
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

## RESILIENCY FOR VOLUNTEERS



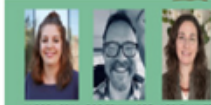
ANDREA CRILL BOB FENNIMORE LESLEY HUFF

## Using Volunteer Skills in the Real World

ZOOM ONLY VOLUNTEER

February 9, 2023  
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

## USING VOLUNTEER SKILLS IN THE REAL WORLD



ANDREA CRILL BOB FENNIMORE LESLEY HUFF

## The Path Between Us: Enneagram Conference with Suzanne Stabile

IN PERSON ONLY CONTEMPLATIVE

March 24, 2023 - March 25, 2023  
6:00 pm - 5:00 pm

## The Path Between Us Conference

On Enneagram and Archetypal Symbolism

Sponsored by WORK WISDOM

March 24 6-9 pm

March 25 9am - 5pm

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Suzanne Stabile

Highland Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, PA



# **Trinity Concert Series Looking For Supporters 2023**

Would you like to support the Trinity Concert Series with a donation towards the expenses incurred? Please complete this form and return it with your donation to the church office, or place it in the offering plate. If you wish to Sponsor a complete concert, please speak to the Director of Music.

1848 Circle \$200.00 or More  
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**JANUARY 15, 2023**

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**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE 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 1:1-9**

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**

The next day he 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).