

Epiphany 2

January 18, 2026

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

John the Baptist clearly identifies Jesus as the holy “Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” His testimony to those who will listen is the truth of what God is doing — offering mercy, forgiveness and reconciliation through the One in whom he is “well pleased.” In bread and wine, water and word, the Lamb offers us forgiveness and mercy and promises to be with us always.



THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

Isaiah 49:1-7

The prophet Isaiah recounted Israel's privileged calling as God's servant. Israel is God's “weapon” to bring faith to an unbelieving world. In fact, through God's faithfulness, the servant who was once despised will be a light to all nations, bringing God's salvation to the ends of the earth.

Psalm 40:1-11

This song tells of the psalmist's relationship with God — the Lord heard the cry of his servant and pulled him out of trouble and near destruction. Blessed is he who trusts in the Lord, who is patient, loves to do God's will, and faithfully proclaims the steadfast goodness and faithfulness of God.

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul began his letter to the church in Corinth with greetings, a sincere expression of thankfulness for the testimony of Christ confirmed among them, and a prayer that Christ would sustain them until his return. Those who have been called to be saints of Christ will not be lacking in any spiritual gift.

John 1:29-42a

John the Baptist was fervent in his declaration of Jesus as the Lamb of God — not once, but on two separate occasions. John's clear understanding of his own purpose as one who would point to Jesus, the Lamb, resulted in Andrew and Simon following Jesus and themselves making the confession that He is the Lord's Messiah.

The Lord's Servant

Trust in the Lord

Called to Be Saints

The Lamb of God

Suggestions for the Sunday:

Liturgical Color: Green

During the Season of Epiphany:

- Use the Kyrie OR the Hymn of Praise.
- Use the Apostles' Creed for this Sunday in Epiphany.
- Consider pointing out to young worshipers the connection between this Sunday's Gospel and the Agnus Dei portion of the Holy Communion liturgy. Jesus is the holy Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, the incarnation of the Paschal Lamb sacrificed at Passover. This connection is a powerful one to make so that all believers understand the forgiveness Christ offers to us.

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Hymn Titles:

	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
The Lamb's Embrace	---	---	---	---	---	web
Son of God, Eternal Savior	364	---	842	655	---	---
A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth	105	---	438	340	135	135
O One with God the Father	77	---	---	---	---	web
Arise, Your Light Has Come	---	652	---	314	---	---
At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing	210	---	633	362	150	150
Hail to the Lord's Anointed	87	---	398	311	---	---
On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry	36	---	344	249	101	101
I, the Lord of Sea and Sky	---	752	---	574	---	---
Rise, Shine, You People!	393	---	825	665	---	---

The hymn suggestions above can be found in: LBW= Lutheran Book of Worship, WOV= With One Voice, ELW= Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Augsburg Fortress); LSB= The Lutheran Service Book (Concordia Publishing), REC= The ReClaim Hymnal for Church and Home (ReClaim Resources), and *** means you can find it on SOWeR at “Hymns and Music.”

CONTEMPORARY SONGS

Praise Song Titles:

Here I Am to Worship
(CCLI# 3266032)
Agnus Dei
(CCLI# 626713)
Lamb of God
(CCLI# 16787)
He is Exalted
(CCLI# 17827)
How Deep the Father's Love for Us
(CCLI# 1558110)

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