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*"Behold, the Lamb of God,  
who takes away the sin of the world!"*

*John 1:29b*



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 right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God."

And now the Lord says, he who formed me from 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 eyes 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 bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for 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 nation, the servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

### **Gradual**

Praise the Lord, all nations!

**Extol him, all peoples!**

For great is his steadfast love toward us,

**and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.**

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;

**bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

### **Epistle Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (ESV)

Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon 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 was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—even as the testimony about Christ was

confirmed among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**“Alleluia”**

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**Holy Gospel:** St. John 1:29-42a (ESV)

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, 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 before me, because He was before me.' I myself did not know Him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that He might be revealed to Israel." And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on Him. I myself did not know Him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as He walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "*What are you seeking?*" And they said to Him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are You staying?" He said to them, "*Come and you will see.*" So they came and saw where He was staying, and they stayed with Him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus.

**Nicene Creed**

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**Hymn of the Day**

# 547

**Sermon**

A Polished Arrow

## **Prayer of the Church**

### **Offering**

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Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion in which we joyfully receive Christ's Body and Blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament, we also give public witness that we are in complete agreement with the denomination's doctrinal teachings at whose altar we commune. Therefore, we ask that only communicant members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod commune with us. All guests are asked to talk to Rev. Heller before coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament.



**In our thoughts and prayers,**

† Lori Kuschel, Bob Schriefer,  
Deane Weidner, & Julie Westemeier;

**Welcome to worship** as Jesus reveals Himself to us as the Son of God in this season of Epiphany. In our worship this morning, Jesus reveals Himself to be “the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” Thanks be to God, for He has taken away our sin in the appearance of His Son, so that we would have the forgiveness of our sins. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon.

**Please join us** for Bible class this morning as we begin *Every One His Witness*, a program designed to equip disciples of Jesus Christ to share the Gospel in their everyday lives with the people whom God has placed into relationships with them. *Every One His Witness* is a low-pressure, natural approach to folks who need Christ. Let’s go (Mark 1:38)!



**There is a sign-up sheet** to volunteer to run the iPad for Sunday morning worship. We can always use more volunteers!

**The January calendar**, birthday and anniversary sheet, November Council minutes, and “*Portals of Prayer*” booklets are on the table in the fellowship hall.



**The January Human Care Project** is collecting soup and crackers for Women’s Action & Resource Center. Please put your donations in the shelf unit in the entryway.



### **Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance**

Worship: 102      Offerings: \$4,026.00

*“The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him,  
and said, ‘Behold, the Lamb of God,  
who takes away the sin of the world!’ ”*

*John 1:29*

The Israelites of old offered a lamb to God at Passover so that death might pass over them and do no harm. Over those long centuries of sacrifice, did they understand that this was actually God’s gift? Did they understand that God would be the true Giver of the true Lamb? Truly, we can never out give God, for all that we have is His.

