



KEEPING A HOLY LIFE

2nd Sunday after Epiphany – January 15, 2023

Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 40:1-11
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
John 1:29-42

Monday, Jan 16

Exodus 12:1-13, 21-28
Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 40:6-17

Thursday, Jan 19

1 Samuel 1:1-20
Galatians 1:11-24
Psalm 27:1-6

Tuesday, Jan 17

Isaiah 53:1-12
Hebrews 10:1-4
Psalm 40:6-17

Friday, Jan 20

1 Samuel 9:27 — 10:8
Galatians 2:1-10
Psalm 27:1-6

Wednesday, Jan 18

Isaiah 48:12-21
Matthew 9:14-17
Psalm 40:6-17

Saturday, Jan 21

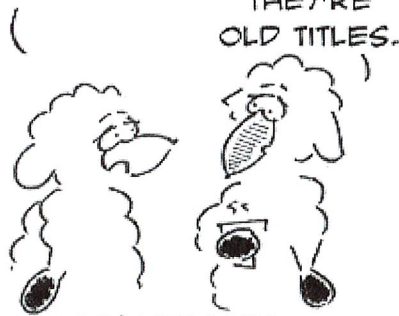
1 Samuel 15:34 — 16:13
Luke 5:27-32
Psalm 27:1-6

Prayer of the Day – Merciful God, Your Son proclaimed the nearness of Your kingdom, calling others to follow as His disciples. Help us to receive the gift of Your grace given through the cross and to follow as His disciples; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Readings for next Sunday: 3rd Sunday after Epiphany – January 22, 2023

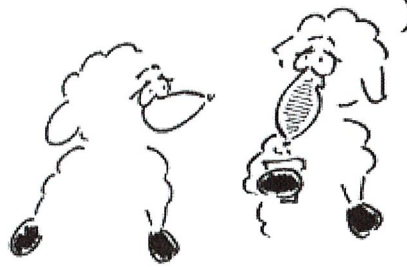
Isaiah 9:1-4
Psalm 27:1, 4-9
1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Matthew 4:12-23

JESUS SURE
HAS A LOT OF
NICKNAMES!



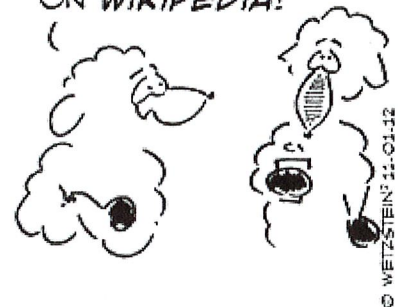
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BUT JESUS WILL FILL THEM
WITH **NEW MEANING**--YOU
HAVE TO READ THE REST
OF JOHN TO UNDERSTAND.



WITH THANKS TO JIMMY WALES

OR YOU COULD
LOOK THEM UP
ON **WIKIPEDIA!**



JOHN 1:29-42

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Listening for the Promise Weekly Devotional

Second Sunday after the Epiphany– January 15, 2023

“God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.”

– 1 Corinthians 1:9

God is faithful. Have you ever pondered to think about what that really means? If you’ve read the book of Hosea, it’s about the prophet Hosea who marries a prostitute named Gomer because God told him to do so. God used the relationship of Hosea and Gomer to illustrate his relationship with us, his children. The faithful prophet Hosea represents God; the prostitute Gomer represents us. Not exactly flattering, is it? To be compared to a prostitute! But if we think about the other way: what a wonderful, underserving gift we have in our Heavenly Father. When we woke up this morning, did we sin? Of course, we did. We fall into sin all the time, even when we don’t mean to do so. And that’s why we are Gomer. We are unfaithful to God over and again because of sin.

The great and wonderful news is that God remains faithful to us even when we are unfaithful to him. His promises to us are never broken! That means that when God says he promises to forgive us every time we ask for his forgiveness, he will! Every time we pray to God, he hears our prayer! Because of our Savior Jesus Christ, we are united with God. Sin no longer separates us from the love that God has for his children. It’s no secret that we humans mess up all the time. Even when we try to live by God’s law, we simply can’t. We need Jesus Christ to make us right with God. Those who trust in his redeeming blood for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. God is faithful and just to fulfill all that he has promised to those who trust in Jesus Christ. Fellowship with Christ is the work of the Holy Spirit. It is his task to take the things of Christ and make them known unto us, to make the person of Jesus real in our daily experience. As Martin Luther reminds us, it is the Holy Spirit that calls us through the Gospel, enlightens us with his gifts, and sanctifies and preserves us in true faith. Prayer: Faithful God, thank you for your love and faithfulness. Thank you for the gift of your Holy Spirit that unites the whole Christian church on earth with Jesus Christ, our Lord. In his name, we pray. Amen.....

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