

**FIRST READING: 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.

<sup>2</sup>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.

<sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "You are my servant,  
 Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

<sup>4</sup>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."

<sup>5</sup>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—

<sup>6</sup>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."

<sup>7</sup>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."

**Psalm 40:1-11**

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

[not printed]

**GOSPEL: John 1:29-42**

[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup>And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>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.' <sup>34</sup>And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."

<sup>35</sup>The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>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?" <sup>39</sup>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. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup>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).

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23.

Cover: "Brown sheep in Altai Republic, Russia" by oxygen. Photo copyright © oxygen/Moment Collection/Getty Images Plus via Getty Images. Used by permission.

Readings from the New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition. Copyright © 2021 National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved worldwide. Revised Common Lectionary copyright © 1992 by the Consultation on Common Texts (CCT), admin. Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Used by permission. Please visit our website at [www.augsburgfortress.org](http://www.augsburgfortress.org).

Copyright © 2025 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. May not be reproduced. Printed in U.S.A.

ITEM014956 ELCA-R