

Reflection by Sister Lucille Welbig



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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Inheritance

Today's readings are filled with loving esteem. The prophet Isaiah proclaims an astonishing revelation to God's tiny beloved Israel, **"I will give you as a light to the nations."** (vs. 6). John the Baptist recognizes Jesus as **"the Lamb of God" (John 1:29)**, the one **"on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain."** (John 1:33) Jesus' mission as servant and victim will accomplish

God's salvation for the world. Paul praises the church in Corinth as **"sanctified and called to be holy."** (1Cor. 1:2), a challenge to mirror Christ to the world around them.

Through our baptism, we have inherited everything which Jesus handed on through the Spirit to his apostles. Today we are reminded of Christ's love for us and of our call to be witnesses of God's love for all peoples.

In our Avera community are we open and welcoming to everyone? Do we let Christ's love/light shine in our lives? Do we radiate grace and peace to our patients, families, co-workers? The message for us today is, when others see our warmth and light, they will want to participate in the love and salvation which God has shared with us.

God, may your holy light guide us along the path with your strength that we may serve you well. May your grace make us a light for the ends of the earth, wherever we may find others. Amen.

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