

FEBRUARY 2014 – DAILY LECTIONARY

LSB P. 299-304; with Psalm selections from: A Year With the Church Fathers

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>John – [LSB pp. 1775-1776 – <i>Blessings for Readers</i> – John’s Gospel focuses beautifully on both the promise of everlasting life and the bodily resurrection of those who trust in Jesus. As you study the words of Jesus as recorded by John, take comfort in His many great and precious promises to you. His words are spirit, and they are life! Just as the disciples reflected for years on Jesus’ simple yet profound words (2:22; 21:19), commit His words to heart, consider them with hope, and grow by them. Even now, Jesus—the Word made flesh—is working for your blessing (5:17) and preparing an eternal home for you (14:1-3).] [The Lutheran Study Bible]</p>						<p>1 Zech. 11:4-17 2 Tim. 4:1-18 Ps. 28, 48</p>
<p>2 Purification of Mary and Presentation of our Lord Zech. 12:1-13:9 Titus 1:1-2:6 Ps. 75, 104</p>	<p>3 Zech. 14:1-21 Titus 2:7-3:15 Ps. 47, 135</p>	<p>4 Job 1:1-22 John 1:1-18 Ps. 127, 128</p>	<p>5 9AM Bible Study Job 2:1-3:10 John 1:19-34 Ps. 31:1-2, 23-24; 88</p>	<p>6 Job 3:11-26 John 1:35-51 Ps. 77:1-3, 7-12, 15; Ps. 74</p>	<p>7 Job 4:1-21 John 2:1-12 Ps. 4, 18</p>	<p>8 Job 5:1-27 John 2:13-25 Ps. 69:1-4, 8-9, 24, 29-39; 122</p>
<p>9 5th S. a. Epiphany Job 6:1-13 John 3:1-21 Ps. 23:1-5; 87</p>	<p>10 Job 6:14-30 John 3:22-4:6 Ps. 38</p>	<p>11 Job 7:1-21 John 4:7-26 Ps. 147</p>	<p>12 9AM Bible Study Job 8:1-22 John 4:27-45 Ps. 71:1-6, 17-18; 99</p>	<p>13 Job 9:1-35 John 4:46-54 Ps. 95:1-7a; 70</p>	<p>14 Job 10:1-22 John 5:1-18 Ps. 119:153-160; 35</p>	<p>15 Job 11:1-20 John 5:19-29 Ps. 57:1-5,8-10; 1</p>
<p>16 6th S. a. Epiphany Job 12:1-6, 12-25 John 5:30-47 Ps. 91:1-6, 14-16 Ps. 119:1-8</p>	<p>17 Job 13:1-12 John 6:1-21 Ps. 37:25-29; 77</p>	<p>18 Martin Luther Job 13:13-28 John 6:22-40 Ps. 105</p>	<p>19 9AM Bible Study Job 14:1-22 John 6:41-59 Ps. 53, 30</p>	<p>20 Job 15:1-23, 30-35 John 6:60-71 Ps. 16:1, 4-6, 9-11 Ps. 90</p>	<p>21 Job 16:1-22 John 7:1-13 Ps. 84:1-4, 8-12; 64</p>	<p>22 Job 17:1-16 John 7:14-31 Ps. 25:15-22; 114</p>
<p>23 7th S. a. Epiphany Job 18:1-21 John 7:32-53 Ps. 42:1-62, 9-11; 52</p>	<p>24 St. Matthias Job 19:1-12, 21-27 John 8:1-20 Ps. 30:1-5, 8-12; 22</p>	<p>25 Job 20:1-23, 29 John 8:21-38 Ps. 112, 119:57-64</p>	<p>26 9AM Bible Study Job 21:1-21 John 8:39-59 Ps. 3, 119:73-80</p>	<p>27 Job 30:16-31 John 9:1-23 Ps. 146:5-10 Ps. 119:89-96</p>	<p>28 Job 31:1-12, 33-40 John 9:24-41 Ps. 66:8-12, 16-20 Ps. 119:169-176</p>	

TLSB: pp. 1784-1785 – **The Witness of “I AM”** – Throughout the OT, the most frequent name for God is “Yahweh,” used over 5,000 times. This Hebrew name for God comes from God Himself, as Moses records. When Moses asked God by what name He desired to be called, God replied, “I AM WHO I AM” (Ex 3:14). When Moses began preaching to the Israelites, he explained to them, “ ‘He ls’ sent me” or, literally in Hebrew, “Yahweh sent me.”

The Gospel of St John builds on this OT event and this personal name for God in order to explain who Jesus is. The Jewish people of Jesus’ day knew Moses’ story about “I AM” and Moses’ preaching in the name of “He ls.” This name for God was so sacred that they would never utter it. In view of this background, imagine the outrage of the Pharisees when Jesus described Himself by repeatedly using the phrase “I am.” Based on the Greek original, here are the places in John where Christ refers to Himself as “I am” : 4:26; 6:20, 35, 41, 48, 51; 8:12, 24, 28, 58; 9:9; 10:7, 9, 11, 14; 11:25; 13:19; 14:6; 15:1, 5; 18:5-6, 8.

The following examples will explain Jesus’ statements and help you better understand who Jesus is. **I Am the Bread of Life... I Am the Light of the World... I Am the Door... I Am the Good Shepherd... I Am the Resurrection and the Life...** Christ intended that His “I am” statements would lead others to faith. His prayer offered just before He raised Lazarus demonstrates this: “I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that You (God) sent Me” (11:42).

For Jewish readers, John’s Gospel emphasizes that Jesus is Yahweh, come down among men. For other readers, John emphasizes that the one true God created and sustains the physical universe. For you and all generations, John affirms that there is no other Savior. Jesus is our bread, light, door, shepherd, and life.