

**Redeemer Lutheran Church
San Antonio, Texas**

**January 31, 2021
Fourth Sunday in Epiphany
The Litany: Pages 288-289**

NOTE: Offerings will not be received by passing the plate. For now, please place your attendance cards and offering in the plates located at each exit.

Face masks are used to protect those around you.

Please respect social distancing of six (6) feet and no handshaking. Family groups are welcome to sit together. Please sit in designated pews only for bible class and worship.

Please feel free to use the restrooms, one person at a time, and before you leave please use the sanitizing product to wipe down areas used.

Please hum, sing silently, or sing quietly with face lowered as the organist plays the hymns. This protects those in front of you.

Prelude

The Opening Hymn:

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” – LSB # 528

The Readings

The First Reading is from Deuteronomy 18:15-20 (CSB)

¹⁵ “The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to him.

¹⁶ This is what you requested from the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, ‘Let us not continue to hear the voice of the LORD our God or see this great fire any longer, so that we will not die!’ ¹⁷ Then the LORD said to me, ‘They have spoken well. ¹⁸ I will raise up for

them a prophet like you from among their brothers. I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him. ¹⁹ I will hold accountable whoever does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name. ²⁰ But the prophet who presumes to speak a message in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods—that prophet must die.’

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

The Second Reading is from 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 (CSB)

¹ Now about food sacrificed to idols: We know that “we all have knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ² If anyone thinks he knows anything, he does not yet know it as he ought to know it. ³ But if anyone loves God, he is known by him. ⁴ About eating food sacrificed to idols, then, we know that “an idol is nothing in the world,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵ For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth—as there are many “gods” and many “lords”— ⁶ yet for us there is one God, the Father. All things are from him, and we exist for him. And there is one Lord, Jesus Christ. All things are through him, and we exist through him. ⁷ However, not everyone has this knowledge. Some have been so used to idolatry up until now that when they eat food sacrificed to an idol, their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸ Food will not bring us close to God. We are not worse off if we don’t eat, and we are not better if we do eat. ⁹ But be careful that this right of yours in no way becomes a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰ For if someone sees you, the one who has knowledge, dining in an idol’s temple, won’t his weak conscience be encouraged to eat food offered to idols?

¹¹ So the weak person, the brother or sister for whom Christ died, is ruined by your knowledge. ¹² Now when you sin like this against brothers and sisters and wound their weak conscience, you are sinning against Christ. ¹³ Therefore, if food causes my brother or sister to fall, I will never again eat meat, so that I won't cause my brother or sister to fall.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

The Holy Gospel Reading is from Mark 1:21-28 (CSB)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

Congregation: Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹ They went into Capernaum, and right away he entered the synagogue on the Sabbath and began to teach. ²² They were astonished at his teaching because he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not like the scribes. ²³ Just then a man with an unclean spirit was in their synagogue. He cried out, ²⁴ "What do you have to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" ²⁵ Jesus rebuked him saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶ And the unclean spirit threw him into convulsions, shouted with a loud voice, and came out of him. ²⁷ They were all amazed, and so they began to ask each other, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸ At once the news about him spread throughout the entire vicinity of Galilee.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to You, O Christ.

Message Hymn:

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” – LSB # 849

The Message:

"An Epiphany Journey: Into Trusting God"

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The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen

Collect of the Day

Benediction

The Closing Hymn:

“Son of God, Eternal Savior” – LSB # 842

(Note: CSB - Christian Standard Bible)

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