

**Redeemer Lutheran Church  
San Antonio, Texas**

**January 9, 2022  
First Sunday in Epiphany  
Baptism of our Lord  
Divine Service Setting 4: Pgs. 203-212**

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.

Masks are not required, but you can wear one at your own discretion. If you have not been fully vaccinated, or if you have a condition that would make you more susceptible to infection, we recommend that you continue to follow CDC guidelines and wear a mask. Please sit in pews where the cushions have been set down for bible class and worship.

**Prelude**

**Opening Hymn**

“Mark How the Lamb of God's Self-Offering” – LSB # 600

**Confession and Absolution: Pg. 203**

**The Readings:**

**The First Lesson: 2 Kings 5:1-14**

<sup>1</sup> Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the LORD had given victory to Aram. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy. <sup>2</sup> Now bands of raiders from Aram had gone out and had taken captive a young girl from Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. <sup>3</sup> She said to her mistress, “If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.”

<sup>4</sup> Naaman went to his master and told him what the girl from Israel had said. <sup>5</sup> “By all means, go,” the king of Aram replied. “I will send a letter to the king of Israel.” So Naaman left, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold and ten sets of clothing. <sup>6</sup> The letter

that he took to the king of Israel read: “With this letter I am sending my servant Naaman to you so that you may cure him of his leprosy.”<sup>7</sup> As soon as the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his robes and said, “Am I God? Can I kill and bring back to life? Why does this fellow send someone to me to be cured of his leprosy? See how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me!”<sup>8</sup> When Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his robes, he sent him this message: “Why have you torn your robes? Have the man come to me and he will know that there is a prophet in Israel.”<sup>9</sup> So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha’s house.<sup>10</sup> Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, “Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed.”<sup>11</sup> But Naaman went away angry and said, “I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy.<sup>12</sup> Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Couldn’t I wash in them and be cleansed?” So he turned and went off in a rage.<sup>13</sup> Naaman’s servants went to him and said, “My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, ‘Wash and be cleansed’!”<sup>14</sup> So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.

**Pastor:** This is the word of the Lord.

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God.

**The Second Lesson:** Titus 3:3-8; Romans 6:1-4

<sup>3</sup> At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another.<sup>4</sup> But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared,<sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,<sup>6</sup> whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior,<sup>7</sup> so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.<sup>8</sup> This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote

themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone.

<sup>1</sup> What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup> By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? <sup>3</sup> Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. <sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin — <sup>7</sup> because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup> Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. <sup>10</sup> The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**Pastor:** This is the word of the Lord.

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God.

**Alleluia and Verse:** Pg. 205

**The Gospel Lesson:** Luke 3:15-22

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 3rd chapter.

**Congregation:** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>15</sup> The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. <sup>16</sup> John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." <sup>18</sup> And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them.

<sup>21</sup> When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened <sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Congregation:** Praise to You, O Christ.

**Nicene Creed**, Pg. 206

**Message Hymn**

“To Jordan's River Came Our Lord” – LSB # 405

**The Message**

**Service of the Sacrament**, Pg. 208

**Pre-Communion Hymn**

“Amazing Grace” – LSB # 744

**Holy Communion:**

Please come up single file, socially distanced, in the center aisle. Pastor will distribute both the bread and wine, prompting you for each element. After you are dismissed, please return down the side aisle(s).

**Closing Hymn**

“O Blessed Spring” – LSB # 595

**Announcements**

**Postlude**

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