

**Redeemer Lutheran Church
San Antonio, Texas**

**January 8, 2023
First Sunday After Epiphany
Divine Service Setting 3: Pgs. 184-202**

NOTES: Offerings will not be collected by passing plates. Please place your attendance cards and offering in the plates located by the narthex.

Masks are not required, but you can wear one at your own discretion. There is no specified seating for bible class or worship.

Prelude

The Opening Hymn:

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” – LSB # 394

Confession and Absolution: Pg. 184

The Readings:

The First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

¹ “Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations. ² He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. ³ A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; ⁴ he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his teaching the islands will put their hope.” ⁵ This is what God the LORD says — the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: ⁶ “I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, ⁷ to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness. ⁸ “I am the LORD;

that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols. ⁹See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

The Second Reading: Romans 6:1-11

¹ What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ² By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³ Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ 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. ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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 — ⁷ because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Alleluia: Pg. 190

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:13-17

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

Congregation: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John.

¹⁴ But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you,

and do you come to me?” ¹⁵ Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented. ¹⁶ As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed: Pg. 191

Message Hymn:

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

The Message:

“Wings of a Dove”, by Ferlin Husky (1960) (A portion of his song)

On the wings of a snow white dove
He sends his pure sweet love
A sign from above
On the wings of a dove

When troubles surround us, when evils come
The body grows weak, the spirit grows numb
When these things beset us, he doesn't forget us
He sends down his love
On the wings of a dove

On the wings of a snow white dove
He sends his pure sweet love
A sign from above
On the wings of a dove

When Jesus went down to, the river that day
He was baptized in the usual way

And when it was done, God blessed his son
He sent him his love
On the wings of a dove

On the wings of a snow white dove
He sends his pure sweet love
A sign from above
On the wings of a dove

Offeratory: Pg 192

Prayer of the Church: Pg 193

(**Pastor:** Lord, in your mercy,)

(**Congregation:** Hear our prayer.)

Service of the Sacrament: Pg 194

Pre-Communion Hymn:

“The Infant Priest Was Holy Born” – LSB # 624, v. 1,2,5,6

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. We have gluten-free wafers available, and we have non-
alcoholic white grape juice in the center of the tray. After you are
dismissed, please return down the side aisle(s).

Installation of Church Officers:

The Closing Hymn:

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” – LSB # 411

Announcements:

Postlude

* Please take the bulletin home or discard in trash before you leave. *