

Redeemer Lutheran Church San Antonio, Texas

**January 25, 2026
Fourth Sunday in Epiphany
Corporate Confession and Absolution: Pgs. 290-291**

NOTES: ¹ Offerings will not be collected by passing plates. ² There is no specified seating. ³ We offer large print copies of the liturgy. ⁴ Masks are not required, but you can wear one at your own discretion. ⁵ Please place your attendance cards and offering in the plates located by the narthex.

For Holy Communion we offer gluten-free wafers and non-alcoholic white grape juice.

Prelude

The Opening Hymn:

“Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing” – LSB # 584

Invocation Litany: Pg. 290

The Readings:

The First Reading: Isaiah 8:19-22, Isaiah 9:1-4

¹⁹ And when they say to you, “Inquire of the mediums and the necromancers who chirp and mutter,” should not a people inquire of their God? Should they inquire of the dead on behalf of the living? ²⁰ To the teaching and to the testimony! If they will not speak according to this word, it is because they have no dawn. ²¹ They will pass through the land, greatly distressed and hungry. And when they are hungry, they will be enraged and will speak contemptuously against their king and their God, and turn their faces

upward. ²² And they will look to the earth, but behold, distress and darkness, the gloom of anguish. And they will be thrust into thick darkness.

¹ But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. ³ You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. ⁴ For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

¹⁰ I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. ¹¹ For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers.

¹² What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." ¹³ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no

one may say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. ¹⁸ For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:12-25

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 4th chapter.

Congregation: Glory to You, O Lord!

¹² Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³ And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵ “The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — ¹⁶ the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.” ¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” ¹⁸ While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” ²⁰ Immediately they left their

nets and followed him. ²¹ And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. ²³ And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ²⁴ So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them. ²⁵ And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to You, O Christ.

Message Hymn:

“O Lord, Hear My Prayer” – LSB # 780

The Message:

Congregational Prayers:

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

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

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

The Confessional Address with Words of Institution, followed by Confession and Absolution: Pgs. 290-291

Pre-Communion Hymn:

“Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy” – LSB # 774

Holy Communion:

Jesus is the sacrifice; the High Priest; and the Host of this new Passover meal. He meets you in the bread and wine in which He says they are His body and blood. In this mystery He brings healing for the repentant who broken in sin will find a new life in hope, grace, forgiveness, and sacrificial love. All who believe this, and are baptized, who hunger and thirst for His righteousness, receive such gifts.

Please come up single file 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).

The Blessing: Pg. 291

The Closing Hymn:

“Come, My Soul, with Every Care” – LSB # 779

Announcements:

Postlude

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