

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Sunday, January 23, 2022, 9:30 a.m.

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Altamont, IL

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Preservice Music

Ringling of Bells

Prelude



DIVINE SERVICE, Setting Three



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Please stand and face the processional cross at the entrance of the nave.

Processional Hymn LSB #396 *Arise and Shine in Splendor*

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Introit for the Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Psalm 97:1, 10–12; antiphon: vv. 6, 9 (respond with the words in bold)

The heavens proclaim his | righteousnes^{*},

and all the peoples see his | glory.

For you, O LORD, are most high over | all the earth;^{*}

you are exalted far a- | bove all gods.

The LORD reigns, let the | earth rejoice;^{*}

let the many coast- | lands be glad!

O you who love the LORD, hate | evil!^{*}

He preserves the lives of his saints; he delivers them from the hand of the | wicked.

Light is sown for the | righteous,^{*}

and joy for the up- | right in heart.

Rejoice in the LORD, O you | righteous,^{*}

and give thanks to his | holy name!

The heavens proclaim his | righteousnes^{*},

and all the peoples see his | glory.

For you, O LORD, are most high over | all the earth;^{*}

you are exalted far a- | bove all gods.

♪ **The Gloria Patri**

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♪ **Kyrie**

♪ **Gloria In Excelsis**

♪ **Salutation**

Collect for the Third Sunday after the Epiphany

P: Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: ♪ Amen**

Please be seated

Old Testament Reading: 2 Kings 5:1-15a

¹Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the LORD had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. ²Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, "Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁴So Naaman went in and told his lord, "Thus and so spoke the girl from the land of Israel." ⁵And the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel."

So he went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothes. ⁶And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you Naaman my servant, that you may cure him of his leprosy." ⁷And when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me."

⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha's house. ¹⁰And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." ¹¹But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, "Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper. ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants came near and said to him, "My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

¹⁵Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading: Romans 12:16-21

¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of

God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.”²⁰To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.”²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

C: ♪ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 8:1-13

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighth chapter.

C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹When [Jesus] came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him. ²And behold, a leper came to him and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.” ³And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, “I will; be clean.” And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. ⁴And Jesus said to him, “See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a proof to them.”

⁵When he entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, ⁶“Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly.” ⁷And he said to him, “I will come and heal him.” ⁸But the centurion replied, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁹For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes, and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” ¹⁰When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, “Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith. ¹¹I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, ¹²while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” ¹³And to the centurion Jesus said, “Go; let it be done for you as you have believed.” And the servant was healed at that very moment.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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Please be seated

Hymn of the Day LSB #401 From God the Father, Virgin-Born

Sermon Text: Matthew 8:1-13

Title: “*Holy Infection*”

Outline: **LET ALL PEOPLES SEE JESUS’ GLORY.**

I. ... which illumines humble faith [vv. 2, 4-10].

II. ... which overcomes evil with good [vv. 1, 3, 11-13].

Please stand

♪ Offertory

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Please be seated

Offering

Please stand as the offering plates are brought forward during the offering hymn

Offering Hymn #781 *We Give Thee But Thine Own* v. 1 & 2

Please stand

Prayer of the Church

Response after each petition of the prayer:

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, do not throw us into the outer darkness of weeping and gnashing of teeth. Strengthen and preserve our faith in Christ Jesus, our only Mediator, by whom we also are welcomed to recline at table with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob as true Israelites. When our last hour comes, welcome us as brothers and sisters of Christ, baptized into His name, and therefore as sons of Your kingdom by grace; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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♪ Preface

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♪ Sanctus

♪ Lord's Prayer

♪ The Words of Our Lord

♪ Pax Domini

♪ Agnus Dei

Please be seated

Distribution

LSB #620 *Jesus Comes Today with Healing*

LSB #846 *Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old*

LSB #732 *All Depends on Our Possessing*

Please stand

♪ Nunc Dimittis

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♪ Thanksgiving

♪ Benedicamus

♪ Benediction

Please be seated

Announcements

Please stand

Recessional Hymn LSB #411 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

Face the cross as it leads us to live in Christian faith (Mt. 16:24; 1 Cor. 2:2).

Postlude