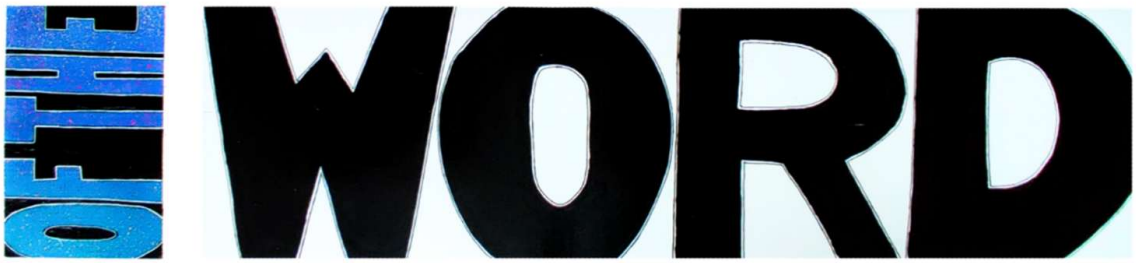
Narrative Lectionary – Year 1

following the sweep of history in Scripture from Creation to Christ to the Church



Seeing Jesus through Key Words in each week's Scripture reading

2 Kings 5 Naaman the Syrian Healed & Brought to Faith

Sunday, November 8, 2026

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ALL GOD'S PEOPLE SING

This service is based on the Praise service in the hymn/songbook, All God's People Sing.

Anthem ***"Thank God for All Our Gifts"*** ***Children's Choirs***

Opening Hymn ***This Is the Spirit's Entry Now*** *LSB 591*

Invocation

P: In the Name of God the Father: ***C: Praise to our creating God!***
P: In the Name of His Son, Jesus: ***C: Praise to our redeeming God!***
P: In the Name of God the Spirit: ***C: Praise to our renewing God!***
P: Let us join our thankful voices, ***C: Amen! Amen! Praise the Lord!***

Confession (based on Psalm 51)

P: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your unfailing love;
C: according to Your great compassion, wipe out our sin.
P: Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
C: have mercy on us.
P: Create in me a pure heart, O God,
C: and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
P: Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
C: have mercy on us.
P: O Lord, open my lips,

C: and my mouth will declare Your praise.

P: Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C: have mercy on us. Amen.

Absolution (based on Psalm 103)

P: The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He does not deal with you according to your sins,
nor repay you according to your iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove your transgressions from you.
According to this Word from the Lord, and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. Bless the Lord, O my soul! Bless His Holy Name! Amen.

Hymn of Response — *Create in Me* — *LSB 192*

Today's Narrative Lectionary Reading ***2 Kings 5:1-19 (NET)***

Now Naaman, the commander of the king of Aram's army, was esteemed and respected by his master, for through him the Lord had given Aram (Syria) military victories. But this great warrior had a skin disease. [2] Raiding parties went out from Aram and took captive a young girl from the land of Israel, who became a servant to Naaman's wife. [3] She told her mistress,

Captive Girl: If only my master were in the presence of the prophet who is in Samaria! Then he would cure him of his skin disease.

[4] Naaman went and told his master what the girl from the land of Israel had said. [5] The king of Syria said,

King of Aram: Go! I will send a letter to the king of Israel.

So Naaman went, taking with him 10 talents of silver, 6,000 shekels of gold, and 10 suits of clothes. [6] He brought the letter to the king of Israel. It read:

King of Aram's letter: This is a letter of introduction for my servant Naaman, whom I have sent to be cured of his skin disease.

[7] When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said,

King of Israel: Am I God? Can I kill or restore life? Why does he ask me to cure a man of his skin disease? Certainly you must see that he is looking for an excuse to fight me!

[8] When Elisha the prophet heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent this message to the king,

Elisha the Prophet's message: Why did you tear your clothes? Send him to me so he may know there is a prophet in Israel.

[9] So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood in the doorway of Elisha's house. [10] Elisha sent out a messenger who told him,

Elisha's message via messenger: Go and wash seven times in the Jordan; your skin will be restored and you will be healed.

[11] Naaman went away angry. He said,

Naaman: Look, I thought for sure he would come out, stand there, invoke the name of the Lord his God, wave his hand over the area, and cure the skin disease. [12] The rivers of Damascus, the Abana and Pharpar, are better than any of the waters of Israel! Could I not wash in them and be healed?

So he turned around and went away angry. [13] His servants approached and said to him,

Naaman's servants: O master, if the prophet had told you to do some difficult task, you would have been willing to do it. It seems you should be happy that he simply said, "Wash and you will be healed."

14 So he went down and dipped in the Jordan seven times, as the prophet had instructed. His skin became as smooth as a young child's and he was healed.

15 He and his entire entourage returned to the prophet. Naaman came and stood before him. He said,

Naaman (*to* Elisha): For sure I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel! Now, please accept a gift from your servant.

16 But Elisha replied,

Elisha the Prophet: As certainly as the Lord lives (whom I serve), I will take nothing from you.

Naaman insisted that he take it, but Elisha refused. **17** Naaman said,

Naaman: If not, then… I, your servant, will never again offer a burnt offering or sacrifice to a god other than the Lord. **18** May the Lord forgive your servant for this one thing: When my master enters the temple of Rimmon to worship, and he leans on my arm and I bow down in the temple of Rimmon, may the Lord forgive your servant for this.

19 Elisha said to him,

Elisha the Prophet: Go in peace.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.
C: Thanks be to God.

Greeting and Collect (Prayer for the Reading)

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
P: Merciful Lord, even as You miraculously cleansed Naaman from leprosy and called him to faith in You; so now cleanse and defend Your Church by the sacrifice of Christ. United with Him in Holy Baptism, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way; 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.

Song of the Day ***Living Waters***

1. Are you thirst - y? Are you emp - ty?
2. Christ is call - ing, find re - fresh - ing
3. Spir it mov - ing, mer - cy wash - ing;
4. Are you thirst - y? Are you emp - ty?

Come and drink these liv - ing wat - ers. Tired and bro - ken, peace un - spo - ken,
at the cross of liv - ing wat - ers. Lay your life down, all the old gone,
Heal - ing in these liv - ing wat - ers. Lead your chil - dren to the shore - line,
Come and drink these liv - ing wat - ers. Love, for - give - ness, vast and bound - less,

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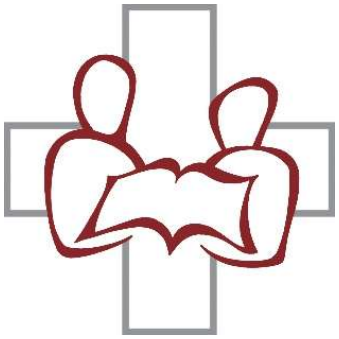
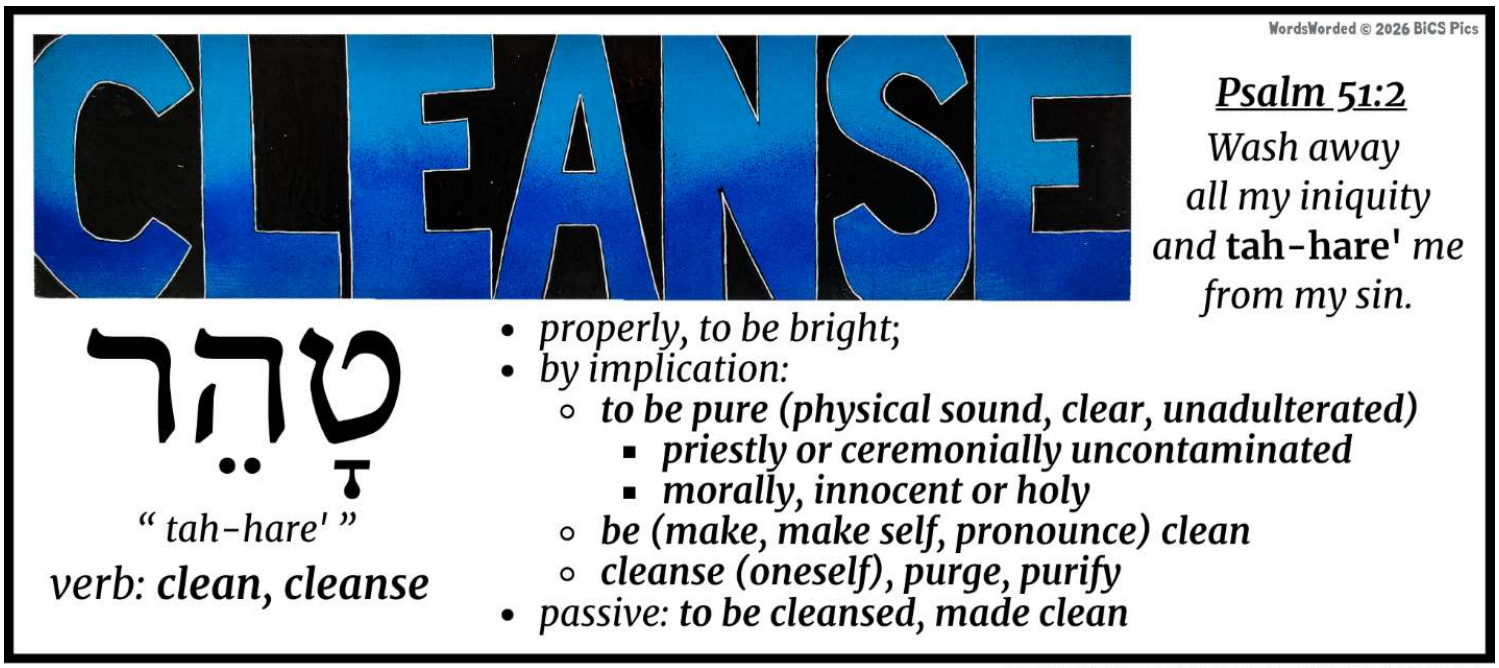
rest be - side these liv - ing wat - ers. wat - ers. There's a
rise up in these liv - ing wat - ers.
life is in these liv - ing wat - ers.
Christ, He is our liv - ing

CHORUS

riv - er that flows with mer - cy and love, bring - ing joy to the cit - y of our God; There our
hope is se - cure, do not fear an - y - more, praise the Lord of liv - ing wat - ers.



Sermon



Hymn of Response ***Just as I Am, without One Plea*** *LSB 570 sts. 1–2, 5–6*

Confession of Faith ***Apostles' Creed***

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.—And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.—I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Praise for the Wisdom of God – a Gift to Us Through the Holy Spirit

P: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.
C: The Lord is worthy of eternal praise.
P: The wisdom of God transforms our "heart life."
C: The Lord is worthy of eternal praise.
P: Lord, teach us to number our days, and live according to Your wisdom.
C: The Lord is worthy of eternal praise.
P: In Christ, we have received the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.
C: The Lord is worthy of eternal praise.
P: May the body of Christ be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.
C: The Lord is worthy of eternal praise. Amen.

Offering & Prayer Requests

In addition to the prayer requests already received, Pastor will pause here to see if there are additional requests. Prayers can be thanksgivings, joy, requests for yourself, or requests for others.

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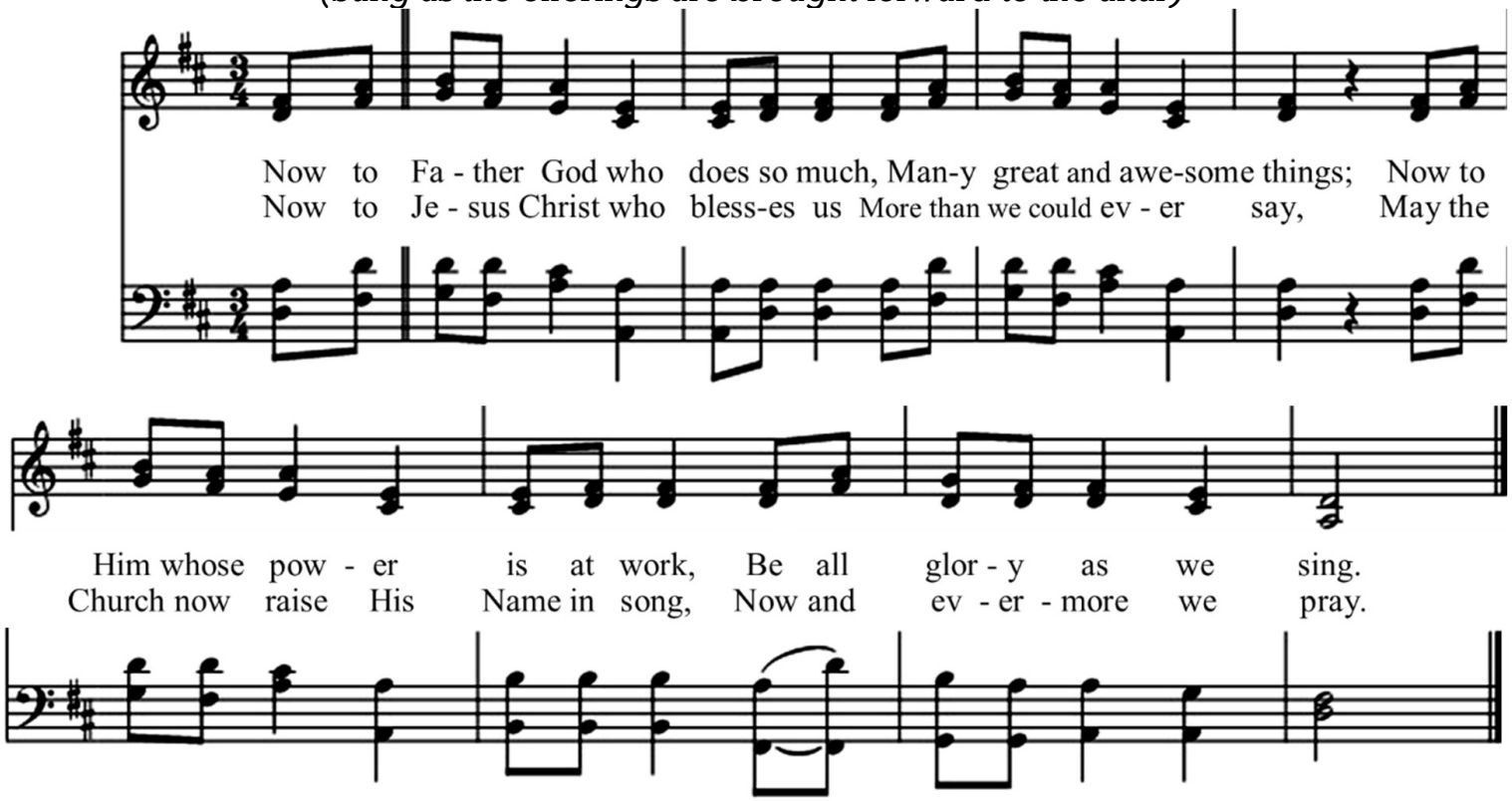
Offertory ***Ephesians 3:20-21***

(Sung as the offerings are brought forward to the altar)



Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

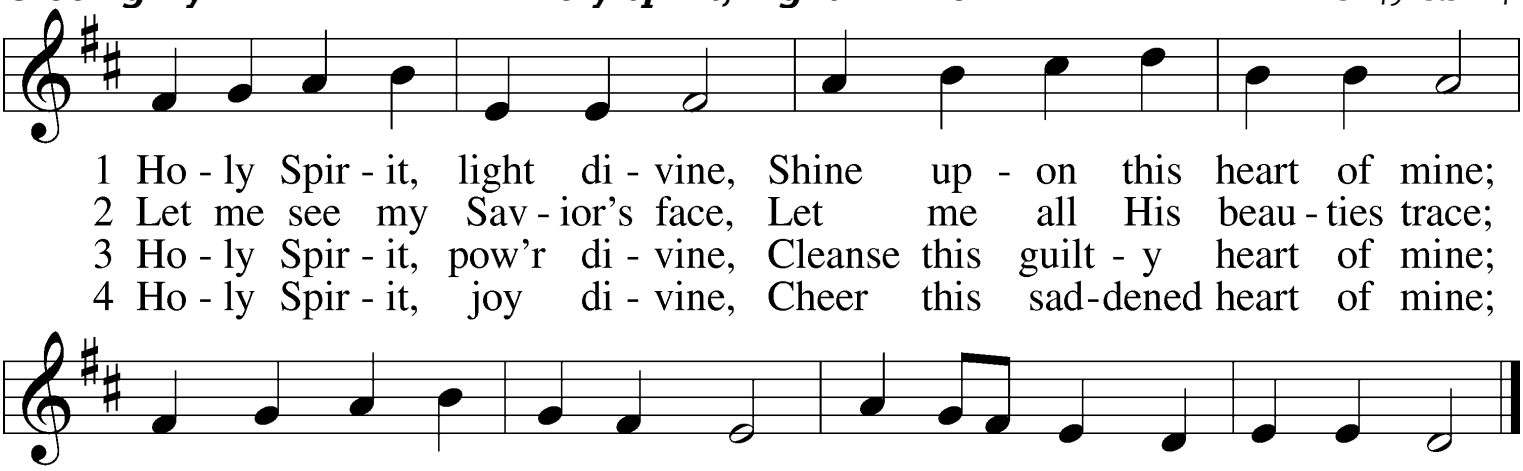
All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is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

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn ***Holy Spirit, Light Divine*** *LSB 496 sts. 1–4*



Announcements

Upcoming Worship Schedule

Sunday, November 8

Worship (In Gym) – 9AM
Fellowship(Fellowship Hall) – 10AM
Education Hour – 10:30AM

Sunday, November 15

Worship (In Gym) – 9AM
Fellowship(Preschool Celebration) – 10AM
No Education Hour – 10:30AM

Sunday, November 22

Worship (In Gym w/communion) – 9AM
Fellowship(Fellowship Hall) – 10AM
Education Hour – 10:30AM

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9:00 am Church Service

10:00 am - 12 noon Reception