

## Introit

*Psalm 119:1, 38-40; antiphon: liturgical text*



**P** The whole world is in Your power, O Lord, King Almighty, and no one can | gainsay You. \*

For You have made heaven and earth; You are | Lord of all!

**P** Blessed are those whose way is | blameless, \*  
who walk in the law | of the Lord!

**C** **Confirm to Your servant Your | promise, \*  
that You | may be feared.**

**P** Turn away the reproach | that I dread, \*  
for Your just de- | cree is good.

**C** **Behold, I long for Your | precepts; \*  
in Your righteousness | give me life!**

**C** **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son \*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning, \*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

**P** *Antiphon is repeated.*

## Collect of the Day

Lord, we beseech You to keep Your household, the Church, in continual godliness, that through Your protection she may be free from all adversities and devoutly given to serve You in good works, to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord...

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 25:6-9*

Thus says the LORD God: In this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all people a feast of choice pieces, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of well-refined wines on the lees. And He will destroy on this mountain the surface of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever, and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces; the rebuke of His people He will take away from all the earth; for the LORD has spoken. And it will be said in that day: "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for Him; we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation."

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God**

## Gradual

*Psalm 90:1-2*

**P** Lord, You have been our | Dwelling Place \*  
in all gener- | ations.

**C** **Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed  
the earth | and the world, \*  
from everlasting to everlasting | You are God.**

## Epistle Reading

*Ephesians 6:10-17*

Brethren: Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the Gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.

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**C** **Thanks be to God**

## Alleluia and Verse

*Psalm 125:1*

**C** (♩) **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**P** Those who trust in the Lord are like | Mount Zion, \*  
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

**C** (♩) **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel Reading

*St. John 4:46-53*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the fourth chapter.

**C** (♩) **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

At that time Jesus came again to Cana in Galilee, where He had made the water wine. And at Capernaum there was an official whose son was ill. When this man heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went to Him and asked Him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. So Jesus said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe." The official said to Him, "Sir, come down before my child dies." Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way.

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## Welcome to Epiphany Lutheran Church!

*Here is where Jesus answers His promise to be with us always, by coming to us in His living and active Word and the Blessed Sacrament of His Body and Blood.*

### *Parents of Small Children:*

We are very happy that you are here today, honoring Our Lord's Words: "Let the little children come to Me and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Lk. 18:16). If you feel you must step out with a fussy child, please hurry back! Like Jesus, we want your children in the Divine Service, not out.

### *Visitors:*

Please introduce yourself to Pastor Beffrey and the congregation! We hope you'll come back to Founders Hall after the service to share a cup of coffee and snack with us.

### *Who may Commune at Epiphany?*

The Sacrament of the Altar is offered at Epiphany every Lord's Day and every Wednesday evening. The normal communicant is a confirmed member of a congregation of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (LCMS). Under no circumstances should an unbaptized person commune. If you are not a member of an LCMS congregation, or have not communed at Epiphany before, please speak with the Pastor or an Elder before the service begins.

As he was going down, his servants met him and told him that his son was recovering. So he asked them the hour when he began to get better, and they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him." The father knew that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." And he himself believed, and all his household. This was now the second sign that Jesus did when he had come from Judea to Galilee.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** (🎵) Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## The Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity

✠ Sunday 15 October Anno ✠ Domini 2023 ✠



An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.  
—2 Timothy 2:5

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