

The Theme of Today's Liturgy

Looking forward to the fulfillment of all the Lord's promises, we ask the Lord to give peace to those who wait for Him (*Introit*). Knowing ourselves—our weakness and propensity to stumble—we also beg Our Lord to grant us grace to withstand the temptations of the world, flesh and devil and to cleanse us from all sins so that we might continue to follow Him (*Collect*). He hears us and enriches us in everything so that we come short in no gift, but eagerly waiting for the revelation of Our Lord Jesus Christ (*Epistle*).

Introit

Psalm 121:1, 6, 8-9; antiphon: liturgical text



- P** Give peace, O Lord, to those who | wait for You, *
and let Your prophets be proven | faithful.
Hear the prayer of Your | servants, *
according to the blessing of Aaron upon Your | people.
- P** I was glad when they | said to me, *
“Let us go to the house | of the Lord!”
- G** **Pray for the peace of Je - | rusalem! ***
May they be secure who | love You!
- P** For my brothers and com- | panions' sake *
I will say, “Peace be with- | in you!”
- G** **For the sake of the house of the | Lord our God, ***
I will | seek your good.
- G** **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** Give peace, O Lord, to those who | wait for You, *
and let Your prophets be proven | faithful.
Hear the prayer of Your | servants, *
according to the blessing of Aaron upon Your | people.

Collect of the Day

O God, because without You we are not able to please You, mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 10:12-22

In those days Moses said: “Now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways, to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD, which I am commanding you today for your good? Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. Yet the LORD set His heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the LORD your God. You shall serve Him and hold fast to Him, and by His name you shall swear. He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen. Your fathers went down to Egypt seventy persons, and now the LORD your God has made you as numerous as the stars of heaven.”

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
G **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Psalm 122:1, 7

- P** I was glad when they | said to me, *
“Let us go to the house | of the Lord!”
- G** **Peace be with- | in your walls ***
and security within your | towers!

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 1:4-9

Brethren: I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in Him in all speech and all knowledge— even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of Our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of Our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord.

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
G **Thanks be to God.**

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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. The normal communicant is a confirmed member of a congregation of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (LCMS). Under no circumstances should an un-baptized 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.

Holy Gospel Reading

St. Matthew 22:34-46

☐ The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

🎵 (♪) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

At that time, when the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question to test Him. "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

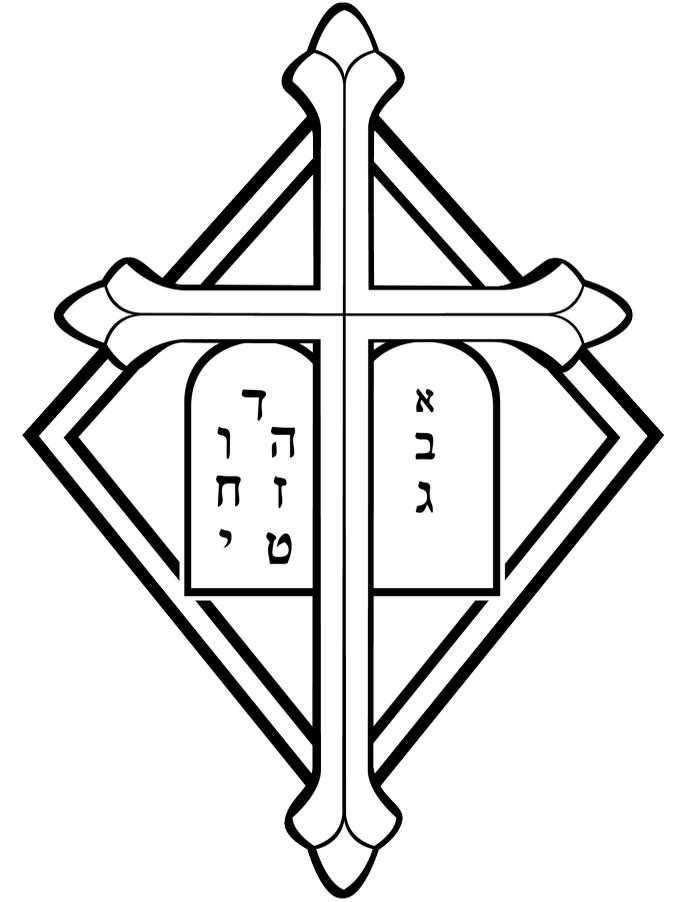
Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?" They said to Him, "The Son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls Him Lord, saying, "'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, until I put Your enemies under Your feet"'? If then David calls Him Lord, how is He his Son?" And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask Him any more questions.

☐ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

🎵 (♪) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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This commandment we have from Him:
whoever loves God must also love his brother.

—1 John 4:21

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