

The Theme of Today's Liturgy

In today's liturgy, we beg Our Lord to give us grace to withstand the temptations of the devil, and to follow Him with pure hearts and minds (*Collect*). That grace is located in the Lord's Word which created the heavens (*Gradual*), which is the Lord's valiant right hand, which speaks the judgment of righteousness (*Introit*), and which heals the sick (*Gospel*). This grace then also gives us courage to live in the humility of faith (*Old Testament*) since it calls, gathers and plants us into the one Body and one Spirit of God the Father who is above and through and in all (*Epistle*).

Introit

Psalms 119:137, 124



- P** Righteous are You, O Lord, and upright are Your | just decrees. *
Deal with Your servant according to Your steadfast love, and teach me Your | statutes.
- P** Blessed are those whose way is | blameless, *
who walk in the Law | of the Lord!
- G** Blessed are those who keep His testi- | monies, *
who seek Him with their | whole heart.
- P** Oh that my ways may be | steadfast *
in keeping Your | statutes!
- G** Then I shall not be | put to shame, *
having my eyes fixed on all Your com- | mandments.
- 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** Righteous are You, O Lord, and upright are Your | just decrees. *
Deal with Your servant according to Your steadfast love, and teach me Your | statutes.

Collect of the Day

O Lord, we implore You, grant Your people grace to withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 25:6-14

Do not exalt yourself in the presence of the king, and do not stand in the place of the great; for it is better that he say to you, "Come up here," Than that you should be put lower in the presence of the

prince, whom your eyes have seen. Do not go hastily to court; for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor has put you to shame? Debate your case with your neighbor, and do not disclose the secret to another; lest he who hears it expose your shame, and your reputation be ruined. A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver. Like an earring of gold and an ornament of fine gold is a wise rebuker to an obedient ear. Like the cold of snow in time of harvest is a faithful messenger to those who send him, for he refreshes the soul of his masters. Whoever falsely boasts of giving is like clouds and wind without rain.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalms 33:12, 6

- P** Blessed is the nation whose God | is the Lord, *
the people whom He has chosen as His | heritage!
- G** By the Word of the Lord the heav- | ens were made, *
and by the breath of His mouth | all their host.

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 4:1-6

Brethren: I, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in us all, who is blessed forever and ever. Amen.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel Reading

St. Luke 14:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the fourteenth chapter.

G (♩) Glory to You, O Lord.

At that time: As Jesus went into the house of one of the rulers of the Pharisees to eat bread on the Sabbath, they watched Him closely. And behold, there was a certain man before Him who had dropsy. And Jesus, answering, spoke to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?" But they kept silent. And He took him and healed him, and let him go. Then He answered them, saying, "Which of you, having a donkey or an ox that has fallen into a pit, will not immedi-

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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:

So we can get to know you better, please fill out one of the attendance cards in the hymnal rack in your pew and 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?

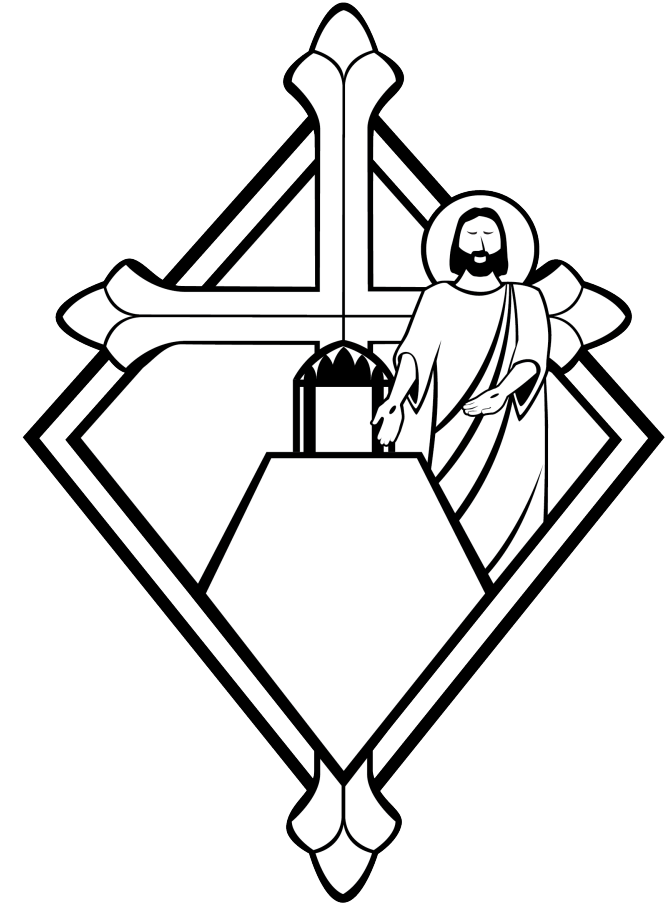
The Sacrament of the Altar is offered at Epiphany in every Service. The normal communicant is a confirmed member of a congregation of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (LCMS). Under no circumstances should an un-baptized person commune. If you are not a member of an LCMS congregation, or have not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

ately pull him out on the Sabbath day?" And they could not answer Him regarding these things. So He told a parable to those who were invited, when He noted how they chose the best places, saying to them: "When you are invited by anyone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in the best place, lest one more honorable than you be invited by him; and he who invited you and him come and say to you, 'Give place to this man,' and then you begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down in the lowest place, so that when he who invited you comes he may say to you, 'Friend, go up higher.' Then you will have glory in the presence of those who sit at the table with you. For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** (🎵) Praise to You, O Christ.

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He has told you, O Man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but...to walk humbly?

—Micah 6:8

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