

The Theme of Today's Liturgy

Daily we cry to Our Lord for His ready and constant mercy (*Introit*). Our prayer is that His grace be so plenteous that it always goes before us and follows after us (*Collect*). Only then will we not lose heart in our trials, crosses, and heartaches (*Epistle*). For regardless of what chastening or wounds He may send, Our Lord delivers and redeems us from death (*Old Testament*). So our trust is that Our Lord not only gives what is best, but also will forsake us never (*Chief Hymn*).

Introit

Psalm 86:1, 7, 12-13; antiphon: Psalm 86:3, 5



- P** Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to You do I cry | all the day. *
For You, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call up- | on You.
- P** Incline Your ear, O Lord, and | answer me, *
for I am poor and | needy.
- C** In the day of trouble I call up- | on You, *
for You | answer me.
- P** I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with | my whole heart, *
and I will glorify Your name for- | ever.
- C** For great is Your steadfast | love toward me; *
You have delivered my soul from the depths | of Sheol.
- 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** Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to You do I cry | all the day. *
For You, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call up- | on You.

Collect of the Day

O Lord, we pray that Your grace may always go before and follow after us, that we may continually be given to all good works; 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

1 Kings 17:17-24

In those days the son of the woman, the mistress of the house [where Elijah was staying], became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. And she said to Elijah, "What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to re-

membrance and to cause the death of my son!" And he said to her, "Give me your son." And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed. And he cried to the Lord, "O Lord my God, have You brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?" Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the Lord, "O Lord my God, let this child's life come into him again." And the Lord listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives." And the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the Word of the Lord in your mouth is truth."

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

Gradual

Psalm 102:15-16

- P** Nations will fear the name | of the Lord, *
and all the kings of the earth will fear Your | glory.
- C** For the Lord builds up | Zion; *
He appears in His | glory.

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 3:13-21

Brethren: If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

Brethren: I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of His glory He may grant you to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be

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↑ - Please stand • ↓ - Please sit

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.

glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel Reading

St. Luke 17:11-17

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

C (♪) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

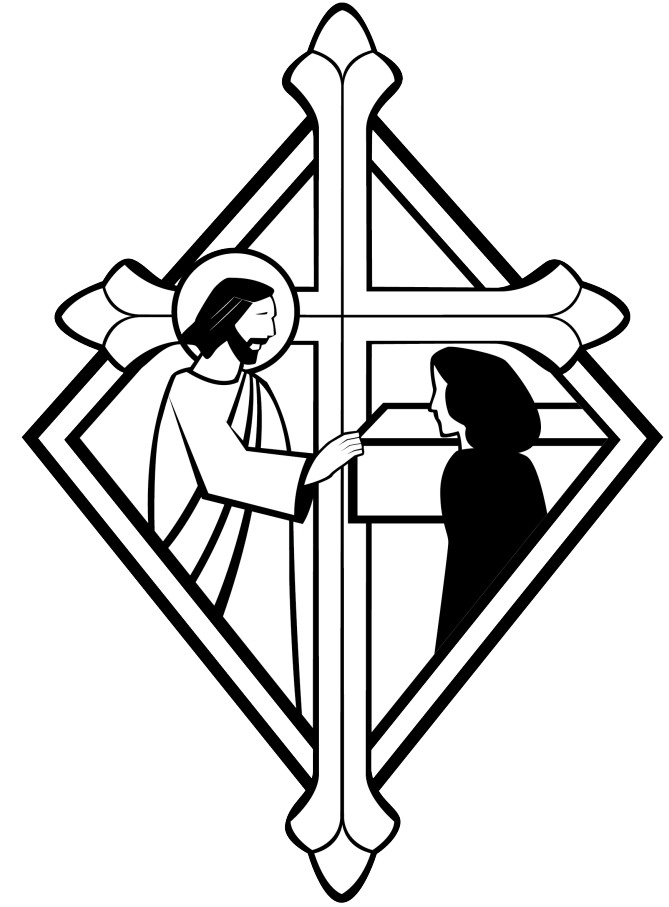
At that time Jesus went to a town called Nain, and His disciples and a great crowd went with Him. As He drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then He came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited His people!" And this report about Him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C (♪) **Praise To You, O Christ.**

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Christ Jesus abolished death and brought life and immortality to light
through the Gospel.

—2 Timothy 1:10

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