

## 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 (*Introuit*), 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

*Psalm 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 put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

What your eyes have seen do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame? Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret, lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end.

A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver. Like a gold ring or an ornament of gold is a wise reprover to a listening ear. Like the cold of snow in the time of harvest is a faithful messenger to those who send him; he refreshes the soul of his masters. Like clouds and wind without rain is a man who boasts of a gift he does not give.

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

**G** Thanks be to God.

### Gradual

*Psalm 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, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

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**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, when Jesus went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching Him carefully. And behold, there was a man before Him who had dropsy. And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" But they remained silent. Then He took him and healed him and sent him away. And He said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" And they could not reply to these things.

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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?*

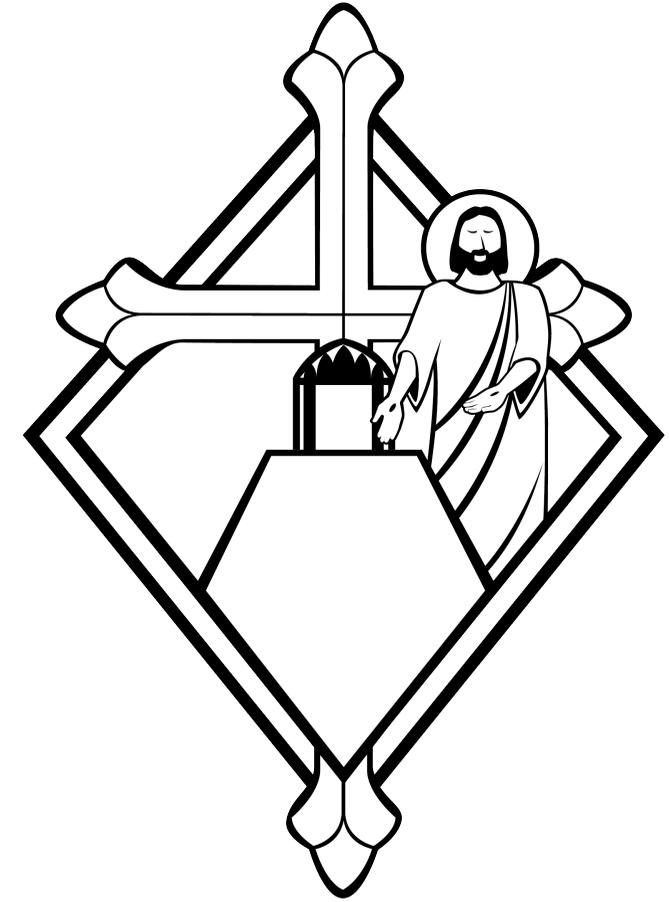
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Now He told a parable to those who were invited, when He noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, "When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. For everyone who 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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