

The Theme of Today's Liturgy

While the flesh indulges in shopping sprees and parties, the Church urges you to lift up your soul to the Lord (*Introit*). For your salvation is near (*Epistle*) as Our Savior comes in poverty and humility (*Gospel*). He desires only to forgive your sin and save your life from your selfish indulgences (*Old Testament*). So we beg Our Lord to stir us up so that we might take to heart the deliverance he gives (*Collect*), await Him in true faith (*Gradual*), and greet him with repentant joy (*Chief Hymn*).

Introit

Psalm 25:4-5, 21-22; antiphon: Psalm 25:1-3a



P To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in You I trust; let me not be | put to shame. *

Let not my enemies exult over me. Indeed, none who wait for You shall be | put to shame.

P Make me to know Your ways, | O LORD; *
teach me | Your paths.

C Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my sal- | vation; *
for You I wait all the | day long.

P May integrity and uprightness pre- | serve me, *
for I | wait for You.

C Redeem Israel, | O God, *
out of all his | troubles.

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 To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in You I trust; let me not be | put to shame. *

Let not my enemies exult over me. Indeed, none who wait for You shall be | put to shame.

Collect of the Day

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 23:5-8

In those days Jeremiah said, "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and He shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which He will be called: 'The LORD is our Righteousness.'

"Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when they shall no longer say, 'As the LORD lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,' but 'As the LORD lives who brought up and led the offspring of the house of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries where He had driven them.' Then they shall dwell in their own land."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 25:3-4

P None who wait for You shall be | put to shame; *
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly | treacherous.

C Make me to know Your ways, | O LORD; *
and teach me | Your paths.

Epistle Reading

Romans 13:11-14

Brethren: The hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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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:

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.

Alleluia and Verse

Psalm 85:7



☐ Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

☐ Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord,
And grant us Your salvation.



☐ Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel Reading

St. Matthew 21:1-9

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

☐ (♪) **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

At that time, when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to Me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and He sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before Him and that followed Him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

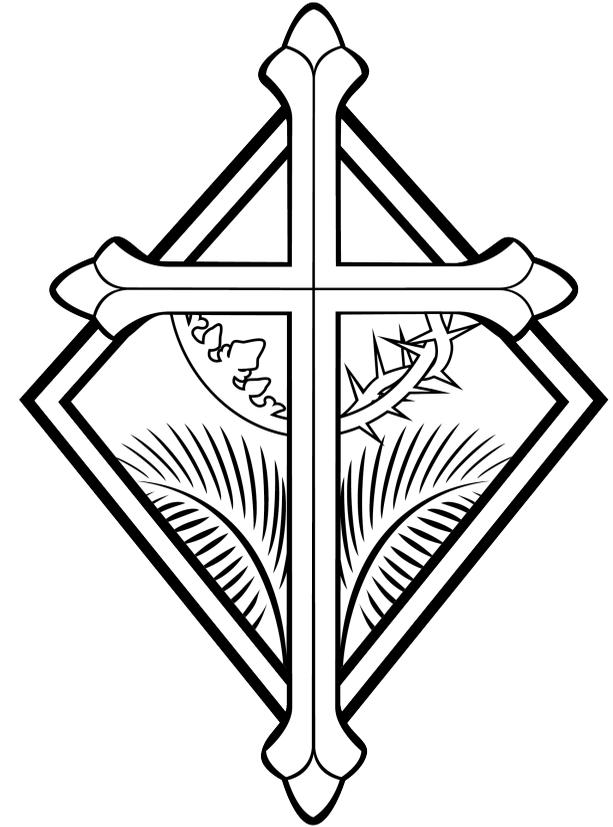
☐ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

☐ (♪) **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Ad Te Levavi

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Behold, your King is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He.
—Zechariah 9:9

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