

## The Theme of Today's Liturgy

In today's liturgy, we make a joyful noise unto God (*Introit*) and declare the good He does for our soul. In this joy, we beseech the almighty God who governs all things in heaven and earth mercifully to hear and grant our prayer (*Collect*). That He does by the various gifts he gives He ministers in the church, which all point toward godly faith which lives toward others (*Epistle*). But most of all, Our Lord does us good by setting out the good wine in His Blood which manifest His glory (*Gospel*).

### Introit

*Psalm 66:1-5, 20; antiphon: Psalm 66:4; 92:1*



**P** All the earth worships You and sings praises to You; they sing praises | to Your name. \*

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your name,  
| O Most High.

**P** Shout for joy to God, | all the earth; \*  
sing the glory of His name; give to Him | glorious praise!

**G** Say to God, "How awesome | are Your deeds! \*

So great is Your power that Your enemies come cringing | to You.

**P** All the earth worships You and sings prais- | es to You; \*  
they sing praises | to Your name.

**G** Come and see what | God has done; \*

He is awesome in His deeds toward the chil- | dren of man.

**P** Bless- | ed be God, \*

because He has not rejected my prayer or removed His steadfast  
| love from me!

**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.

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praises | to Your name. \*

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| O Most High.

### Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; 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

*Amos 9:11-15*

Thus says the LORD God: "I will raise up the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down, and repair its damages; I will raise up its ruins, and re-build it as in the days of old; that they may possess the remnant of Edom, and all the Gentiles who are called by My name," says the LORD who does this thing. "Behold, the days are coming," says the LORD, "When the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him who sows seed; the mountains shall drip with sweet wine, and all the hills shall flow with it. I will bring back the captives of My people Israel; they shall build the waste cities and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and drink wine from them; they shall also make gardens and eat fruit from them. I will plant them in their land, and no longer shall they be pulled up from the land I have given them," says the LORD Almighty.

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

**G** Thanks be to God.

### Gradual

*Psalm 107:20-21*

**P** He sent out His Word and | healed them, \*  
and delivered them from their de- | struction.

**G** Let them thank the Lord for His | steadfast love, \*  
for His wondrous works to the chil- | dren of men!

### Epistle Reading

*Romans 12:6-16*

Brethren: Having gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble.

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**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 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.

## Holy Gospel Reading

*St. John 2:1-11*

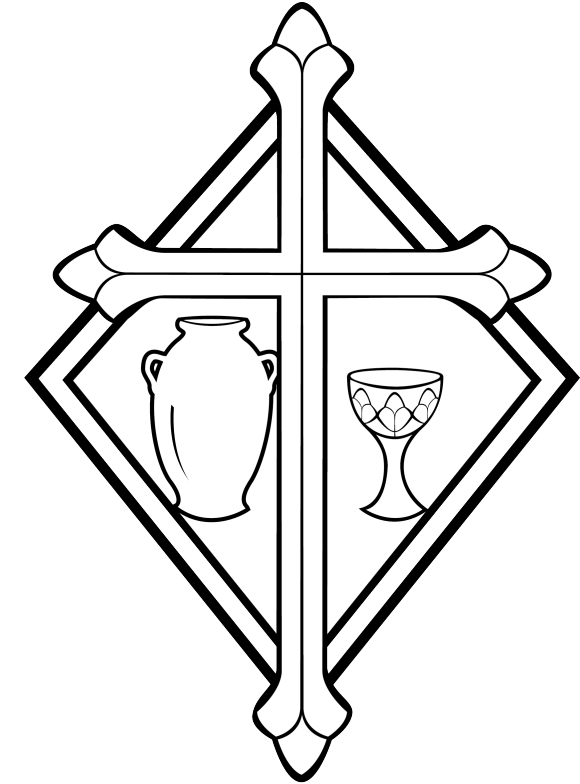
- ☐ The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the second chapter.  
☐ (🎵) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

At that time: There was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine." Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it." Now there were set there six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece. Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." And they filled them up to the brim. And He said to them, "Draw some out now, and take it to the master of the feast." And they took it. When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom. And he said to him, "Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the guests have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!" This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him.

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

## The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

✠ Sunday 15 January Anno ✠ Domini 2023 ✠



For the Law was given through Moses;  
grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

—John 1:17

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