

The Theme of Today's Liturgy

In the glorious transfiguration of His Son, God confirms the mysteries of the faith (*Collect*). The deepest of those mysteries is that Our Lord lets humans see and partake of His divine glory (*Gospel, Epistle, Old Testament*). The glory of the Lord is made known in His Church (*Introit*). There He pours His wealth and riches into us just as the Father spoke His grace and blessing over Him (*Gradual*). In the Sacrament, we receive this glory for our saving good.

Introit

Psalm 84:1-2a, 4, 10-11; antiphon: Psalm 77:18b



- P** Your lightnings lighted | up the world; *
the earth trem- | bled and shook.
- P** How lovely is Your dwelling place, O | Lord of Hosts! *
My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts | of the Lord.
- C** **Blessèd are those who dwell | in Your house, ***
ever sing- | ing Your praise!
- P** For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand | elsewhere. *
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than
dwell in the tents of | wickedness.
- C** **For the Lord God is a Sun and Shield; the Lord bestows favor and**
| honor. *
No good thing does He withhold from those who walk up- |
rightly.
- 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.
- Your lightnings lighted | up the world; *
the earth trem- | bled and shook.

Collect of the Day

O God, who in the glorious transfiguration of Your only-begotten Son has confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of the fathers, and who, in the voice that came from the bright cloud, in a wonderful manner foreshowed the adoption of sons, mercifully grant to make us coheirs with the King of His glory and bring us to the enjoyment of the same; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 34:29-35

In those days: When Moses came down from Mount Sinai (and the two tablets of the Testimony were in Moses' hand when he came down from the mountain), Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone while he talked with Him. So when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. Then Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned to him; and Moses talked with them. Afterward all the children of Israel came near, and he gave them as commandments all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face. But whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with Him, he would take the veil off until he came out; and he would come out and speak to the children of Israel whatever he had been commanded. And whenever the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone, then Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with Him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Psalm 45:2a, 110:1

P You are the most handsome of the | sons of men; *
grace is poured up- | on Your lips.

C **The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at My | right hand, ***
until I make Your enemies Your | footstool."

Epistle Reading

2 Peter 1:16-21

Dearly Beloved: We did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

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:

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.

Holy Gospel Reading

St Matthew. 17:1-9

☐ The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.

☒ (🎵) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

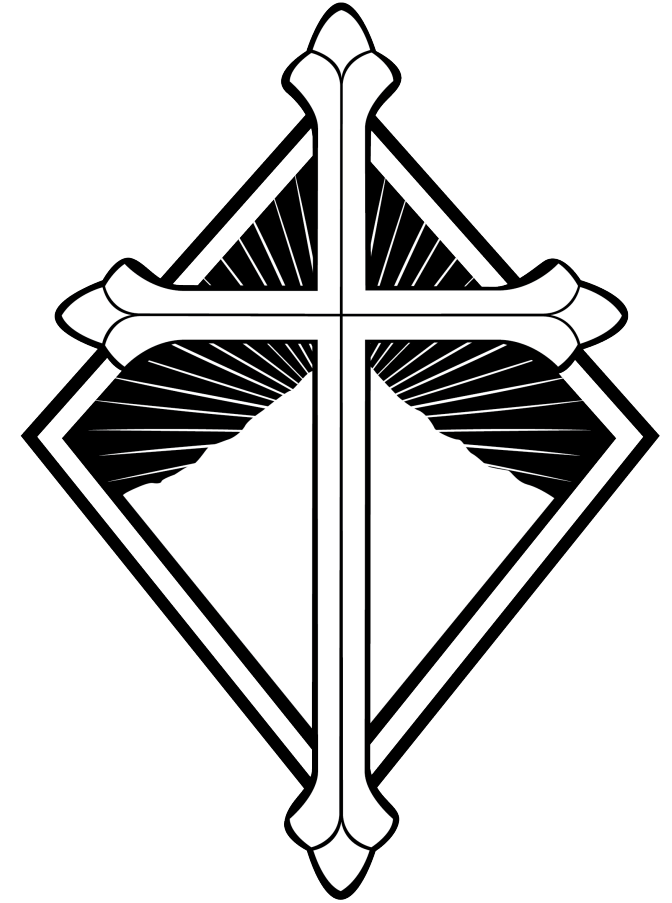
At that time: Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!" And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. But Jesus came and touched them and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid." When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead."

☐ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

☒ (🎵) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

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God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God.

—2 Corinthians 4:6

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