

## The Theme of Today's Liturgy

Today's Liturgy reminds us that Our Lord delivers us in His righteousness (*Introit*). He does this by setting us free from the bonds of sins and defending us from all evil (*Collect*) when He goes up to Jerusalem to suffer, be put to death and rise again (*Gospel*). This is the wonder that our God does (*Gradual*) and it encourages us not only to enter His gates with thanksgiving, but also to serve Him with gladness (*Tract*). His death-march to Jerusalem models in us .

### Introit

*Psalm 31:1,5, 9, 16; antiphon: Psalm 31:2b-3*



- P** Be a Rock of refuge for me, \* a strong fortress to | save me! \*  
For You are my Rock and my Fortress; and for Your name's sake  
You lead me and | guide me.
- P** In You, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to shame; \*  
in Your righteousness de- | liver me!
- C** **Into Your hand I commit my | spirit; \***  
**You have redeemed me, O Lord, | faithful God.**
- P** Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am | in distress; \*  
my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body | also.
- C** **Make Your face shine on Your | servant; \***  
**save me in Your | steadfast love!**
- 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** *Antiphon is repeated.*

### Collect of the Day

O Lord, we beseech You, mercifully hear our prayers, and having set us free from the bonds of sin, defend us from all evil; through Jesus Christ, ...

### Old Testament Reading

*1 Samuel 16:1-13*

In those days: The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go; I am sending you to Jesse the Bethlehemite. For I have provided Myself a king among his sons." And Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me." But the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Then invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; you shall anoint

for Me the one I name to you." So Samuel did what the LORD said, and went to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" And he said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons, and invited them to the sacrifice. So it was, when they came, that he looked at Eliab and said, "Surely the LORD's anointed is before Him!" But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." So Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Thus Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all the young men here?" Then he said, "There remains yet the youngest, and there he is, keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him. For we will not sit down till he comes here." So he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, with bright eyes, and good-looking. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him; for this is the one!" Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Gradual

*Psalm 77:14-15*

**P** You are the God who works | wonders; \*  
You have made known Your might among the | peoples.

**C** **You with Your arm redeemed Your | people, \***  
**the children of Jacob and | Joseph.**

### Epistle Reading

*1 Corinthians 13:1-13*

Brethren: Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing. Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, be-

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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:

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.

believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away. When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known. And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Tract

*Psalm 100:1-3*

**P** Make a joyful noise to the Lord, | all the earth! \*

Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with | singing!

**C** Know that the Lord, | He is God! \*

It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His | pasture.

### Holy Gospel Reading

*St Luke 18:31-43*

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

**C** (♪) Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

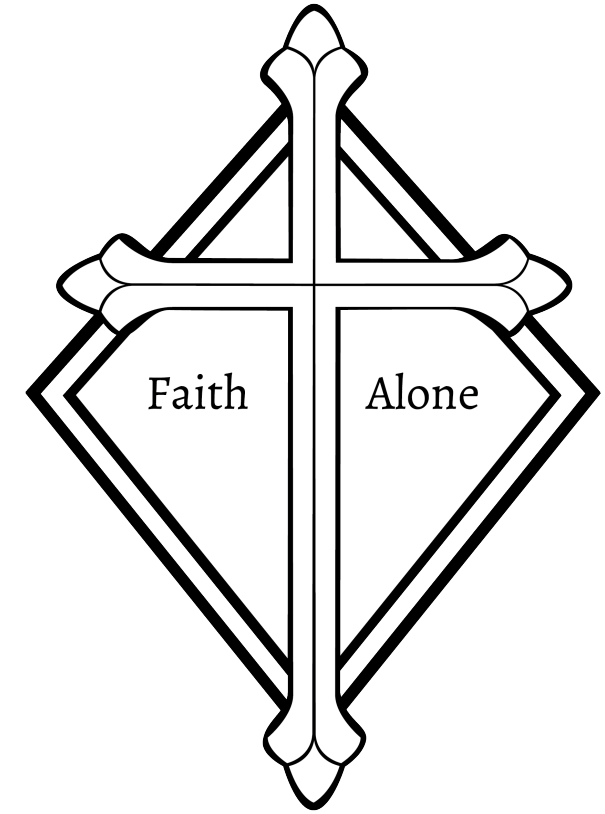
At that time: Jesus took the twelve aside and said to them, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of Man will be accomplished. For He will be delivered to the Gentiles and will be mocked and insulted and spit upon. They will scourge Him and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again." But they understood none of these things; this saying was hidden from them, and they did not know the things which were spoken. Then it happened, as He was coming near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging. And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant. So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him, saying, "What do you want Me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, that I may receive my sight." Then Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has saved you." And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

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

**C** (♪) Praise to You, O Christ.

## Quinquagesima Sunday

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Taking the twelve, Jesus said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished."

—Luke 18:31

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