

## The Theme of Today's Liturgy

"Of ourselves we have no strength" (*Collect*). So our only comfort is to "cry, O faithful God, to Thee for rescue from our misery" (*Chief Hymn*). And our plea is much like the pleading mother (*Gospel*)—that the Lord remember His mercy and lovingkindness (*Introit*); and that He look upon our affliction and pain, and forgive all our sins (*Gradual*). And our Lord does remember us. He remembers us with His favor and visits us with His salvation (*Tract*).

### Introit

*Psalm 25:1-2a, 7-8, 11; Psalm 25:6, 2b, 22*



**P** Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love, for they have been | from of old. \*

Let not my enemies exult over me. Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his | troubles.

**P** To You, O Lord, I lift | up my soul. \*

O my God, in You I trust; let me not be | put to shame.

**C** Remember not the sins of my youth or my trans- | gressions; \*  
according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of  
Your goodness, | O Lord!

**P** Good and upright | is the Lord; \*  
therefore He instructs sinners | in the way.

**C** For Your name's sake, | O Lord, \*  
pardon my guilt, for | it is great.

**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 God, who sees that of ourselves we have no strength, keep us both outwardly and inwardly that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### Collect of the Season

Almighty and everlasting God, who hates nothing You have made and forgives the sins of all those who are penitent, create and make in us new

and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of You, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; 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

*Genesis 32:22-30*

In those days: Jacob arose at night and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven sons, and crossed over the ford of Jabbok. He took them, sent them over the brook, and sent over what he had. Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day. Now when He saw that He did not prevail against him, He touched the socket of his hip; and the socket of Jacob's hip was out of joint as He wrestled with him. And He said, "Let Me go, for the day breaks." But he said, "I will not let You go unless You bless me!" So He said to him, "What is your name?" He said, "Jacob." And He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked, saying, "Tell me Your name, I pray." And He said, "Why is it that you ask about My name?" And He blessed him there. So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: "For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Gradual

*Psalm 25:15-18*

**P** The troubles of my heart | are enlarged; \*  
bring me out of my dis- | tresses.

**C** Consider my affliction and my | trouble, \*  
and forgive | all my sins.

### Epistle Reading

*1 Thessalonians 4:1-7*

Brethren: We urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should abound more and more, just as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God; for you know what commandments we gave you through the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God; that no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified. For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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**C** 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:

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.

### Tract

*Psalm 106:1-4*

- P** Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for | He is good, \*  
for His steadfast love endures for- | ever!
- G** Who can utter the mighty deeds | of the Lord, \*  
or declare | all His praise?
- P** Blessed are they who observe | justice, \*  
who do righteousness | at all times!
- G** Remember me, O Lord, when You show favor to Your | people; \*  
help me when You | save them.

### Holy Gospel Reading

*St Matthew 15:21-28*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew the, fifteenth chapter.
- G** (♪) **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

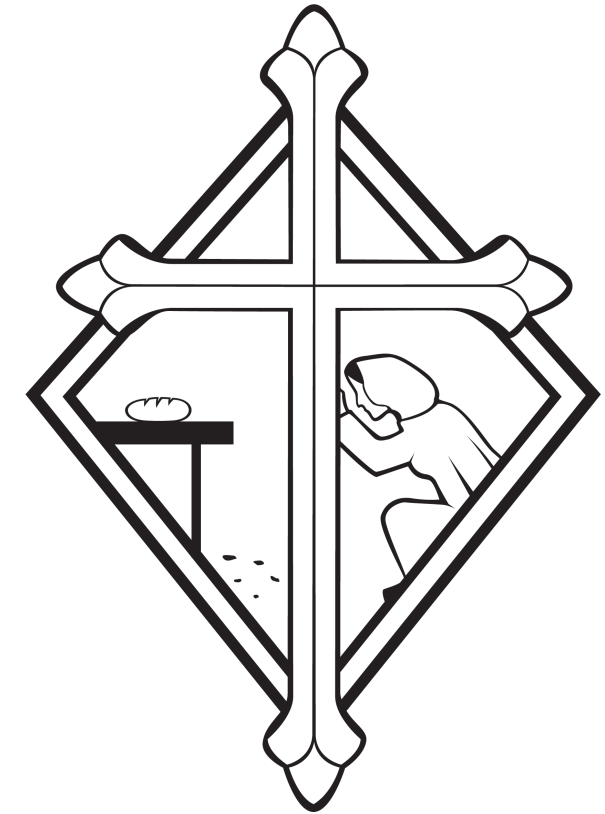
At that time: Jesus departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed." But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us." But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!" But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs." And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- G** (♪) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Reminiscere

The Second Sunday in Lent

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The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious;  
I turned not backward.

—Isaiah 50:5

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