

The Theme of Today's Liturgy

"Our Lord says, "I am the Good Shepherd" (*Gospel*); and the Church sings, "Rejoice in the Lord, all you righteous" (*Introit*). Our Lord bears our sins in His own body to death on the cross (*Epistle*); and the Church prays the Father to make us "partakers of the eternal joys" which Our Lord has won for us (*Collect*). The Lord promises to search out His flock and feed them (*Old Testament*); and the Church knows her Lord and His loving-kindness in the breaking of the Bread (*Gradual*).

Introit

Psalm 23:1, 18-20; antiphon: Psalm 33: 5b, 6a



- P** The earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord. Alle- | luia! *
By the Word of the Lord the heavens were made. Alle- | luia!
- P** Shout for joy in the Lord, O you | righteous! *
Praise befits the | upright.
- C** Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who | fear Him, *
on those who hope in His | steadfast love,
P that He may deliver their | soul from death *
and keep them alive in | famine.
- C** Our soul waits | for the Lord; *
He is our Help | and our shield.
- 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** The earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord. Alle- | luia! *
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Collect of the Day

God, who by the humiliation of Your Son raised up the fallen world, grant to Your faithful ones perpetual gladness, and those whom You have delivered from the danger of everlasting death make partakers of eternal joys; 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

Ezekiel 34:11-16

Thus says the Lord GOD: "Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries,

and will bring them to their own land; I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them in good pasture, and their fold shall be on the high mountains of Israel. There they shall lie down in a good fold and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I will feed My flock, and I will make them lie down," says the Lord GOD. "I will seek what was lost and bring back what was driven away, bind up the broken and strengthen what was sick; but I will destroy the fat and the strong, and feed them in judgment," says the LORD Almighty.

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Choir, in a setting by Matthew Machemer.

*Christ has risen from the dead.
God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor,
He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;
He has put all things under His feet.*

Epistle Reading

1 Peter 2:21-25

Dearly Beloved: Christ suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: "who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth"; who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously; who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness – by whose stripes you were healed. For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

Choir, in a setting by Fintan O'Carroll and Paul Grime.

*Alleluia!
I am the Good Shepherd. I know My own and My own know me.
Alleluia!*

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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.

Holy Gospel Reading

St John 10:11-16

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

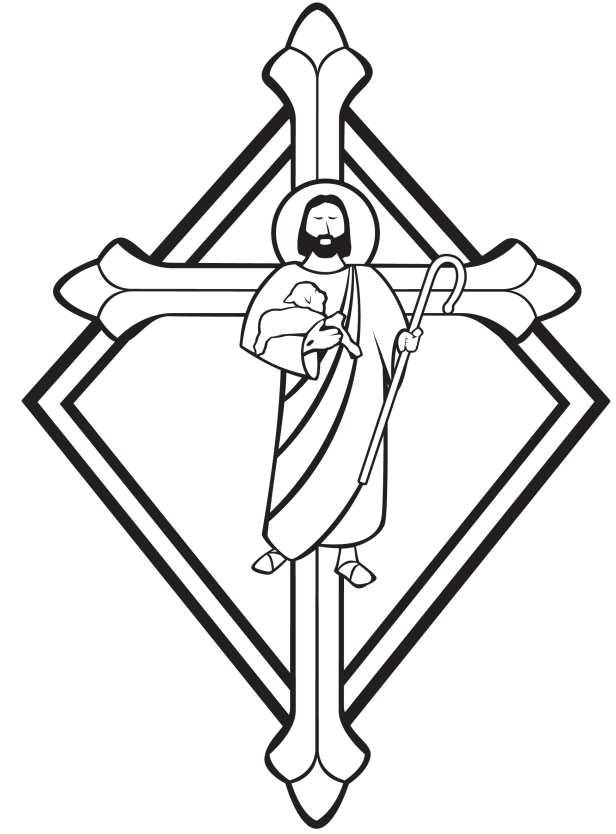
At that time Jesus said to His disciples: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd."

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

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I am the good shepherd. My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me and I give them eternal life.

—John 10:11, 27, 28

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