

## The Theme of Today's Liturgy

The Church greets her risen Lord with a "joyful noise" (*Introit*). For He is the one that "brings out their host [the sainted] by a number and calls them all by name," (*Old Testament*). Our Lord then also comforts us with His promised joyful return (*Gospel*), even as He instructs us through His ministers to stand fast in the face of "fleshly desires that wage war against your soul" (*Epistle*). And so the Faithful pray for the Lord's grace to "avoid those things that are contrary to their profession and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same" (*Collect*).

### Introit

*Psalm 66:3, 5, 8-9; antiphon: Psalm 66:1-2*



- P** Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alle- | luia! \*  
Sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise. Alle- | luia!
- P** Say to God, "How awesome | are Your deeds! \*  
So great is Your power that Your enemies come cringing | to You."
- G** **Come and see what | God has done: \***  
**He is awesome in His deeds toward the child- | ren of man.**
- P** Bless our God, | O peoples; \*  
let the sound of His | praise be heard,
- G** **who has kept our soul among the | living \*  
and has not let our | feet slip.**
- 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.**
- P** Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alle- | luia! \*  
Sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise. Alle- | luia!

### Collect of the Day

Almighty God, who shows to them that are in error the light of Your truth, to the intent that they might return to the way of righteousness, grant unto all that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion that they may avoid those things that are contrary to their profession and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; 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

*Isaiah 40:25-31*

Thus says the LORD God: "To whom will you liken Me, or to whom shall I be equal?" says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high, and see who has

created these things, who brings out their host by number; He calls them all by name, by the greatness of His might and the strength of His power; not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel: "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my just claim is passed over by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall, but those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

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

### First Alleluia

*Psalm 119:9; Luke 24:26*

- P** Alleluia, alle- | luia! \*  
The Lord has sent redemption unto His people. Alle- | luia.
- G** **Alleluia, alle- | luia! \*  
Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and entered  
into His glory? Alle- | luia!**

### Epistle Reading

*1 Peter 2:11-20*

Dearly Beloved: I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation. Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men—as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God. Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king. Servants, be submissive to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh. For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully. For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God.

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

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 16:16-22*

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

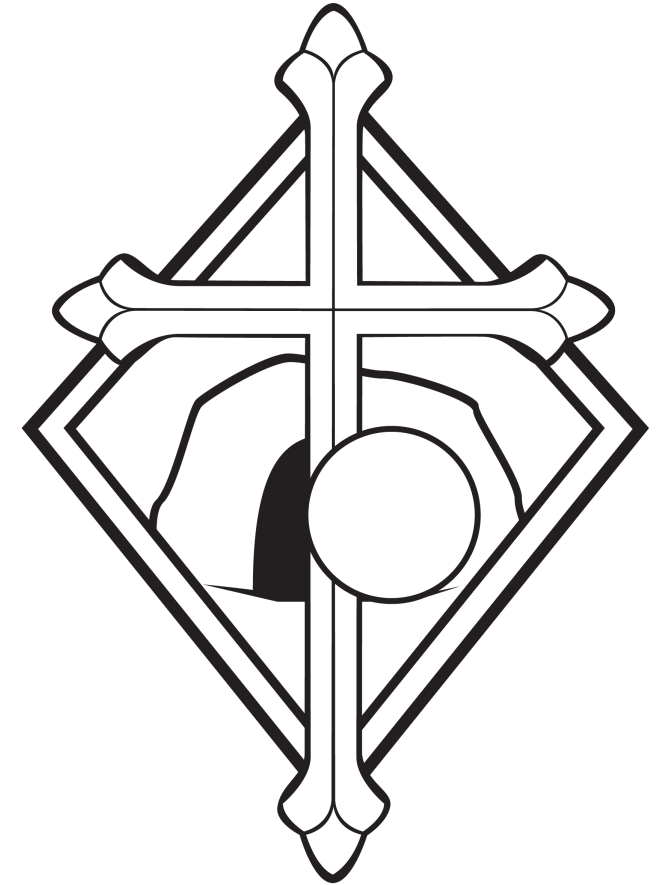
At that time Jesus said to His disciples: "A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me, because I go to the Father." Then some of His disciples said among themselves, "What is this that He says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me'; and, 'because I go to the Father'?" They said therefore, "What is this that He says, 'A little while'? We do not know what He is saying." Now Jesus knew that they desired to ask Him, and He said to them, "Are you inquiring among yourselves about what I said, 'A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me'? Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy. A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you."

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

## Jubilate

The Third Sunday after Easter

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If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away;  
behold, all things have become new.

—2 Corinthians 5:17

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