

The Theme of Today's Liturgy

To trust in God's mercy means to rejoice in His salvation and give thanks for His bounty no matter how well or badly things go (*Introit*). That mercy of God is given in His sure, strong promises which comfort us in our present suffering by encouraging us in the hope that this merciful Word gives (*Gospel*). That mercy of God is a mercy that heals our sinful souls, that reaches out to the poor in heart, and that delivers the troubled (*Gradual*). In short, God is love, and His love dwells in us (*Epistle*). Our prayer, then, is that God will grant us the grace to hear and take to heart His Word, and thereby please Him both in will and deed (*Collect*).

Introit

Psalm 13:1-4; antiphon: Psalm 13:5-6



P [O Lord,] I have trusted in Your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in Your sal- | vation. *

I will sing to the Lord, because He has dealt bounty- | fully with me.

P How long, O Lord? Will You forget me for- | ever? *

How long will You hide Your | face from me?

C How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my heart | all the day? *

How long shall my enemy be exulted | over me?

P Consider and answer me, O | Lord my God; *

light up my eyes, lest I sleep the | sleep of death,

C lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed | over him," *

lest my foes rejoice because I am | shaken.

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 [O Lord,] I have trusted in Your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in Your sal- | vation. *

I will sing to the Lord, because He has dealt bounty- | fully with me.

Collect of the Day

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully accept our prayers, and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing, grant us the help of Your grace that in keeping Your commandments we may please You both in will and deed; 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

Deuteronomy 6:4-13

In those days Moses spoke to the children of Israel, saying: "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. So it shall be, when the LORD your God brings you into the land of which He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give you large and beautiful cities which you did not build, houses full of all good things, which you did not fill, hewn-out wells which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant—when you have eaten and are full—then beware, lest you forget the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. You shall fear the LORD your God and serve Him, and shall take oaths in His name."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 41:4, 1

P I said, "O Lord, be gra- | cious to me; *

heal me, for I have sinned a- | gainst You!"

C Blessed is the one who consid- | ers the poor! *

In the day of trouble, the Lord de- | livers him.

Epistle Reading

1 John 4:8-21

Dearly Beloved: God is love. In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. We love Him because He first loved us. If someone says, "I

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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.

love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

Psalm 7:1



G Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

P O Lord my God in You do I take| refuge,*

Save me from all my pursuers and de | liver me.



G Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel Reading

St. Luke 16:19-31

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

G (♪) Glory to You, O Lord.

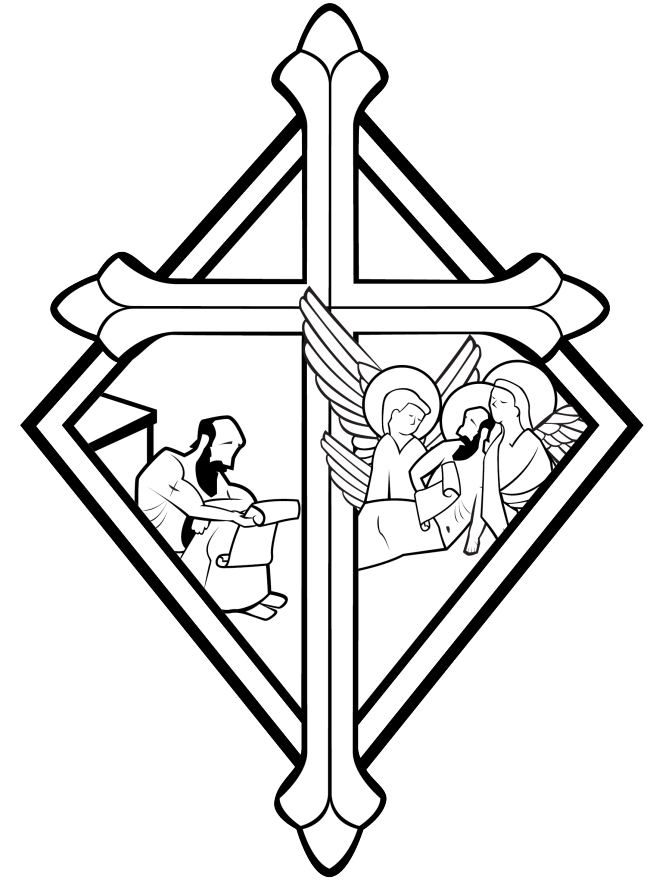
At that time Jesus spoke this parable to His disciples: "There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.' Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G (♪) Praise to You, O Christ.

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The one who hears you hears Me, and the one who rejects you rejects Me.

—Luke 16:10

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