

## The Theme of Today's Liturgy

Today the Lord brings us into a large place to deliver us, because He delights in us (*Introuit*). His delight is so strong, that He lays down His life for our good and benefit (*Epistle*). Then He unhesitatingly invites us to dine with Him (*Gospel*). In this way, He delivers us from our distress and pours on us His own righteousness (*Gradual*). This, in turn, compels us not only to receive His goodness, but also to have a perpetual fear and love of His holy name(*Collect*).

### Introit

*Psalm 18:1-2a, 27, 30a, 49; antiphon: Psalm 18:18b-19*



- P** The Lord was my Support in the day of my calamity. \*  
He brought me out into a broad place; He rescued me because He delight- ed in me.
- P** I love You, O Lord, my Strength. \*  
The Lord is my Rock and my Fortress and my De- liverer.
- G** For You save a humble people, \*  
but the haughty eyes You bring down.
- P** This God—His way is perfect; \*  
the Word of the Lord proves true.
- G** For this I will praise You, O Lord, among the nations, \*  
and sing to Your name.
- G** Glory be to the Father and to the Son \*  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, \*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- P** The Lord was my Support in the day of my calamity. \*  
He brought me out into a broad place; He rescued me because He delight- ed in me.

### Collect of the Day

O Lord, who never fails to help and govern those whom You bring up Your steadfast fear and love, make us to have a perpetual fear and love of Your holy name; 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

*Proverbs 9:1-10*

Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn out her seven pillars; she has slaughtered her meat, she has mixed her wine, she has also furnished her table. She has sent out her maidens, she cries out from the highest

places of the city, "Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!" As for him who lacks understanding, she says to him, "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Forsake foolishness and live, and go in the way of understanding. "He who corrects a scoffer gets shame for himself, and he who rebukes a wicked man only harms himself. Do not correct a scoffer, lest he hate you; rebuke a wise man, and he will love you. Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a just man, and he will increase in learning. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

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

**G** Thanks be to God.

### Gradual

*Psalm 120:1-2*

**P** In my distress I called to the Lord, \*  
and He answered me.

**G** Deliver me, O Lord, from lying lips, \*  
from a deceitful tongue.

### Epistle Reading

*1 John 3:13-18*

Dearly Beloved: Do not marvel if the world hates you. We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death. Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

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

**G** Thanks be to God.

### Alleluia and Verse

*Psalm 7:17*



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

**P** I will give to the Lord the thanks due to His righteousness, \*  
and I will sing praise to the name of the Lord, the Most High.



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

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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 Luke 14:16-24

☐ The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the fourteenth chapter.

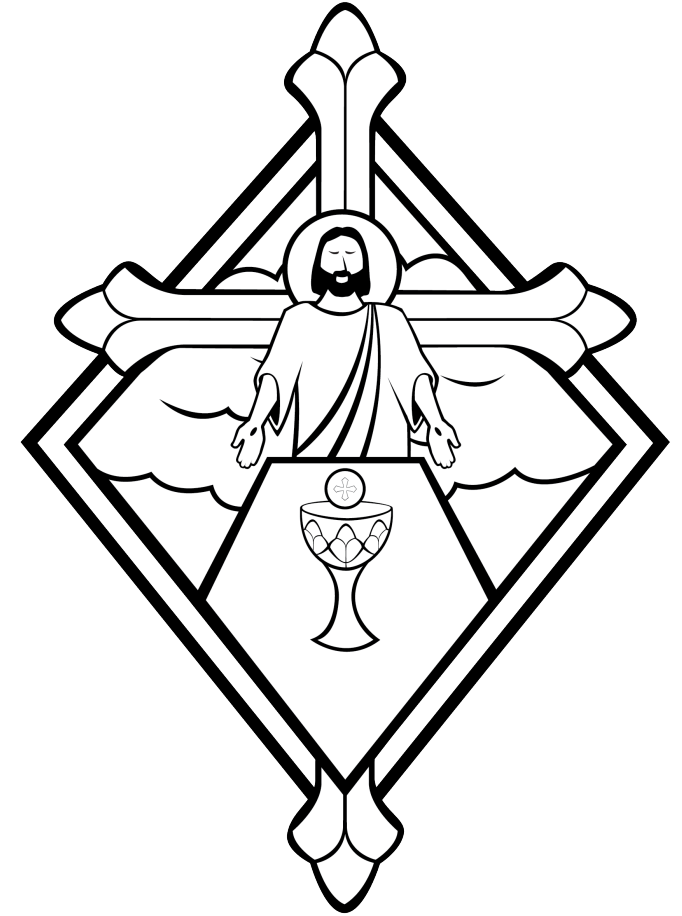
☑ (🎵) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

At that time Jesus spoke this parable to His disciples: "A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, 'Come, for all things are now ready.' But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.' Still another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.' And the servant said, 'Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.' Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.'"

☑ (🎵) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## The Second Sunday after Trinity

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Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.  
—Matthew 11:28

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