

The Theme of Today's Liturgy

"The sufferings of this present life are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us" (*Epistle*). Therefore, "though an army should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear" (*Introit*). For we have a God who is our help and salvation (*Gradual*); a Jesus who is a Refuge for the oppressed in times of trouble ; a Spirit who delivers to us Our Lord's great compassion (*Chief Hymn*); and a Father who does not deal with us as we deal with each other, but who deals with us chiefly from His mercy (*Gospel*). So our prayer is that Our Lord continue His peace which overcomes our fears so we joyfully serve Him in all godly quietness (*Collect*).

Introit

Psalm 27:3-4a, 5; antiphon: Psalm 27:1-2



P The Lord is my Light and my Salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the Stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid? *

When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stum- | ble and fall.

P Though an army encamp against me, my heart | shall not fear; * though war rise against me, yet I will be | confident.

C One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek | after: * that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days | of my life.

P For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of | trouble; * He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will lift me high up- | on a rock.

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.

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Collect of the Day

O Lord, grant that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Your governance that Your Church may joyfully serve You in all godly quietness; 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 50:15-21

In those days, when Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.'" And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 79:9-10a

P Atone for our sins, for Your | name's sake! *

Why should the nations say, "Where | is their God?"

C Help us, O God of our sal- | vation, * for the glory of Your name de- | liver us.

Epistle Reading

Romans 8:18-23

Brethren: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

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.

Holy Gospel Reading

St. Luke 6:36-42

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

G (♪) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

At that time Jesus said to the disciples: "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

He also told them a parable: "Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G (♪) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

—Galatians 6:2

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