

**The Theme of Today’s Liturgy**

God’s never-failing providence directs all things in heaven and on earth. (*Collect*) He does this not for a show of force, but because of His compassion. (*Gospel*) This compassion moves Our Lord to meet our greatest need – freeing us from the things of death so that we might live and abide in His holiness and righteousness. (*Epistle*) And so we look to the Lord, (*Gradual*) and shout to God with the voice of triumph. (*Introit*) For the Lord God is good to us, and His mercy extends over all His works.

**Introit** *Psalm 47:3, 6-8; antiphon: Psalm 47:1-2*



- P** Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud | songs of joy! \*  
For the Lord, the Most High is to be feared, a great king over | all the earth.
- P** He subdued peoples | under us, \*  
and nations un- | der our feet.
- C** Sing praises to God, sing | praises! \*  
Sing praises to our King, sing | praises!
- P** For God is the King of | all the earth; \*  
sing praises | with a psalm!
- C** God reigns over the | nations; \*  
God sits on His | holy throne.
- 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** Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud | songs of joy! \*  
For the Lord, the Most High is to be feared, a great king over | all the earth.

**Collect of the Day**

O God, whose never-failing providence orders all things both in heaven and earth, we humbly implore You to put away from us all hurtful things and to give us those things that are profitable for us; 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 626-12*

Thus says the LORD God: I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; they shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of the LORD, do not keep silent, and give Him no rest till

He establishes and till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth. The LORD has sworn by His right hand and by the arm of His strength: “Surely I will no longer give your grain as food for your enemies; and the sons of the foreigner shall not drink your new wine, for which you have labored. But those who have gathered it shall eat it, and praise the LORD; those who have brought it together shall drink it in My holy courts.” Go through, go through the gates! Prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway! Take out the stones, lift up a banner for the peoples! Indeed the LORD has proclaimed to the end of the world: “Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Surely your salvation is coming; behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him.’ ” And they shall call them The Holy People, the Redeemed of the LORD; and you shall be called Sought Out, a City Not Forsaken.

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.
- Gradual** *Psalm 34:11, 5*
  - P** Come, O children, lis- | ten to me; \*  
I will teach you the fear | of the Lord.
  - C** Those who look to Him are | radiant, \*  
and their faces shall never | be ashamed.

**Epistle Reading** *Romans 6:19-23*

Brethren: I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

**Holy Gospel Reading** *St Mark 8:1-9*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the eighth chapter.
- C** (♪) Glory to You, O Lord.

At that time: The multitude being very great and having nothing to eat, Jesus called His disciples to Him and said to them, “I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now continued with Me three days and have nothing to eat. And if I send them away hungry to their own houses,

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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.

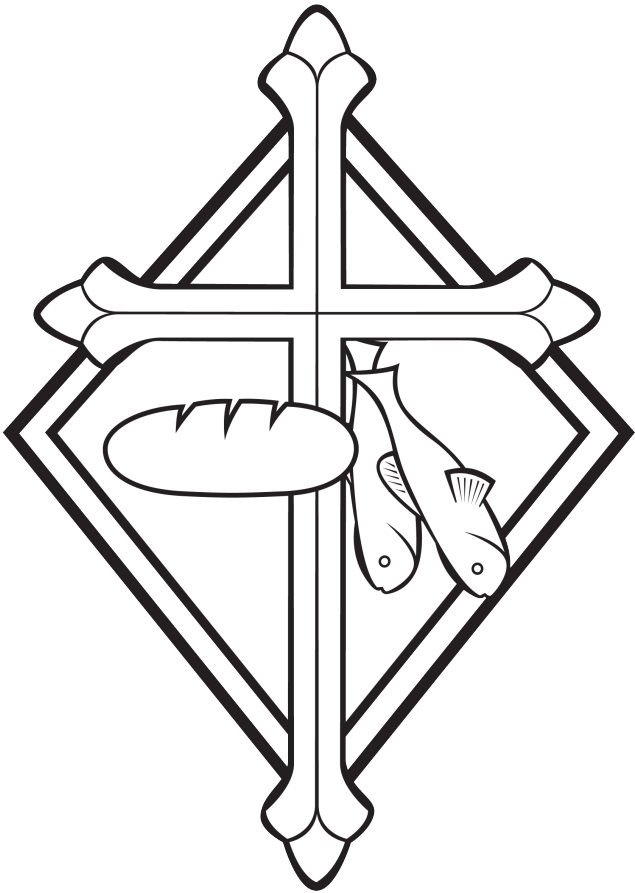
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they will faint on the way; for some of them have come from afar.” Then His disciples answered Him, “How can one satisfy these people with bread here in the wilderness?” He asked them, “How many loaves do you have?” And they said, “Seven.” So He commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground. And He took the seven loaves and gave thanks, broke them and gave them to His disciples to set before them; and they set them before the multitude. They also had a few small fish; and having blessed them, He said to set them also before them. So they ate and were filled, and they took up seven large baskets of leftover fragments. Now those who had eaten were about four thousand. And He sent them away.

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

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Present your members as  
slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.  
—Romans 6:19

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