

## 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.

**G** 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!

**G** 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.

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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

*Genesis 2:7-17*

In those days the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east,

and there He put the man whom He had formed. And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

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

**G** 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.

**G** Those who look to Him are | radiant, \*  
and their faces shall never | be ashamed.

### Epistle Reading

*Romans 6:19-23*

Brethren: I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus Our Lord.

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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 be-

### Alleluia and Verse

Psalm 47:1



☐ Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

☐ Clap your hands, O peoples!  
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!



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### Holy Gospel Reading

St Mark 8:1-9

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

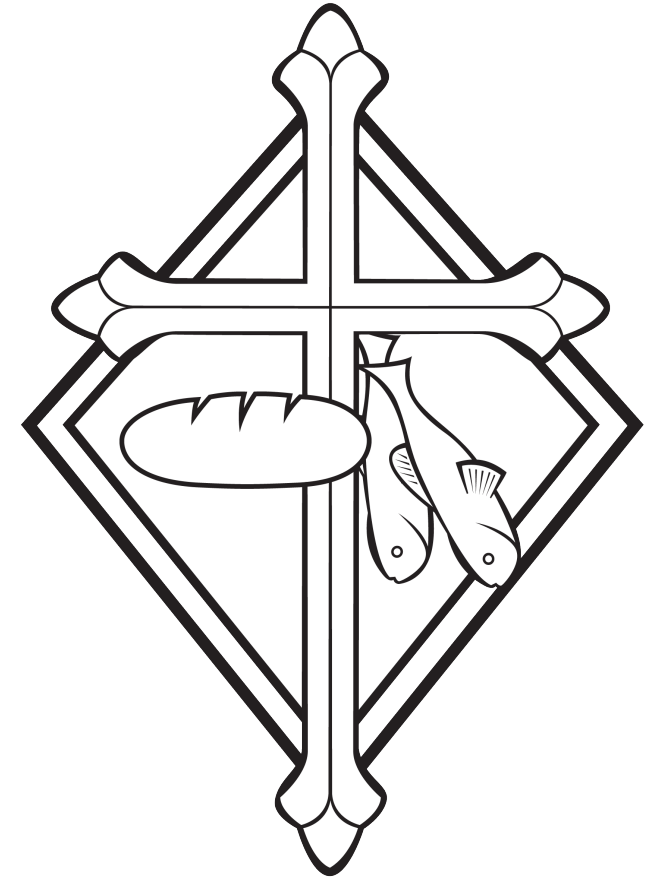
At that time, when again a great crowd had gathered, and they had nothing to eat, Jesus called His disciples to Him and said to them, "I have compassion on the crowd, because they have been with Me now three days and have nothing to eat. And if I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way. And some of them have come from far away." And His disciples answered Him, "How can one feed these people with bread here in this desolate place?" And He asked them, "How many loaves do you have?" They said, "Seven." And He directed the crowd to sit down on the ground. And He took the seven loaves, and having given thanks, He broke them and gave them to His disciples to set before the people; and they set them before the crowd. And they had a few small fish. And having blessed them, He said that these also should be set before them. And they ate and were satisfied. And they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. And there were about four thousand people. 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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