

The Theme of Today’s Liturgy

The Lord is your Help, your Salvation, and the God who never forsakes you (*Introit*). This compassion and mercy of Our Lord never fails (*Old Testament*). He prepares for them that love Him such good things as surpass our understanding (*Collect*). This compassion in turn encourages us to have compassion fearlessly and courageously toward others. (*Epistle*). Moreso, the compassion of Our lord gives us the courage both to confess our sinfulness, and go wherever His gospel calls us (*Gospel*).

Introit *Psalm 27:1a, 11-12, 14; antiphon: Psalm 27:7, 9b*



- P** Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and | answer me! *
O You who have been my Help, forsake me not, O God of my Sal- | vation!
- P** The Lord is my Light and my Sal- | vation; *
whom | shall I fear?
- C** Teach me Your way, | O Lord, *
and lead me on a level path because of my | enemies.
- P** Give me not up to the will of my adver- | saries; *
for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out | violence.
- C** Wait | for the Lord; *
be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait | for the Lord!
- 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** Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and | answer me! *
O You who have been my Help, forsake me not, O God of my Sal- | vation!

Collect of the Day

O God, who has prepared for them that love You such good things as pass man’s understanding, pour into our hearts such love toward You that we, loving You above all things, may obtain Your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 *1 Kings 19:11-21*

In those days the LORD spoke to Elijah, saying: “Go out, and stand on the mountain before the LORD.” And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice. So it was, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. Suddenly a voice came to him, and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” And he said, “I have been very zealous for the LORD God of hosts; because the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life.” Then the LORD said to him: “Go, return on your way to the Wilderness of Damascus; and when you arrive, anoint Hazael as king over Syria. Also you shall anoint Jehu the son of Nimshi as king over Israel. And Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel Meholah you shall anoint as prophet in your place. It shall be that whoever escapes the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill; and whoever escapes the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill. Yet I have reserved seven thousand in Israel, all whose knees have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.” So he departed from there, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he was with the twelfth. Then Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle on him. And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah, and said, “Please let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” And he said to him, “Go back again, for what have I done to you?” So Elisha turned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen and slaughtered them and boiled their flesh, using the oxen’s equipment, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

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

Gradual *Psalm 84:9, 8*

- P** Behold, our Shield, | O God; *
look on the face of Your a- | nointed!
- C** O Lord, God of hosts, | hear my prayer; *
give ear, O God of | Jacob!

Epistle Reading *1 Peter 3:8-15*

Dearly Beloved: All of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous; not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing. For “He who would love life

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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.

and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips from speaking deceit. Let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayers; but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.” And who is he who will harm you if you become followers of what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you are blessed. “And do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled.” But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

Psalm 21:1

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

O Lord, in Your strength the king re- | joices, *
and in Your salvation how greatly | he exults!

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

Holy Gospel Reading

St Luke 5:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the fifth chapter.

(♪) Glory to You, O Lord.

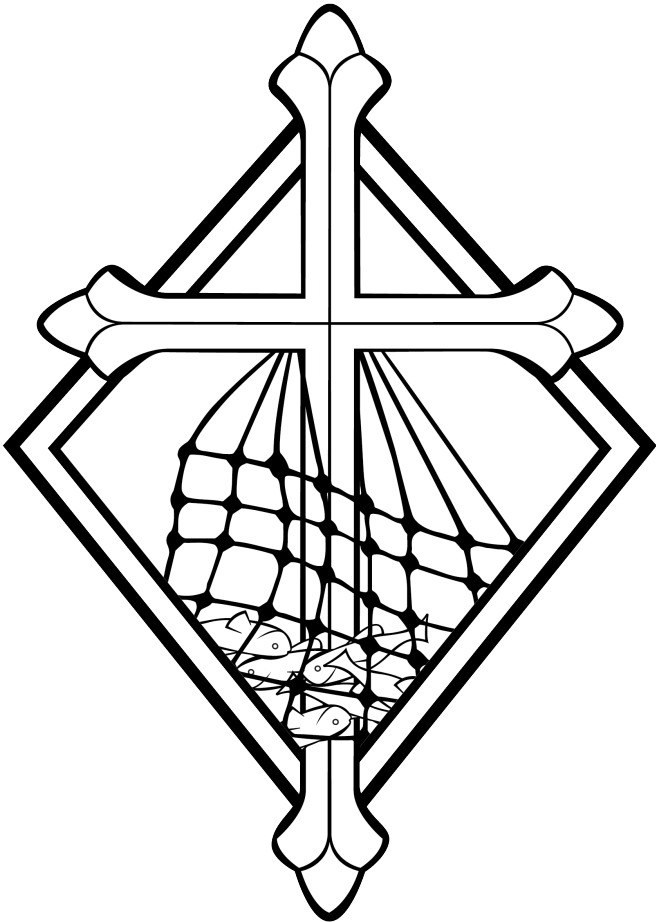
At that time: As the multitude pressed about Jesus to hear the word of God, He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets. Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon’s, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat. When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, “Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” But Simon answered and said to Him, “Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net.” And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!” For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men.” So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

(♪) Praise to You, O Christ.

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No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.

—Luke 9:62

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