

The Theme of Today’s Liturgy

If the Lord is not on our side, then He is against us. He afflicts those who rebel against Him, but He delivers in peace the souls of those who rely on Him (*Introit*). Our confidence is that the Lord declares His power chiefly in showing mercy and pity (*Collect*), and that He shelters us under the shadow of His wings (*Gradual*). This faith encourages us to cry out day and night to the Lord of our salvation (*Alleluia*) for grace to live in and from His Word. (*Collect*) That grace Our Lord gives by the Spirit who knits us together as one Body in Christ (*Epistle*). Only in this gracious visitation by our God do we receive the things that make for our peace (*Gospel*).

Introit Psalm 55:1, 4-5, 16; antiphon: Psalm 55:16a, 17b, 18a, 22a



- P** I call to God, and He hears my voice; He redeems my soul in | safety.*
Cast your burdens on the Lord, and He will sus- | tain you.
- P** Give ear to my prayer, | O God, *
and hide not Yourself from my plea for | mercy!
- C** My heart is in anguish with- | in me; *
the terrors of death have fallen up- | on me.
- P** Fear and trembling come up- | on me, *
and horror over- | whelms me.
- C** But I | call to God, *
and the Lord will | save me.
- 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** I call to God, and He hears my voice; He redeems my soul in | safety.*
Cast your burdens on the Lord, and He will sus- | tain you.

Collect of the Day

O God, who declares Your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity, mercifully grant to us such a measure of Your grace that we, running the way of Your commandments, may obtain Your gracious promises and be made partakers of Your heavenly treasure; 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

Jeremiah 7:1-11

In those days the word of the LORD came to me, saying: “Stand in the gate of the LORD’s house, and proclaim there this word, and say, ‘Hear the word of the LORD, all you of Judah who enter in at these gates to worship the LORD! Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: “Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place. Do not trust in these lying words, saying, ‘The temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD are these.’ For if you thoroughly amend your ways and your doings, if you thoroughly execute judgment between a man and his neighbor, if you do not oppress the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and do not shed innocent blood in this place, or walk after other gods to your hurt, then I will cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers forever and ever. Behold, you trust in lying words that cannot profit. Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, burn incense to Baal, and walk after other gods whom you do not know, and then come and stand before Me in this house which is called by My name, and say, ‘We are delivered to do all these abominations’? Has this house, which is called by My name, become a den of thieves in your eyes? Behold, I, even I, have seen it,” says the LORD Almighty.”

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

Gradual

Psalm 17:8, 2

- P** Keep me as the apple | of your eye; *
hide me in the shelter | of Your wings.
- C** From Your presence let my vindi- | cation come! *
Let your eyes be- | hold the right!

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 12:2-11

Brethren: You know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led. Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit. There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same

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↑ - Please stand • ↓ - Please sit

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.

Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

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

Holy Gospel Reading

St Luke 19:41-48

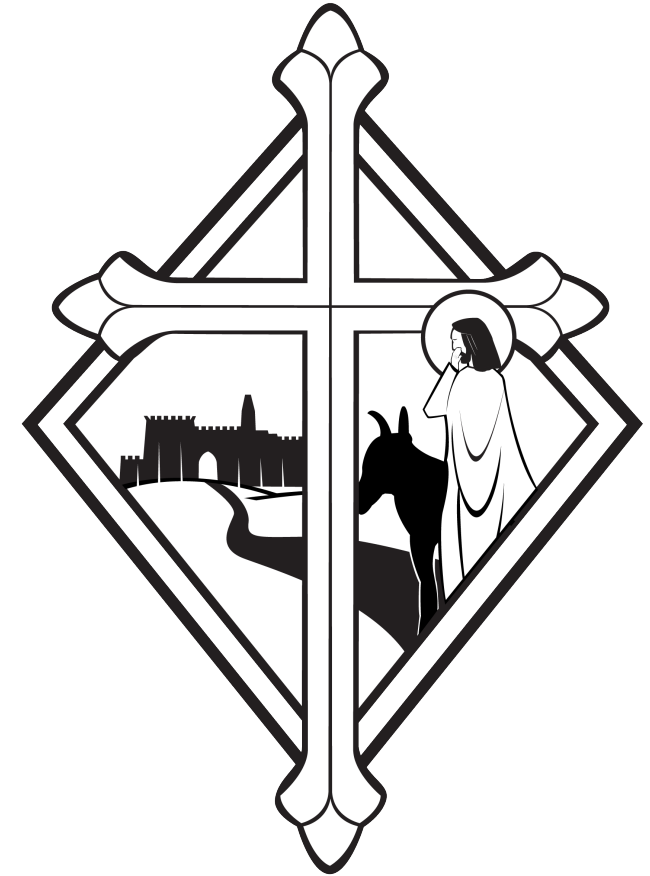
- P** The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the nineteenth chapter.
- C** (🎵) **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

At that time: As Jesus drew near Jerusalem, He saw the city and wept over it, saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation." Then He went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in it, saying to them, "It is written, 'My house is a house of prayer,' but you have made it a 'den of thieves.'" And He was teaching daily in the temple. But the chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people sought to destroy Him, and were unable to do anything; for all the people were very attentive to hear Him.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** (🎵) **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

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Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.

—Proverbs 14:34

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