

**The Theme of Today’s Liturgy**

Godly living begins by calling on God as the Helper who upholds your soul (*Introit*). The children of Israel serve as an example, not of godliness but of those who fell from godliness because they lusted after the things of this world (*Epistle*). In the same way, Our Lord tells of a dishonest steward (business manager) who relies not on the Lord but on his own cleverness (*Gospel*). But those who trust in the Lord can take comfort in the fact that Our Lord makes all their ways pure (*Old Testament*). Therefore, our prayer is that, in the humility of faith, we ask and do only those things that are well-pleasing in Our Lord’s sight (*Collect*).

**Introit** *Psalm 54:1-3, 7; Antiphon: Psalm 54:4-5*



- P** Behold, God is my Helper; the Lord is the Upholder | of my life.\*  
He will return the evil to my enemies; in Your faithfulness, put an | end to them.
- P** O God, save me | by Your name, \*  
and vindicate me | by Your might.
- C** O God, | hear my prayer; \*  
give ear to the words | of my mouth.
- P** For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men | seek my life; \*  
they do not set God be- | fore themselves.
- C** For He has delivered me from every | trouble, \*  
and my eye has looked in triumph on my | enemies.

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**

Let Your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Your humble servants, and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please You; 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** *2 Samuel 22:26-34*

In those days David said: “With the merciful You show Yourself merci- ful; with the blameless man You show Yourself blameless; with the puri-

fied You deal purely, and with the crooked You make Yourself seem tor- tuous. You save a humble people, but Your eyes are on the haughty to bring them down. For You are my Lamp, O Lord, and my God lightens my darkness. For by You I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall. This God—His way is perfect; the Word of the Lord proves true; He is a Shield for all those who take refuge in Him.

“For who is God, but the Lord? And who is a Rock, except our God? This God is my strong Refuge and has made my way blameless. He made my feet like the feet of a deer and set me secure on the heights.”

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

**Gradual** *Psalm 8:1*

- P** O | Lord, Our Lord, \*  
how majestic is Your name in | all the earth!
- C** You have set Your | glory \*  
above the | heavens.

**Epistle Reading** *1 Corinthians 10:1-13*

For I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. Neverthe- less, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not de- sire evil as they did. Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation He will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

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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.

## Alleluia and Verse

*Psalm 112:1*

  
**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

**P** Blessed is the man who fears the Lord:  
Who greatly delights in His commandments.

  
**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel Reading

*St Luke 16:1-13*

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

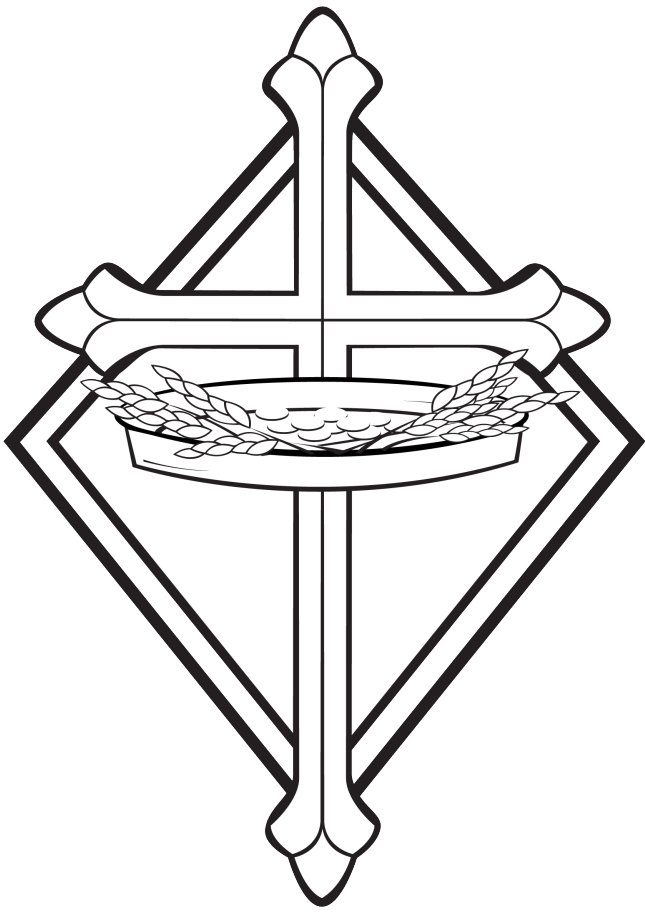
At that time Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

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

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Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise, but as wise.  
—Ephesians 5:15

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