

The Theme of Today's Liturgy

To walk in the Spirit means not to fulfill the desires of the flesh (*Epistle*). The greatest desire of the flesh is to believe that we have because we asked or because we deserve what Our Lord gives, and in this way, we do not glorify God (*Gospel*). Those who walk in the Spirit, however, hunger to be in the Lord's presence and look forward to His gracious smile (*Introit*). Then we do the good thing of giving thanks to the Lord (*Gradual*) and praising Him within the walls of Zion. So our prayer is that the Lord rescue us from the destructive desires of our flesh, at the same time, lead us to give thanks and glorify Him for His saving benefits (*Collect*).

Introit

Psalm 84:1-2a, 4, 10b; antiphon: Psalm 84:9-10a



- P** Behold our Shield, O God;
look upon the face of Your a- | nointed!
For a day | in Your courts is better than a thousand | elsewhere.
- P** How lovely is Your dwelling place, O | Lord of Hosts! *
My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts | of the Lord.
- C** Blessed are those who dwell | in Your house, *
ever sing- | ing Your praise!
- P** I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house | of my God *
than dwell in the tents of | wickedness.
- C** The Lord bestows favor and | honor. *
No good thing does He withhold from those who walk up- |
rightly.
- 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** Behold our Shield, O God;
look upon the face of Your a- | nointed!
For a day | in Your courts is better than a thousand | elsewhere.

Collect of the Day

Keep, we implore You, O Lord, Your Church with Your perpetual mercy, and because the frailty of man without You cannot but fall, keep us ever by Your help from all things hurtful and lead us to all things profitable for our salvation; 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

Proverbs 4:10-23

Hear, my son, and receive my sayings, and the years of your life will be many. I have taught you in the way of wisdom; I have led you in right paths. When you walk, your steps will not be hindered, and when you run, you will not stumble. Take firm hold of instruction, do not let go; keep her, for she is your life. Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of evil. Avoid it, do not travel on it; turn away from it and pass on. For they do not sleep unless they have done evil; and their sleep is taken away unless they make someone fall. For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence. But the path of the just is like the shining sun, that shines ever brighter unto the perfect day. The way of the wicked is like darkness; they do not know what makes them stumble. My son, give attention to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes; keep them in the midst of your heart; for they are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh. Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 92:1-2

- P** It is good to give thanks | to the Lord, *
to sing praises to Your name, | O Most High;
- C** to declare Your steadfast love in the | morning, *
and Your faithful- | ness by night.

Epistle Reading

Galatians 5:16-24

Brethren: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

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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.

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

Holy Gospel Reading

St. Luke 17:11-19

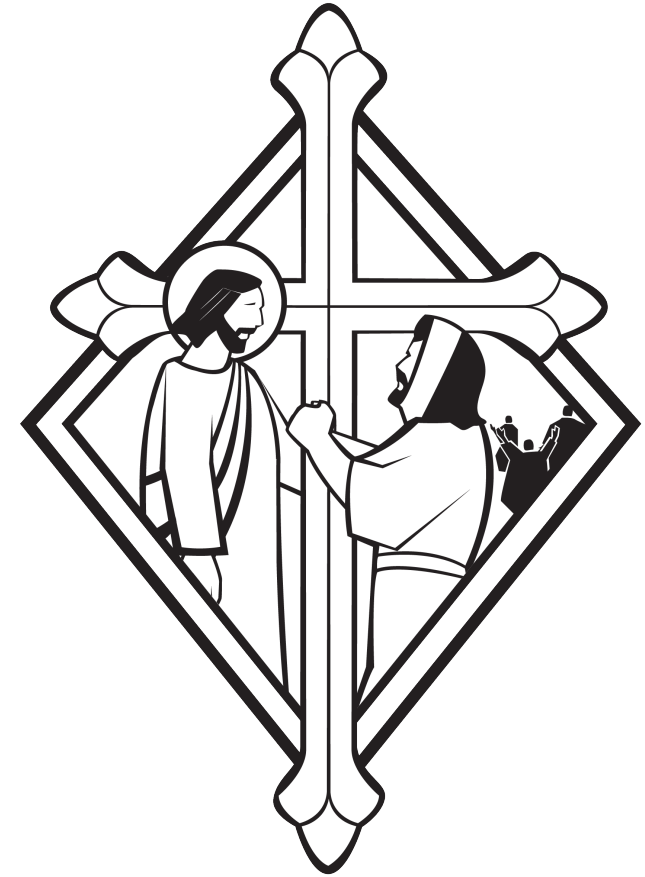
- P** The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the seventeenth chapter.
- G** (♪) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

At that time: As Jesus went to Jerusalem He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has saved you."

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- G** (♪) **Praise To You, O Christ.**

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Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.

—Psalm 103:2

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