

The Theme of Today's Liturgy

Today's liturgy focuses on this question: What must I do to inherit eternal life (*Gospel*)? The answer is based first in what Our Lord gives in His faithful and everlasting Testament (*Epistle*). That Testament (covenant) we beg God to respect and remember by lifting us out of the oppression our sin lays on our backs (*Introit, Gradual*). So the testament is Our Lord who saves. From this flows the increase of faith, hope, and love that He gives through His Son (*Collect*). It is this doing of Our Lord, then, that "makes us to love that which He commands" (*Collect*).

Introit

Psalm 74:1-2, 19b, 21b; antiphon: Psalm 74:20a, 21a, 22a, 23a.



P Have regard for the covenant, [O Lord]; let not the downtrodden turn | back in shame. *

Arise, O God, defend Your cause; do not forget the clamor | of Your foes.

P O God, why do You cast us off for- | ever? *

Why does Your anger smoke against the sheep of Your | pasture?

C Remember Your congregation, which You have pur- | chased of old, *
which You have redeemed to be the tribe of Your | heritage!

P Remember Mount Zion, where | You have dwelt. *

Do not forget the life of Your poor for- | ever. Let the poor and needy | praise Your name.

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 Have regard for the covenant, [O Lord]; let not the downtrodden turn | back in shame. *

Arise, O God, defend Your cause; do not forget the clamor | of Your foes.

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, give to us the increase of faith, hope, and charity, and that we may obtain that which You promise, make us to love that which You command; 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 Chronicles 28:8-15

In those days the men of Israel took captive 200,000 of their relatives, women, sons, and daughters. They also took much spoil from them and brought the spoil to Samaria. But a prophet of the Lord was there, whose name was Oded, and he went out to meet the army that came to Samaria and said to them, "Behold, because the Lord, the God of your fathers, was angry with Judah, He gave them into your hand, but you have killed them in a rage that has reached up to heaven. And now you intend to subjugate the people of Judah and Jerusalem, male and female, as your slaves. Have you not sins of your own against the Lord your God? Now hear me, and send back the captives from your relatives whom you have taken, for the fierce wrath of the Lord is upon you."

Certain chiefs also of the men of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai, stood up against those who were coming from the war and said to them, "You shall not bring the captives in here, for you propose to bring upon us guilt against the Lord in addition to our present sins and guilt. For our guilt is already great, and there is fierce wrath against Israel." So the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the princes and all the assembly. And the men who have been mentioned by name rose and took the captives, and with the spoil they clothed all who were naked among them. They clothed them, gave them sandals, provided them with food and drink, and anointed them, and carrying all the feeble among them on donkeys, they brought them to their kinsfolk at Jericho, the city of palm trees. Then they returned to Samaria.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 77:14-15

P You are the God who works | wonders; *

You have made known Your might among the | peoples.

C You with Your arm redeemed Your | people, *
the children of Jacob and | Joseph.

Epistle Reading

Galatians 3:15-22

To give a human example, brothers: even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified. Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his Offspring. It does not say, "And to offsprings," referring to many, but referring to one, "And to your Offspring," who is Christ. This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise.

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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-

Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the Offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary. Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one.

Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

☐ This is the Word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel Reading

St. Luke 10:23-37

☐ The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the tenth chapter.

☑ (🎵) **Glory To You, O Lord.**

At that time, turning to the disciples He said privately, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it."

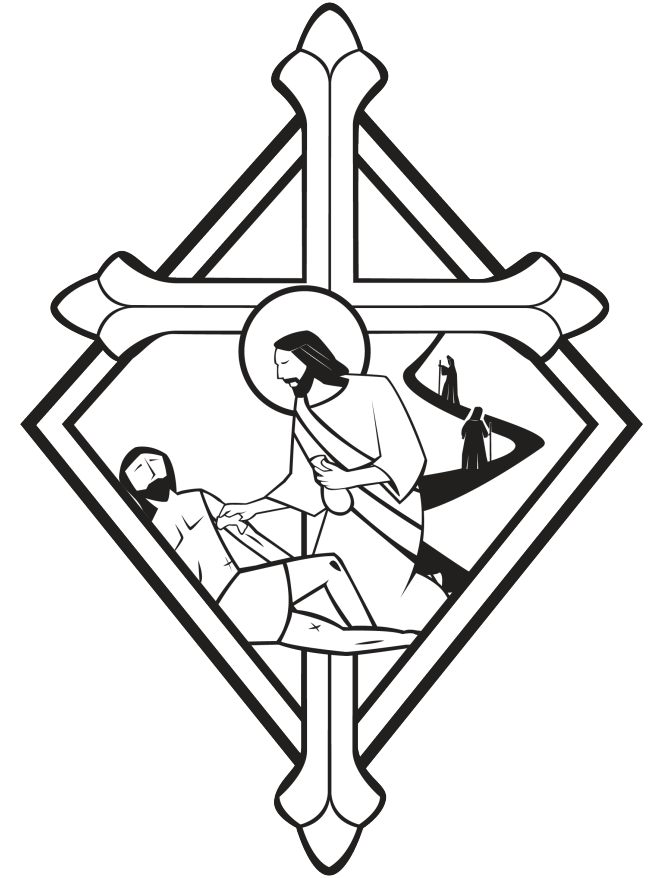
And behold, a lawyer stood up to put Him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." And He said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

☐ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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As you did to the least of these, My brothers, you did it to Me.

—Matthew 25:40

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