

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 accept my words, that the years of your life may be many. I have taught you the way of wisdom; I have led you in the paths of uprightness. When you walk, your step will not be hampered, and if you run, you will not stumble. Keep hold of instruction; do not let go; guard her, for she is your life. Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of the evil. Avoid it; do not go on it; turn away from it and pass on. For they cannot sleep unless they have done wrong; they are robbed of sleep unless they have made someone stumble. For they eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence. But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day. The way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know over what they stumble.

My son, be attentive to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. Let them not escape from your sight; keep them within your heart. For they are life to those who find them, and healing to all their flesh. Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs 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 5:16-26

Brethren: Walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

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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.

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.

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, on the way to Jerusalem Jesus was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as He entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

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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