

The Theme of Today's Liturgy

Daily we cry to Our Lord for His ready and constant mercy (*Introit*). Our prayer is that His grace be so plenteous that it always goes before us and follows after us (*Collect*). Only then will we not lose heart in our trials, crosses, and heartaches (*Epistle*). For regardless of what chastening or wounds He may send, Our Lord delivers and redeems us from death (*Old Testament*). So our trust is that Our Lord not only gives what is best, but also will forsake us never (*Chief Hymn*).

Introit

Psalm 86:1, 7, 12-13; antiphon: Psalm 86:3, 5



- P** Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to You do I cry | all the day. *
For You, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call up- | on You.
- P** Incline Your ear, O Lord, and | answer me, *
for I am poor and | needy.
- C** In the day of trouble I call up- | on You, *
for You | answer me.
- P** I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with | my whole heart, *
and I will glorify Your name for- | ever.
- C** For great is Your steadfast | love toward me; *
You have delivered my soul from the depths | of Sheol.
- 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** Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to You do I cry | all the day. *
For You, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call up- | on You.

Collect of the Day

O Lord, we pray that Your grace may always go before and follow after us, that we may continually be given to all good works; 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

1 Kings 17:17-24

In those days: The son of the woman who owned the house became sick. And his sickness was so serious that there was no breath left in him. So she said to Elijah, "What have I to do with you, O man of God? Have you come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to kill my son?" And he said to her, "Give me your son." So he took him out of her arms and carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his own bed. Then he cried out to the LORD and said, "O LORD my God, have You also brought tragedy on the widow with whom I lodge, by killing her son?" And he stretched himself out on the child three times, and cried out to the LORD and said, "O LORD my God, I pray, let this child's soul come back to him." Then the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came back to him, and he revived. And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper room into the house, and gave him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives!" Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now by this I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is the truth."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 102:15-16

P Nations will fear the name | of the Lord, *
and all the kings of the earth will fear Your | glory.

C For the Lord builds up | Zion; *
He appears in His | glory.

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 3:13-21

Brethren: I ask that you do not lose heart at my tribulations for you, which is your glory. For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height – to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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C Thanks be to God.

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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.

Holy Gospel Reading

St. Luke 17:11-16

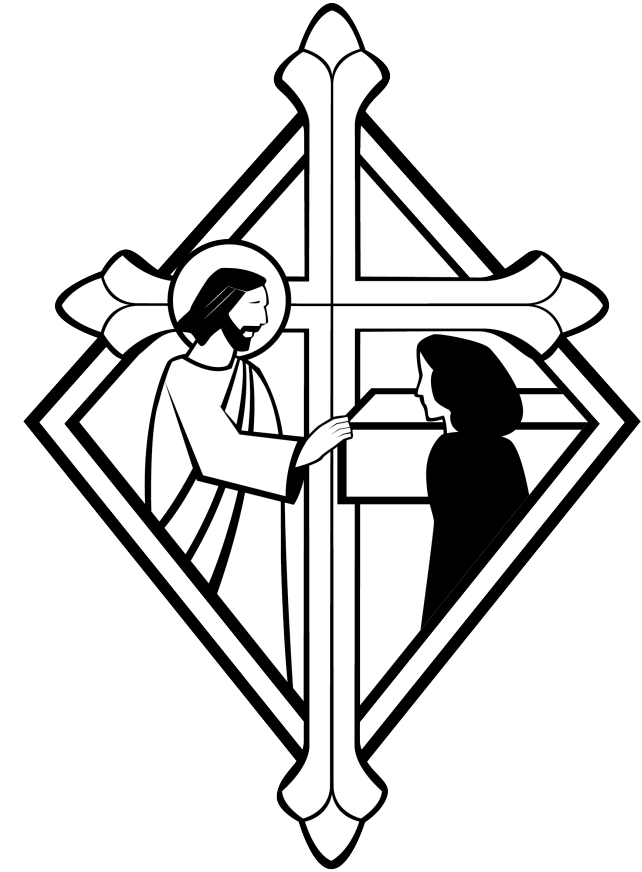
- ☐ The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the seventeenth chapter.
☑ (🎵) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

At that time: Jesus went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother. Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people."

- ☐ This is the Gospel of the Lord.
☑ (🎵) **Praise To You, O Christ.**

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Cast all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you.

—1 Peter 5:7

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