

The Theme of Today's Liturgy

Because we believe and confess that we are not "sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves," (*Epistle*) we continually pray Our Lord to make haste to deliver us (*Introit*) from every evil. And our Jesus comes through for us—just as He came through for the deaf man. (*Gospel*) What else can we do, then, but bless the Lord at all times (*Gradual; Chief Hymn*)? For the gift of His healing lives in us so that we faithfully serve Our Lord in this life (*Collect*).

Introit

Psalm 70:2b, 4a, 5b; antiphon: Psalm 70:1-2a



P Make haste, O God, to deliver me! O Lord, make haste to | help me! *
Let them be put to shame and confusion who | seek my life!

P Let them be | turned back *
and brought to dishonor who de- | sire my hurt!

G May all who seek | You rejoice *
and be | glad in You!

P You are my Help and my De- | liverer; *
O Lord, do | not delay!

**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

Almighty and merciful God, by Your gift alone Your faithful people render You true and laudable service. Grant, we implore You, that we may so faithfully serve You in this life that we fail not to finally attain Your heavenly promises; 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

Isaiah 29:17-24

Thus says the Lord: "Is it not yet a very little while until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest? In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the Lord, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel. For the ruthless shall come to nothing and the

scoffer cease, and all who watch to do evil shall be cut off, who by a word make a man out to be an offender, and lay a snare for him who reproves in the gate, and with an empty plea turn aside him who is in the right."

Therefore thus says the Lord, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob: "Jacob shall no more be ashamed, no more shall his face grow pale. For when he sees his children, the work of My hands, in his midst, they will sanctify My name; they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob and will stand in awe of the God of Israel. And those who go astray in spirit will come to understanding, and those who murmur will accept instruction."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 34:1-2

P I will bless the Lord at | all times; *
His praise shall continually be | in my mouth.

G My soul makes its boast | in the Lord; *
let the humble hear | and be glad.

Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 3:4-11

Brethren: Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory? For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory. Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has come to have no glory at all, because of the glory that surpasses it. For if what was being brought to an end came with glory, much more will what is permanent have glory.

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Holy Gospel Reading

St. Mark 7:31-37

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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.

🎵 (♪) Glory to You, O Lord.

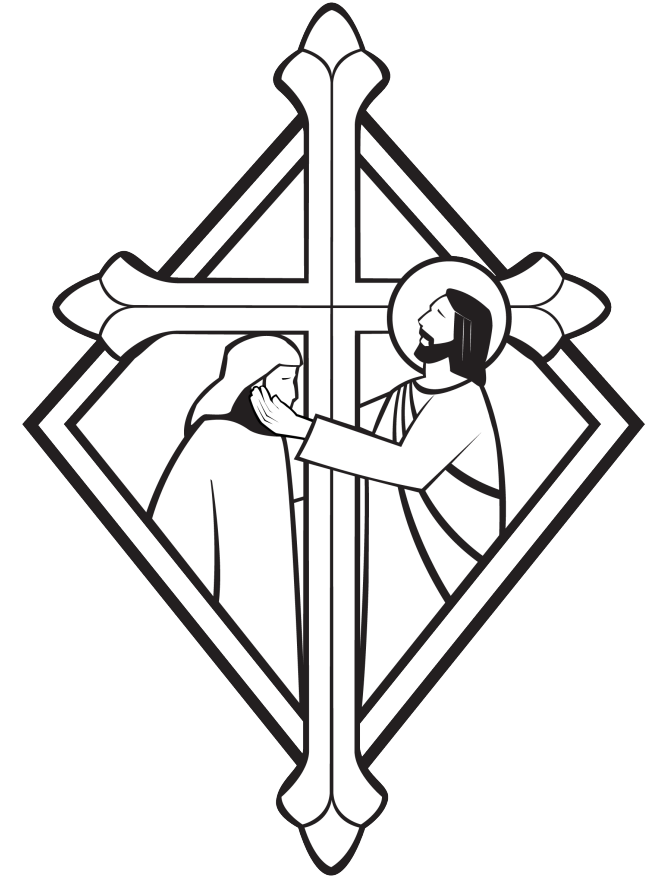
At that time Jesus returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. And they brought to Him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged Him to lay His hand on him. And taking him aside from the crowd privately, He put His fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. And looking up to heaven, He sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more He charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

📖 This is the Gospel of the Lord.

🎵 (♪) Praise to You, O Christ.

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A bruised reed He will not break, and a smoldering wick He will not quench.

—Matthew 12:20

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