

**The Church of the Epiphany**  
**Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany, Year A**  
**February 12, 2023**  
**10:30 a.m.**

**The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**

*This service leaflet is excerpted from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), the red book located in the pew rack in front of you. If you prefer to use the BCP itself to aid your worship, all BCP page numbers are noted. Hymns and service music are from The Hymnal 1982, the blue book located in the pew rack in front of you. Service music is noted by an S in front of the number and can be found in the front of The Hymnal 1982, before the hymns.*

*(The worship service is live-streamed. Streaming and recording conclude at The Great Thanksgiving. Holy Communion is not recorded.)*

Prelude: Humbly I Adore Thee - G. Lasceux

Welcome and Announcements

**THE WORD OF GOD**

THE ENTRANCE RITE

BCP 355

*The people stand.*

Processional Hymn: 635 If thou but trust in God

*The people standing, the Priest-Celebrant joins the people in facing the Holy Altar and says*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.**  
**Amen.**

*The Priest-Celebrant says the Collect for Purity*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our  
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may

perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name;  
through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The Gloria in Excelsis is sung by all, standing.*

Hymnal S-280

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*The Priest-Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Priest-Celebrant faces the Holy Altar and says the Collect of the Day.*

BCP 215

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully  
accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do  
nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in

keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

BCP 357

*The people sit.*

*The Lessons, as appointed, are read. A Psalm, hymn, or anthem may follow each Reading.*

*Reader* A Reading from Deuteronomy [30:15-20]

Moses said, “See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

*Silence*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Reader* The Psalm for today is a portion of Psalm 119 [:1-8].  
We will read responsively by whole verse.

1 Happy are they whose way is blameless, \* BCP 763  
who walk in the law of the LORD!

**2 Happy are they who observe his decrees \*  
and seek him with all their hearts!**

3 Who never do any wrong, \*  
but always walk in his ways.

**4 You laid down your commandments, \*  
that we should fully keep them.**

5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct \*  
that I might keep your statutes!

**6 Then I should not be put to shame, \*  
when I regard all your commandments.**

7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, \*  
when I have learned your righteous judgments.

**8 I will keep your statutes; \*  
do not utterly forsake me.**

*Reader* A Reading from 1 Corinthians [3:1-9]

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

*Silence*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand.*

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Song of Gladness

Tune: Hymn 559.

Words: Hymn 122 v. 1 as follows:

**Alleluia, song of gladness,  
voice of joy that cannot die;  
alleluia is the anthem  
ever raised by choirs on high;  
in the house of God abiding  
thus they sing eternally.** *Repeat.*

*Then, all standing, the Priest-Celebrant reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
According to Matthew [5:21-37].

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell

you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

*Silence*

*After the Gospel, the Priest-Celebrant says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE HOMILY

Mtr. Kristin Wickersham

*Silence*

*The people stand. The Priest-Celebrant and people say*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*The Intercessor and people pray responsively*

*Intercessor* Be with us, O Christ, in the offering of our prayers, as we respond, “Hear us, God of Glory.”

That by your blessing and unfaltering presence we may choose life over death, and follow the path whose destination is spiritual prosperity and whose way is uncompromising love; let us pray.

*People* **Hear us, God of Glory.**

*Intercessor* That our ministry with and for each other may take on the yoke of servanthood, the garment of humility that transcends quarreling, false witness, and self-righteousness, so that we may walk the road that leads to Christ, and bear witness to his truth; let us pray.

*People* **Hear us, God of Glory.**

*Intercessor* That the Church, in her desire to foster growth and change, may respond to the needs of those outside her fellowship, proclaiming the liberating power of forgiveness and the glorious freedom that flows from God’s glorious mercy; let us pray.

*People* **Hear us, God of Glory.**

*Intercessor* For peace throughout the world, beginning with our families and friends, flowing into the hearts of our political leaders, finding its fulfillment through the nations and peoples of the world; let us pray.

*People* **Hear us, God of Glory.**

*Intercessor* In thanksgiving for those who tend to the needs of the poor, giving aid when needed, training when helpful, teaching when called upon, and who commit to those whom others neglect; let us pray.

*People* **Hear us, God of Glory.**

*Intercessor* In thanksgiving for the promise of eternal life, and for the intercessions of those who have died and who now live upon another shore and in a greater light; let us pray.



*People* **Hear us, God of Glory.**

*Intercessor* In thanksgiving for our children, who unknowingly capture the essence of mystery, drawing us beyond earthly wisdom and revealing the simplicity of faith; let us pray.

*People* **Hear us, God of Glory.**

*Intercessor* In the confidence of God's unending love, let us continue our prayers.

*Silence*

*The people may add their own intercessions and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.*

*The Priest-Celebrant concludes with a suitable Collect.*

BCP 395

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

CONFESSON OF SIN

BCP 359

*The Priest-Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All kneel.*

*Silence is kept.*

*The Priest-Celebrant and people say*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Priest-Celebrant stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

*All stand.*

*The Priest-Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Then the Priest-Celebrant and people may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*The Priest-Celebrant says to the people*

BCP 376

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

*The people sit.*

*The people place their offerings and commitment/pledge cards into offering plates, which are brought to the altar as an offering to God, and blessed by the Priest-Celebrant.*

Offertory Anthem: Light Shone in Darkness – Dufner/Hurd

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Eucharistic Prayer A*

BCP 361

*The people stand.*

*The Priest-Celebrant faces them and says*

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Altar, the Priest-Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS

Hymnal S-124

*Priest-Celebrant and People*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people kneel.*

*Then the Priest-Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Priest-Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Priest-Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

*People*     **AMEN.**

*The Priest-Celebrant continues*

And now, as our Savior  
Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

*People and Priest-Celebrant*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Priest-Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Facing the people, the Priest-Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The Priest-Celebrant and ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

*How to Receive Communion and An Invitation to Baptism*

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive communion. If you do not wish to receive, you may come forward for a blessing, indicating this by crossing your arms over your chest. If you desire to be Baptized and thereby enter into membership in the mystical Body of Christ, the Church, please contact the Priest-in-Charge.*

*At the altar rail, to receive the bread, lay your right hand in your left hand, palm open. To receive the wine, as the priest brings the chalice to your lips, gently touch the base of the chalice and help guide it.*

*We do not allow the practice of intinction, or dipping the bread into the consecrated wine. If you do not wish to receive the consecrated wine, please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest. Although we encourage reception in both kinds, the grace of God present in the holy sacrament is fully available in the bread or the wine alone.*

*If you would like communion brought to you in your pew, please tell an usher and the priest will come to you.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

BCP 365

*Celebrant*           The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.  
*Communicant*       **Amen.**

*Celebrant*           The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.  
*Communicant*       **Amen.**

*The people join the choir in singing the hymns during Communion.*

Hymns During Communion

Hymn 674 “Forgive our sins as we forgive”

Hymn 304 I come with joy to meet my Lord

*After Communion, the Priest-Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Priest-Celebrant and People*

BCP 365

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members**

of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Priest-Celebrant blesses the people.*

Book of Occasional Services

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives  
may be a light to the world; and the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you  
and remain with you for ever.

*People*    **Amen.**

Post-Communion Hymn: 594 God of grace and God of glory

THE DISMISSAL

*The Priest-Celebrant dismisses the people.*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Son of God, Eternal Savior - E. Weiss

*The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by  
Randy & Karen Holden in loving memory of her sister, Kathy Strabley.*

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## An Outline of the Faith commonly called the Catechism

### The Church

Q. What is the Church?

A. The Church is the community of the New Covenant.

Q. How is the Church described in the Bible?

A. The Church is described as the Body of which Jesus Christ is the Head and of which all baptized persons are members. It is called the People of God, the New Israel, a holy nation, a royal priesthood, and the pillar and ground of truth.

Q. How is the Church described in the creeds?

A. The Church is described as one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.

Q. Why is the Church described as one?

A. The Church is one, because it is one Body, under one Head, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Q. Why is the Church described as holy?

A. The Church is holy, because the Holy Spirit dwells in it, consecrates its members, and guides them to do God's work.

Q. Why is the Church described as catholic?

A. The Church is catholic, because it proclaims the whole Faith to all people, to the end of time.

Q. Why is the Church described as apostolic?

A. The Church is apostolic, because it continues in the teaching and fellowship of the apostles and is sent to carry out Christ's mission to all people.

Q. What is the mission of the Church?

A. The mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.

Q. How does the Church pursue its mission?

A. The Church pursues its mission as it prays and worships, proclaims the Gospel, and promotes justice, peace, and love.



- Q. Through whom does the Church carry out its mission?  
A. The church carries out its mission through the ministry of all its members.
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**COMMUNICATION CARD**  
February 12, 2023

Welcome! You have blessed us with your presence. Please tell us how we can best serve you by completing the Communication Card.

Please place in the offering basket, hand it to an usher, or place on the table in the vestibule.

I'm looking for a church home  
 I'd like to speak with a clergy member  
 I'm ready to become a member  
 I'm just visiting today

**Name & Address**  Please update

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**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Children's names and ages**

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**Please give me more information about:**

Children's / Youth Programs  
 Social events  
 Outreach opportunities  
 Classes and Small Group Studies  
 Baptism or Confirmation  
 How I can get involved

**How did you hear about Epiphany?**


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**FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

**New to the Prayer List:** John Sarvay 

**Parishioners:** Mike Young, Bob Jimerson, Fran LaVigne, Buddy Dunn, Milton Jenkins, Chip Dunn, Herb Williams, Marion Magruder, Martha Jenkins

**Homebound:** Ray Hampton, Dot Hudson, Joyce Melton, Ina Stickel, and Irene Morris

**Family & Friends:** Lynn Selfe—friend of Gray & Frosine Corbett, Deb—cousin of Jeri Anne Townley, David Thabet, Elizabeth Mickel,—relatives of Denise Russell and Sandy Ruder, Christian Devol—friend of Cheryl Lineberry, Easton Guyer—Cheryl Lineberry's grandson, Kelly & Steve Schaaf, Emily, Karen Rood—Jeri Anne Townley's sister, Melissa Matthews—friend of Kim Ludwig, Jack Nance, friend of Cheryl Lineberry, Judy Watson—Martha Jenkins niece & Marty Shephard & Sandy Tignor's cousin, Janie Dunnlevy—friend of Lucy & Wayne, Billy Callahan—friend of Karen Holden, Joanita Senoga—friend of Jeri Townley, Joan Church—Gail Wood's stepmother, Jean McDonough—Kim Ludwig & Karen Tucker's aunt, John, Marchelle Clarke—April Craver's mother, Donna Ludwig—Dwight Ludwig's mom, David Muse, Johnny Jorstad—Martha Jenkins son & Marty Shephard & Sandy Tignor's brother,

**Prayers for the departed:** George Baynes

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**CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY**

Today's Ministers  
**10:30 PM—Worship Service**

**Ushers:** Scott Blackwell, Kim Ruder

**Acolytes:** Kim Ludwig, Ceanna Cloyes

**Lessons:** Gray Corbett

**Prayers of the People:** Gray Corbett

**Chalice:** Gray Corbett

**Sun. School Helper:** Augustine Kiplagat

**Altar Guild:** Cheri & Scott Blackwell

**Coffee Hour:** Cony Barrett, Becky Card

**Counters:** Gray Corbett, Kim Ludwig

**Weekly Worship**

**Sundays at 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.**


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**The Church of the Epiphany**  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany**  
February 12, 2023



Welcome—we are glad you are here! Know that whoever you are, and where ever you are in your spiritual journey, you have a place here. If you are new, or haven't yet given us your contact information, please complete the attached communication card and place it in the plate so that you can learn more about Epiphany's community.

*Introducing the Lessons*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-29

In the Hebrew scripture lesson Moses presents the people with their choice: love and obey the Lord and find life, or turn away to other gods and know death. Israel is about to cross over into the promised land and this is Moses final charge to them. In historical terms the speech was probably composed many hundreds of years later, near the time of the exile, after Israel had experienced much backsliding from the Lord. But this is still their choice: blessing or curse—life and good, or death and evil.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

In this lesson Paul admonishes the Corinthians for their bickering and divisions. Missionaries like Paul and Apollos are not to be regarded as leaders of separate sects. They are coworkers in the Lord's field, while it is God who supplies the growth. To think otherwise is immature and is based on worldly rather than spiritual understandings.

The Gospel: Matthew 5:21-37

In our gospel we hear of Jesus' concern with the heart of human behavior. Discipleship means far more than observance of the outward forms of the law. Genuinely to fulfill the commandments not to kill, not to commit adultery, and not to swear falsely requires a transformation of one's life. One must be willing to cast away any part of the self which opposes this change of mind and heart.

**On the Calendar and Coming up**

**Sun. Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>**  
8:15 am Holy Eucharist  
10:30am—Holy Eucharist

7:30 pm—AA Meeting in parish hall

**Tue. Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>**  
7:00 pm—JRRingers

**Wed. Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>**  
12:00 noon —Holy Eucharist  
6:00 pm—Bible Study

**Thur. Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>**  
6:15 pm—Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 pm— Handbell Rehearsal

**Fri. Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>**  
7:30 pm —AA meeting in the parish hall

**Sat. Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>**  
10—12 noon— Diaper Ministry  
1:00 pm—George Baynes Burial (private)

**Sun. Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>**  
8:15 am Holy Eucharist  
10:30 am—Holy Eucharist

7:30pm —AA meeting in the parish hall

**The prayers & sympathy** of the congregation are extended to Joy Baynes and family on the death of her husband, George Baynes who died on Friday, January 20th. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

**News from the kitchen:** Please check the board and sign up for an upcoming coffee hour. We have the following dates open: Feb. 19, and 26 and all of March!

We are also bringing back the pancake supper. This will be held on Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> from 5—7:30. Looking for volunteers. Let Diana know if you are able to help.

Attendance: February 5, 2023  
8:15 am 3  
10:30 am 59

**Outreach Opportunities**



The diaper ministry continues to hold diaper distribution on the third Saturday of each month from 10 am to 12:00 noon. This inspirational ministry has been touching families lives in our community since 2018 and continues to welcome new families each month. This ministry offers the parish an outreach opportunity to share God's love and develop relationships within our community. The most recent diaper distribution was held on January 21<sup>st</sup> and we welcomed 42 families and continue to see new families. The next diaper distribution day is on February 18<sup>th</sup>. A sign-up sheet is on the outreach board in the parish hallway for anyone interested in volunteering. Donations of diapers (sizes 5 & 6) and wipes are also appreciated. Thank you again to everyone for your continued support of this ministry!



A copy of the **2023 homeless lunch schedule** is available on the bulletin board in the parish hallway if anyone would like a copy and a BIG thank you to the Green team for volunteering to take on the last month of 2023 for the homeless lunches. If anyone is interested in taking part in this ministry, ALL are welcome! Contact Mary Sam Abernathy (msabernathy88@gmail.com) or the team lead, for the team you are interested in helping. **The next lunches are scheduled to be prepared and delivered by the Red Team on March 4<sup>th</sup>.** Thanks and gratitude goes out to Chapters 4 & 5 for preparing and delivering lunches on February 4<sup>th</sup>. A huge THANK YOU to everyone who continues to support this ministry that is currently in the 24<sup>th</sup> year! Donations of paper lunch bags, sandwich bags and napkins are always welcome as well and can be dropped at the church office. Additionally, if you have further questions or concerns, I am always available to answer any questions. Crystal Sarvay, Outreach Coordinator ([crystalsarvay@gmail.com](mailto:crystalsarvay@gmail.com)).



There are currently some needs within our elementary schools. They are requesting these items for their clinics for those students who may come in and find a special need during the day, which oftentimes does occur. These items include **boys and girl's pants with elastic waists, sizes 5 through 14 (sweat pant type) and children underwear sizes 5 through 14.** If anyone would like to donate any of these items, I will have a box in the parish hallway for them. These can be donated up through February 28<sup>th</sup>. Thank you so much!



Additionally, if anyone has found more coats since our coat drive that they would like to give away, please bring them in to church to donate. There are many children in need of warm coats within our county schools who would greatly appreciate them. Thank you so much!

*The love and kindness that our parish share is beyond amazing!  
Love live here!*



**COMMUNICATION CARD**

February 12, 2023  
Our Communication Card is for **all people at The Church of the Epiphany** so that you can share your thoughts and prayers, and request information.

If you are new, please complete the opposite side so we also have your contact information.

I'd like more information about an upcoming event or program

I am RSVPing or signing up for:

I am interested in learning more about how to be part of the following ministries or programs:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Music          | <input type="checkbox"/> Greeters      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Guild    | <input type="checkbox"/> Pastoral Care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office help    | <input type="checkbox"/> Readers       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christian Ed   | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Team   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach       | <input type="checkbox"/> Ushers        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chalice Bearer | <input type="checkbox"/> _____         |

**Prayer Requests / Comments**

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