

The Church of the Epiphany

The Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year A

May 7, 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.)

Please silence your cell phones and electronic devices

Prelude: *Christe Sanctorum* – C. Callaban

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

The people stand.

Hymn: 1 *Father, we praise thee*

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

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

BCP 355

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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 Priest-Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

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Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life:
Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be
the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly
follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with
you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and
ever. *Amen.*

The people sit.

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

Reader A Reading from Acts [7:55-60]

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence follows

Reader The Psalm for today is a portion of
Psalm 31 [*In te, Domine, speravi*]
We will read responsively by whole verse.

BCP 622

- 1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 **Incline your ear to me; ***
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

**4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set
for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.**

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O LORD, O God of truth.

**15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.**

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."

Reader A Reading from 1 Peter [2:2-10]

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to
shame."

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner",

and

"A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the
mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his
marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence follows

The people stand.

Gospel Acclamation for Eastertide
Alleluias

James Biery

Sung through three, six, or nine times.



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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
According to John [14:1-14].

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

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the

Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

After the Gospel, the Priest-Celebrant says

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE HOMILY

The Rev'd Kristin Wickersham

Silence follows

The people stand. The Priest-Celebrant and people say

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

**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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessions for Year A

The Intercessor and people pray responsively

Intercessor Let us call upon God to hear our prayers and to grant us
 those things that are in accord with the divine will,
 responding, “Hear us, O risen Christ.”

For Christians who are imprisoned and persecuted for
 their faith that, like Stephen, they may follow the light
 that casts out all fear; let us pray.

People **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

Intercessor That we may do the works that Jesus revealed in his

ministry, the healing of the sick, the raising up of the lowly, the giving of sight to the blind, and the blessing of the poor and the grieving; let us pray.

People **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

Intercessor For those who are spiritually lost, or who question their faith, or whose souls are wrapped in the shadows of doubt, that they may share their misgivings with Jesus, who unfolds the truth and reveals a way; let us pray.

People **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

Intercessor That the Church may vigorously proclaim the alleluias of Easter, revealing the light of Christ, whose victory over death breaks the chains of darkness and despair; let us pray.

People **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

Intercessor In thanksgiving for the beauty that is set before our eyes, and for the mysteries yet unseen, that we may honor the expansiveness of creation and be guardians of its splendor; let us pray.

People **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

Intercessor In thanksgiving for missionaries throughout the world, who reveals God's Word in challenging times and places; let us pray.

People **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

Intercessor That the Lord may comfort those in the waning days of life, and bring to life eternal those who have died in the hope of the resurrection; let us pray.

People **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

Intercessor As the community of the New Covenant, and the Body of which Jesus Christ is the Head let us add to these petitions.

Silence follows

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

The Priest-Celebrant concludes with a suitable Collect.

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COLLECT AT THE PRAYERS

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask.
Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good
things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant
us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Priest-Celebrant says to the people

BCP 376

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches
and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing.
Revelation 5:12

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our
life and labor to the Lord.

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: *All People That On Earth Do Dwell* – G. Young

The people stand.

Hymn 174 *At the Lamb's high feast we sing*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Priest-Celebrant faces the people 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.**

The Priest-Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every- where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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-125

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 stand or kneel.

Then the Priest-Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

The Priest-Celebrant and people say

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Priest-Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all

things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Blessed Mary, the Mother of God, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 Priest-Celebrant and people say

BCP 364

**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.**

THE AGNUS DEI

Hymnal S-161

Priest-Celebrant and People

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.**

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

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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: 487 *Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life*

Taizé Chant

**Eat this bread, Drink this cup
Come to Him and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, Drink this cup,
Trust in Him and you will not thirst.**

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.

Planning for Rites and Rituals

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

People **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever.

People **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance.

People **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn 518 *Christ is made the sure foundation*

THE DISMISSAL

The Priest-Celebrant dismisses the people.

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Postlude: Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem – C.S. Lang

The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by John & Crystal Sarvay in loving memory of her sister Linda Patterson Johnson.

An Outline of the Faith commonly called the Catechism

Human Nature
845

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Q. What are we by nature?

A. We are part of God's creation, made in the image of God.

Q. What does it mean to be created in the image of God?

A. It means that we are free to make choices: to love, to create, to reason, and to live in harmony with creation and with God.

Q. Why then do we live apart from God and out of harmony with creation?

A. From the beginning, human beings have misused their freedom and made wrong choices.

Q. Why do we not use our freedom as we should?

A. Because we rebel against God, and we put ourselves in the place of God.

Q. What help is there for us?

A. Our help is in God.

Q. How did God first help us?

A. God first helped us by revealing himself and his will, through nature and history, through many seers and saints, and especially the prophets of Israel.

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COMMUNICATION CARD
May 7, 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

Phone _____

Email _____

Children's names and ages

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: Earl Dunn—Buddy Dunn's brother

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: Donna Ludwig—Dwight Ludwig's mom, Johnny Jorstad—Martha Jenkins son & Marty Shephard & Sandy Tignor's brother, Phyllis Lowell—Nancy Sonne's sister, Tom Devol—friend of Cheryl Lineberry, Jean Stone—John Stone's mother, Dave Nichols—friend of Karen Holden, Christian Devol—Cheryl Lineberry's friend, David Thabet and Elizabeth Mickel—relatives of Sandy Ruder & Denise Russell, Maratha Kadi—Timon's mother, Bill McCarty—Ann Poates' brother, Kim Prince—friend of Lim Ludwig, Alex Kieber—Benjamin Holden's brother in-law, John Henry Rice—son of Fr. John & Mackie Rice, the family of Brian Taggart—nephew of Ellie Tuck

Prayers for the departed:

Weekly Worship

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

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

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Prayers of the People: Jeri Anne Townley

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Coffee Hour: Women's Breakfast

Counters: Gray Corbett

The Church of the Epiphany
ANNOUNCEMENTS
Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 7, 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

1st Reading: Acts 7:55-60

A deacon of the church, Stephen, preaches salvation history before the high priest and the council, culminating in a vision of Jesus standing at God's right hand. Those gathered are provoked by this testimony that, enraged, they drag him from the city and stone him to death. Those stoning Stephen lay their cloaks at the feet of a young man named Saul, who will later become the apostle Paul. Stephen prays God to forgive those putting him to death, as did Jesus from the cross.

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10

This reading presents a series of images from the Old Testament, describing Christians as a chosen people called by God to God's service. It is possible that the passage was once used during an Easter season baptismal liturgy. Newborn disciples are to purify themselves and, as living stones, to join themselves to Jesus, the rejected one, who now is the cornerstone of the spiritual temple. They are the new Israel, called out of darkness into light.

The Gospel: John 14:1-14

In our gospel passage Jesus speaks with his disciples shortly before his passion and tells them that he is the way, the truth, and the life. He is the way because he himself is going the way of the sacrifice of his death, so to prepare a place for his disciples. In this way followers will discover the truth that Jesus so intimately reflects the character of God that those who have seen him have seen the Father. All who come to the Father through Jesus will find true life.

On the Calendar and Coming up

Sun. May 7th
 8:15 am—Holy Eucharist
 9:00 am—Women's Breakfast
 10:30 am—Holy Eucharist

7:30 pm—AA Meeting in parish hall

Wed. May 10th
 Noon — Holy Eucharist
 7:00 pm—Bible Study

Thur. May 11th
 6:15 pm—Choir rehearsal
 7:30 pm—Handbell Rehearsal

Fri. May 12th
 7:30 pm —AA meeting in the parish hall

Sat. May 13th
 2-4 pm—John Sarvay's Retirement party

Sun. May 14th
 8:15 am—Holy Eucharist
 10:30 am—Holy Eucharist

7:30pm —AA meeting in the parish hall

Crystal Sarvay would like to invite the parish family to John's retirement celebration on Saturday, May 13th, in the parish hall between 2-4 pm. Drop by and wish him well as he takes on a new journey. We have been so blessed and thankful for all your prayers, support, and encouragement throughout his medical issues this year. We are truly blessed to have such a special place to call our church home!

Sunday, June 4th — Acolyte Appreciation Day!

Attendance: April 30, 2023
 8:15 am 4
 10:30 am 56

Outreach Opportunities



The diaper ministry continues to hold diaper distribution on the third Saturday of every month from 10 am to 12 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 Saturday, April 15th and **the next diaper distribution day is on May 20th**. A sign-up sheet is on the outreach board in the parish hallway for anyone interested in volunteering. Donations of diapers (sizes 5 and 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. 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 Chapter 11 on June 3rd**. Thank you to Chapter 4 & 5 team who prepared and delivered lunches on May 6th. This ministry is currently in its 24th 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).



Lambs Basket continues to need donations of food items, particularly cereals, peanut butter, jams, jellies, and canned foods. Please, bring in your donations and leave them in the parish hallway in the red wagon. Thank you for your continued support of this project.

If anyone has any outreach projects or needs, they are aware of in the community, please share them! See Crystal Sarvay, Outreach Coordinator, or email at epiphanyrvaparishnurse@gmail.com.

*The love and kindness that our parish shares is beyond amazing!
 Love lives here!*



COMMUNICATION CARD

May 7, 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 |
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Prayer Requests / Comments