

Church of the Epiphany

The Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 2, 2024 (Year B)
10:30 a.m. Family Mass

The Holy Eucharist

according to

THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER 1979

Rite II

The Hymnal, 1982, and
Wonder, Love, and Praise: A Supplement to The Hymnal 1982

*Welcome to the Church of the Epiphany.
The Anglican tradition values common prayer.
Praying together shapes our faith, binds us together, and helps us grow closer to God.
We invite you to pray with us today.
Page numbers refer to the Book of Common Prayer, 1979 (the red book).
Hymns noted with an S are in the frontmost section of The Hymnal, 1982 (the blue book).
Hymns noted with WLP are in Wonder, Love, and Praise (the green book).*

The half-hour before the Mass is a time of quiet prayer and preparation.

Please silence or turn off your electronic devices.

Prelude: O Christ, the Healer – W. Held

Welcome and Announcements

PREPARATION RITES

BCP 355

Hymn 47 On this day, the first of days

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

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.**

The 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
Hymn 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 Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Celebrant faces the altar and says the Collects.

Celebrant Let us pray.

BCP 229

O God, your never-failing providence sets in order all things
both in heaven and earth: Put away from us, we entreat you, all
hurtful things, and give us those things which are profitable for

us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

BCP 357

All sit for the Readings.

Reader A Reading from Deuteronomy 5:12-15 (REB)

MOSES summoned all Israel and said to them: Israel, listen to the statutes and the laws which I proclaim to you this day. Learn them, and be careful to observe them. The LORD our God made a covenant with us at Horeb. It was not with our forefathers that the LORD made this covenant, but with us, all of us who are alive and are here this day. The LORD spoke with you face to face on the mountain out of the heart of the fire. I stood between the LORD and you at that time to report the words of the LORD; for you were afraid of the fire and did not go up the mountain. The LORD said:

I am the LORD your God who brought you out of Egypt, out of that land where you lived as slaves.

You must have no other gods beside me.

You are not to make a carved image for yourself, nor the likeness of anything in the heavens above, or on the earth below, or in the waters under the earth.

You must not worship or serve them; for I am the LORD your God, a jealous God, punishing children for the sins of their parents to the third and fourth generations of those who reject me. But I keep faith with thousands, those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrong use of the name of the LORD your God; the LORD will not leave unpunished anyone who misuses his name.

Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy as the LORD your God commanded you. You have six days to labour and do all your work; but the seventh day there is a sabbath of the LORD your God; that day you must not do any work, neither you, nor your son or your daughter, your slave or your slave-girl, your ox, your donkey, or any of your cattle, or the alien residing among you, so that your slaves and slave-girls may rest as you do. Bear in mind that you were slaves in Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out with a strong hand and an outstretched arm, and for that reason the LORD your God has commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence.

Directions for Reciting the Psalter

The Psalm is read Responsively, the minister alternating with the congregation, verse by verse. An asterisk divides each verse into two parts. In reading, a distinct pause should be made at the asterisk. The pause is long enough to take a breath as one silently says the Name of Jesus. Commas in Psalms are not observed with a pause; a pause is observed at semi-colons. The Psalms are best able to be said when the readers both lower the pitch and volume of their voice.

BCP 583

Reader The Psalm for today is
Psalm 81, *Exultate Deo*

BCP 704

- 1 Sing with joy to God our strength * *(pause)*
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.
- 2 **Raise a song and sound the timbrel, * *(pause)*
the merry harp, and the lyre.**
- 3 Blow the ram's-horn at the new moon, * *(pause)*
and at the full moon, the day of our feast.
- 4 **For this is a statute for Israel, * *(pause)*
a law of the God of Jacob.**
- 5 He laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, * *(pause)*
when he came out of the land of Egypt.

6 I heard an unfamiliar voice saying * (pause)
"I eased his shoulder from the burden;
his hands were set free from bearing the load."

7 You called on me in trouble, and I saved you; * (pause)
I answered you from the secret place of thunder
and tested you at the waters of Meribah.

8 Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you:
*** (pause)**
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!

9 There shall be no strange god among you; * (pause)
you shall not worship a foreign god.

10 I am the Lord your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt and
said, * (pause)
"Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said by All

THE GLORIA PATRI

BCP 406

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Reader A Reading from 2 Corinthians [4:5-12] (REB)

It is not ourselves that we proclaim; we proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus's sake. For the God who said, 'Out of darkness light shall shine,' has caused his light to shine in our hearts, the light which is knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have only earthenware jars to hold this treasure, and this proves that such transcendent power does not come from us; it is God's alone. We are hard pressed, but never cornered; bewildered, but never at our wits' end; hunted, but never abandoned to our fate; struck down, but never killed. Wherever we go we carry with us in our body the death that Jesus died, so that in this body also the life that Jesus lives may be revealed. For Jesus's sake we are all our life being handed over to death,

so that the life of Jesus may be revealed in this mortal body of ours. Thus death is at work in us, but life in you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence.

The people stand for the Gospel procession

Hymn 440 Blessed Jesus, at thy word

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

According to Mark [2:23-3:6]

(REB)

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

One sabbath he was going through the cornfields; and as they went along his disciples began to pluck ears of corn. The Pharisees said to him, 'Why are they doing what is forbidden on the sabbath?' He answered, 'Have you never read what David did when he and his men were hungry and had nothing to eat? He went into the house of God, in the time of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the sacred bread, though no one but a priest is allowed to eat it, and even gave it to his men.'

He also said to them, 'The sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath: so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.'

On another occasion when he went to synagogue, there was a man in the congregation who had a withered arm; and they were watching to see whether Jesus would heal him on the sabbath, so that they could bring a charge against him. He said to the man with the withered arm, 'Come and stand out here.' Then he turned to them: 'Is it permitted to do good or to do evil on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?' They had nothing to say; and, looking round at them with anger and sorrow at their obstinate stupidity, he said to the man, 'Stretch out your arm.' He stretched it out and his arm was restored. Then the Pharisees, on

leaving the synagogue, at once began plotting with the men of Herod's party to bring about Jesus's death.

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev'd Kristin Wickersham

Silence.

On Sundays and other Major Feasts there follows, all standing, said by all

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

The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

The Celebrant may introduce the Prayers with a sentence of invitation related to the occasion, or the season, or the Proper of the Day.

Celebrant You called on me in trouble, and I saved you; I answered you from the secret place of thunder and tested you at the waters of Meribah.

Silence.

The Intercessor and people pray responsively

Intercessor In confidence, we offer our prayers to the Lord, saying:
Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For the peace from above and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the peace of the whole world, for the stability of the holy churches of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For this holy house and for those who enter it with faith, reverence, and the fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For pious and Anglican Christians, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For our Bishop, Mark, for the honorable presbyterate, for the diaconate in Christ, and for all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For our country, the president, all those in public service, and for our armed forces everywhere, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the Holy and Great Church of Christ, for The Episcopal Church, for our Diocese, for this city and parish, for every city and land, and for the faithful who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For those who travel by land, sea, and air, for the sick, the suffering, the captives and for their salvation, especially Melanie, Ed, Karen, John Henry, Johnny, Caitlin, Judy, John, Dan & Donna, Bill, Marie, Jean, Derek, Cosette, Melissa, and Rayetta, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially Irene Morris, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and distress, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

Intercessor In the communion of the Holy Spirit, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with Blandina and all her companions, the Martyrs

of Lyons, and with all the saints, let us commend our selves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

People **To you, O Lord, our God.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

A Confession of Sin is said here if it has not been said earlier. On occasion, the Confession may be omitted.

The people kneel.

The Deacon or Celebrant says

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Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

Minister and People

**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 Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and pronounces absolution.

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

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All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord

THE HOLY COMMUNION

BCP 361

*The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with some sentence of Scripture.
During the Offertory, a hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.*

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God a portion of what God has given us, symbolically in the Bread and Wine and in the money we give. An offering is received to support Epiphany's ministry of sharing God's love. All are invited to make a thank offering as the plate is passed. The offerings are then brought to the altar to be blessed by the priest.

The people sit

Anthem: Heal Me, Hands of Jesus – C. Haywood

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings to the deacon or celebrant.
The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.*

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Hymn 538 God of mercy, God of grace

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

The people remain standing.

The 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 Table, the 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.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in 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

Hymn WLP-850

Missa Appalachia

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 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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The 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. **AMEN.**

The Celebrant continues

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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People and 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 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.**

In place of, or in addition to, the preceding, some other suitable anthem may be used.

Hymn WLP-875 Be known to us

Choir

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

Congregation

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

Choir

The bread which we break, alleluia,
is the communion of the body of Christ.

Congregation

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

Choir

One body are we, alleluia,
for though many we share one bread.

Congregation

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

While the people are coming forward to receive Communion, the Celebrant receives the Sacrament in both kinds. The bishops, priests, and deacons at the Holy Table then communicate, and after them, the people.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized Christians who come seeking the Body and Blood of Christ, who earnestly repent of their sins, are in love and charity with their neighbors, and intend to lead a new life following the commandments of God are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

All are welcome to come to the altar rail and receive a blessing from the priest. Indicate this at the rail by crossing both arms over your chest.

The Sacrament is celebrated using wheat bread and fermented grape wine.

We do not permit the practice of intincting the Holy Sacrament, or dipping the bread into the consecrated wine. If, for any reason, you do not wish to receive the bread or the wine, please cross your arms as the minister approaches. Although we encourage reception in both kinds, the grace of God present in the Holy Sacrament is fully available in the Body or Blood alone.

You may stand or kneel to receive Communion. The Body of Christ is received in the hand, the right hand laid flat and placed on top of the left. To receive the Blood of Christ, grasp only the base of the chalice and guide the chalice to your lips.

If you would like Communion brought to you in your pew, please inform an usher.

If you have not been baptized and find yourself drawn to Jesus Christ and life in him, please let our clergy know. We would be honored to have a conversation with you about baptism or answer any other questions. Baptism and life in the Body of Christ is open to all.

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 hymn during Communion.

Hymn WLP-791 Peace before us

David Haas

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The people stand for the post-Communion prayer, the blessing, and the dismissal.

Celebrant and People

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**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.***

A hymn may be sung before or after the postcommunion prayer.

BCP 409

Hymn 655 O Jesus, I have promised

The Celebrant blesses the people.

The blessing of God Almighty, The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses the people with these words

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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: 'This is the Day the Lord Hath Made – C. S. Lang

An Outline of the Faith
commonly called the Catechism

The Old Covenant

Q. What is meant by a covenant with God?

A. A covenant is a relationship initiated by God, to which a body of people responds in faith.

Q. What is the Old Covenant?

A. The Old Covenant is the one given by God to the Hebrew people.

Q. What did God promise them?

A. God promised that they would be his people to bring all the nations of the world to him.

Q. What response did God require from the chosen people?

A. God required the chosen people to be faithful; to love justice, to do mercy, and to walk humbly with their God.

Q. Where is this Old Covenant to be found?

A. The covenant with the Hebrew people is to be found in the books which we call the Old Testament.

Q. Where in the Old Testament is God's will for us shown most clearly?

A. God's will for us is shown most clearly in the Ten Commandments.

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Mr. Robert Steele ('27)
Mrs. Diana Stone ('27)

Ministers

The ministers of the Church are all lay people, bishops, priests, and
deacons.

COMMUNICATION CARD
June 2, 2024

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?

(over)

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

New to the Prayer List: Rayetta Barnhardt—friend of Diana Stone, Granvilleen — sister of Mary Goodwin 

Parishioners: Ray Hampton, Dot Hudson, Martha & Milton Jenkins, Fran LaVigne, Marion Magruder, Joyce Melton, Mike Young, Shirley Hughson, Dottie Strabley, Chris Tignor, Jeannie Riddick, Oscar Aderholt, John Sarvag, Thelma Smith

Family & Friends: Melanie Goodpasture— Carol McElhinney's daughter, Ed Morrow —friend of Kathy Jimerson, Karen Rood—sister of Jeri Townley, John Henry Rice—son of Fr. John & Mackie Rice, Johnny Jorstad—Martha Jenkins son & Marty Shephard & Sandy Tignor's brother, Caitlin & Fr. Kyle Bomare & their family, Judy Watson—cousin of Marty Shephard & Sandy Tignor, John Burkhardt — Brother-in-law of Chris & Sandy Tignor, Dan & Donna Ludwig—Dwight Ludwig's parents, Bill McCarty—brother of Ann Poates, Marie Patterson— Crystal Sarvag's mother, Jean Stone— John Stone's mother, Derek Anderson & Cosette Leonard—friends of Karen & Billy Tucker, Melissa Matthews—friend of Kim Ludwig

Prayers for the departed: Irene Morris

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

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Prayers of the People: Rosemary Arneson

Chalice: Cory Isemann

Sun. School Helper: Rejoice Pita

Altar Guild: Lucy Whitlock, Ann Poates

Coffee Hour: Cheri & Scott Blackwell, Mirendy Smith



The Church of the Epiphany

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 2, 2024

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 Lesson

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 5:12-15

In our Hebrew scripture lesson we hear the commandment to keep the sabbath day holy. Six days are sufficient for labor, but the sabbath is to be kept free from work and set aside for the Lord, a remembrance of the former captivity in Egypt and of God's deliverance.

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

In this lesson Paul teaches that although human weakness is all too apparent in those who preach the gospel, what is proclaimed is the glorious light of the revelation of God in Jesus Christ. The same divine light which first shone at the creation has now been manifested in Jesus. Human frailty becomes the means for God to prove that God is the source of the power of the gospel. Paul's sufferings and mortality are a way of sharing in the weakness and death in which Jesus himself participated. Yet through perseverance, they point beyond themselves to the source of life greater than death.

The Gospel: Mark 2:23—3:6

In the gospel Jesus proclaims in word and sign that the Son of Man is sovereign over the sabbath law. The interpretation of the Torah prevailing during this period regarded both the plucking of grain and healing to be forms of work, and therefore activities forbidden on the sabbath day. Jesus, however, teaches that human need and the doing of good must always take precedence over rigid interpretation, for "the sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath". Many Jewish teachers of the time agreed that the sabbath must always be seen as a blessing for human life and not as an arbitrary requirement. Jesus goes beyond this in announcing that he possesses an even greater authority for human behavior than the law.

On the Calendar and Coming up

Sun. June 2nd
 8:15 am — Holy Eucharist, Rite 1
 9:30 am — Children's Sunday School and Adult Forum
 10:30 am — Holy Eucharist, Rite 2

7:30 pm — AA Meeting in parish hall

Thur. June 6th
 6:15 pm—Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 7:30 pm—Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Fri. June 7th
 7:30 pm—AA meeting in Parish Hall

Sun. June 9th
 8:15 am — Holy Eucharist, Rite 1
 9:30 am — Children's Sunday School and Adult Forum
 10:30 am — Holy Eucharist, Rite 2

2nd Sunday lunch Picnic —Bring a side dish to share

7:30 pm — AA Meeting in parish hall

The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by Ron & Denise Russell in memory of their parents, Mitchell & Linda Mickel and Leo Russell.

We need you to sign up for Coffee Hour: There is a new schedule up in the hall by the kitchen door. Stop by and check it out to see when you would like to help us out by taking a Sunday. All is needed is make the coffee & lemonade and put out some cookies! We all enjoy this time of fellowship!

2nd Sunday Lunch Picnic next Sunday, June 9th, — potluck style. The hamburgers, hot dogs, buns and condiments will be provided, so please bring a side dish to share.

Bible Study has finished up for the summer. They will be back in September.

Correction for Mary Gallagher's email below!

Retirement for friends and family: *The Gallaghers would like to invite you to celebrate Darel's retirement. Join us in the Parish hall on Friday, June 14 between 6—9 pm. Food and refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to Mary Gallagher, marykallagher@gmail.com no later than June 9. No gifts are desired. We would gratefully appreciate it if you would consider bring a food item or funds to be donated to Lamb's Basket Food Pantry.*

Attendance: May 26, 2024
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 10:30 am 46

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 next diaper distribution will be on **June 15th**. A sign-up sheet is on the outreach board in the parish hallway for anyone interested in volunteering. Donations of diapers (sizes 4, 5 and 6) and wipes are also appreciated. Thank you again to everyone for your continued support of this ministry! We are currently working to develop partnerships with other community churches for support in this ministry.

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 Vestry Team on Saturday, July 6th. Thank you to the Red Team who prepared & delivered the bag lunches yesterday, June 1st.** The homeless lunch schedule for 2024 is up on the outreach board. We are in our 25th year of participating in this ministry. **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!

Our **"Little Library"** is now up. Please, see Ezra Axelle or Rosemary Arneson with questions regarding books being collected and placed for the community, or check out the list of book suggestions on the outreach board. There is a basket in the hallway for book collections.

The **"Blessing Box"** has been put together thanks to a great committee of individuals in our parish and is ready to be installed. More information will be forthcoming. This will be another great way to support our community. A list of suggested items will be placed on the outreach board. If you have any questions, please contact Crystal Sarvay.

Prior to the pandemic, the **parish nurse ministry** would hold blood pressure screenings monthly in the parlor. We are happy to offer this again starting **TODAY**, following the 10:30 service. Come and have your blood pressure checked. The blood pressure screenings will take place the first Sunday of every month. The next date will be July 7th. The mission of the parish nurse ministry is to promote a healthier faith community through spiritual support and healthier life choices. If there are any health professionals in the congregation who are interested in being part of the this ministry, please contact Crystal Sarvay.



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



COMMUNICATION CARD

June 2, 2024

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:

- Music
- Altar Guild
- Office help
- Christian Ed
- Outreach
- Ushers
- Chalice Bearer
- Greeters
- Pastoral Care
- Readers
- Prayer Team
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Prayer Requests / Comments
