

# Church of the Epiphany

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
June 23, 2024  
10:30 a.m. Family Service

## The Holy Eucharist

according to

THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER 1979  
The Hymnal 1982  
Wonder, Love, and Praise: A Supplement to the Hymnal 1982

### Rite II

*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.*

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

*You may wish to set your Prayer Book, Hymnals, and Bible before worship begins.  
The half-hour before the Mass is a time of quiet prayer and preparation.*

*Please silence or turn off your electronic devices.*

Prelude: Lord, Thy Word Abideth – C.S. Lang

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation Rites

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Hymn 372 Praise to the living God!, *Leoni*

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

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

*The following hymn is sung by all, standing  
Hymn S-280, Gloria in Excelsis*

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

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*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People* **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lessons

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*The people sit. The Lesson, as appointed, is read,*

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*the Reader first saying*

A Reading from Job [38:1-11]

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*

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.*

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*The people remain sitting.*

*Reader* The Psalm for today is a portion of  
Psalm 107, *Confitemini Domino* [1-3, 23-32]

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- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, \* *(pause)*  
and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 **Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim**  
\* *(pause)*  
**that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.**
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; \* *(pause)*  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.
- 23 **Some went down to the sea in ships \* *(pause)***  
**and plied their trade in deep waters;**
- 24 They beheld the works of the Lord \* *(pause)*  
and his wonders in the deep.
- 25 **Then he spoke, and a stormy wind arose, \* *(pause)***  
**which tossed high the waves of the sea.**
- 26 They mounted up to the heavens and fell back to the  
depths; \* *(pause)*  
their hearts melted because of their peril.

**27 They reeled and staggered like drunkards \* (pause)  
and were at their wits' end.**

28 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, \* (pause)  
and he delivered them from their distress.

**29 He stilled the storm to a whisper \* (pause)  
and quieted the waves of the sea.**

30 Then were they glad because of the calm, \* (pause)  
and he brought them to the harbor they were bound  
for.

**31 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy  
\* (pause)  
and the wonders he does for his children.**

32 Let them exalt him in the congregation of the people  
\* (pause)  
and praise him in the council of the elders.

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said by all*

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**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.**

*The people remain sitting,  
The Lesson, as appointed, is read,  
the Reader first saying*

A Reading from 2 Corinthians [6:1-13]

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*

The Word of the Lord.

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

*Silence.*

*The people stand for the Gospel procession*

Hymn 699 Jesus, Lover of my soul, *Aberystwyth*

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
According to Mark [4:35-41]

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

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*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.*

*The Celebrant says*

Let us pray in the words our Savior Christ has taught us.

*The people stand.  
There follows, said by all*

The Nicene Creed

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**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*

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*The Celebrant introduces the Prayers with a sentence of invitation*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, and his mercy endures for ever. The people cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

*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 Ray, Dot, Milton, Martha, Fran, Marion, Joyce, Mike, Shirley, Dottie, Chris, John Henry, Johnny, Caitlin, Kyle, Judy, John, Dan, Donna, Bill, Marie, Jean, Derek, Cosette, Melissa, Rayetta, Granvilleen, Suzanne, Melanie, Ed, R.J., and Karen, 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 St. Alban, Adelaide Teague Case, Bernard Mizeki, Marina the Monk, 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.*

Confession of Sin 359

*The people kneel.*

*The Deacon or Celebrant says* 360

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 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 360

*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

*The Celebrant begins the Offertory with some sentence of Scripture.*

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: In This Holy Place – D. Wagner

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings to the deacon or celebrant.*

*The people stand while the offerings are presented.*

Hymn 426 Songs of praise the angels sang, *Northampton*

The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer A*

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*The people remain standing.*

*The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest,  
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.

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 is sung, all standing*  
Hymn WLP-850, *Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus*

*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,

*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 addition to the preceding, a Fraction Hymn is sung.  
Hymn WLP-875*

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

*All* **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.

*All* **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.

*All* **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.**

*During the ministration of Communion, hymns, psalms, or anthems may be sung by all.*

Hymn WLP-791 Peace before us

**Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet.  
Peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace.  
Love before us, ...  
Light before us, ...  
Christ before us, ...  
Alleluia, alleluia ...  
Peace before us ...**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*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.  
The people stand.*

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Hymn 559 Lead us heavenly father, *Dulce carmen*

*The Bishop, when present, or the Priest may bless the people.*

*The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words*

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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: O God, Our Help in Ages Past – C. S. Lang

An Outline of the Faith  
commonly called the Catechism

God the Son

- Q. What do we mean when we say that Jesus is the only Son of God?
- A. We mean that Jesus is the only perfect image of the Father, and shows us the nature of God.
- Q. What is the nature of God revealed in Jesus?
- A. God is love.
- Q. What do we mean when we say that Jesus was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and became incarnate from the Virgin Mary?
- A. We mean that by God's own act, his divine Son received our human nature from the Virgin Mary, his mother.
- Q. Why did he take our human nature?
- A. The divine Son became human, so that in him human beings might be adopted as children of God, and be made heirs of God's kingdom.
- Q. What is the great importance of Jesus' suffering and death?
- A. By his obedience, even to suffering and death, Jesus made the offering which we could not make; in him we are freed from the power of sin and reconciled to God.
- Q. What is the significance of Jesus' resurrection?
- A. By his resurrection, Jesus overcame death and opened for us the way of eternal life.
- Q. What do we mean when we say that he descended to the dead?
- A. We mean that he went to the departed and offered them also the benefits of redemption.
- Q. What do we mean when we say that he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father?
- A. We mean that Jesus took our human nature into heaven where he now reigns with the Father and intercedes for us.

- Q. How can we share in his victory over sin, suffering, and death?
- A. We share in his victory when we are baptized into the New Covenant and become living members of Christ.
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## **Church of the Epiphany**

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Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00  
p.m.

### Clergy and Staff

The Rt. Rev'd E. Mark Stevenson, D. Min. *h.c.*, Bishop Diocesan  
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Mthr. Kristin Wickersham, Presider  
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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 23, 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

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

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

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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:**

**Parishioners:** Ray Hampton, Dot Hudson, Martha & Milton Jenkins, Fran LaVigne, Marion Magruder, Joyce Melton, Mike Young, Shirley Hughson, Dottie Strabley, Chris Tignor

**Family & Friends:** John Henry Rice—son of Fr. John & Mackie Rice, Johnny Jorstad—Martha Jenkins son & Marty Shephard & Sandy Tignor's brother, Caitlin & Fr. Kyle Bomare and 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 Sarvay's mother, Jean Stone— John Stone's mother, Derek Anderson & Cosette Leonard—friends of Karen & Billy Tucker, Melissa Matthews—friend of Kim Ludwig, Rayetta Barnhardt—friend of Diana Stone, Melanie Goodpasture— Carol McElhinney's daughter, Ed Morrow —friend of Kathy Jimerson, Granvilleen — sister of Mary Goodwin, Suzanne O'Donnell—friend of Mthr. Kristin, Karen Rood— sister of Jeri Townley, RJ Carr & family — son-in-law of Karen Whitlock Sheppard

**Prayers for the departed:**

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**CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY**

**Today's Ministers**

**Weekly Worship**

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

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**Chalice:** Cory Isemann

**Sun. School Helper:** Cory Isemann

**Altar Guild:** Carol McElhinney, Kathy Jimerson, Rosemary Arneson


**Coffee Hour:** Conny Barrett, Becky Carr, Thelma Smith

**The Church of the Epiphany**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

**June 23, 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**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Job 38:1-11

In our first reading God appears to Job out of the whirlwind and demands to know whether he is wise enough to question the Creator of the heavens and earth. The challenge seems almost brutal. Job, out of all his distress, had complained about the unfairness of life. He is now forced to recognize how little he understands the ways of the world and of God.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

In our epistle reading Paul continues to commend himself, together with the ministry of his coworkers, to the troubled Corinthian church. Paul and his colleagues have proven the value of their ministry through multiple and profound sufferings, and also in the tenor and quality of their labors. They do all of this in service to Christ and for the benefit of those for whom they strive, and at great personal cost. They have opened their hearts in every way to the Corinthians, and now Paul ask that their love and care find reciprocation.

The Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

The gospel is the story of Jesus' stilling of the storm. The narrative was used in the life of the early church to stress the importance of faith in difficult times. Still more significantly, it served to emphasize the majesty of the Lord Jesus whose power could control destructive natural forces and, symbolically, the cosmic forces of evil. Audiences of that time would recognize the parallel between Jesus' sovereignty over the storm and the power of God shown when he, according to myth, conquered the watery chaos and formed the world.

**On the Calendar and Coming up**

**Sun. June 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
 8:15 am — Holy Eucharist, Rite 1  
 9:30 am — Children's Sunday School  
 10:30 am — Holy Eucharist, Rite 2

11:30 am— Meeting for Education for Ministry information session

7:30 pm — AA Meeting in parish hall

**Thur. June 27<sup>th</sup>**  
 No Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Fri. June 28<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:30 pm—AA meeting in Parlor

**Sun. June 30<sup>th</sup>**  
 8:15 am — Holy Eucharist, Rite 1  
 9:30 am — Children's Sunday School  
 10:30 am — Holy Eucharist, Rite 2

7:30 pm — AA Meeting in parish hall

*The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by Jennifer Jefcoats in memory of her mother, Penny Jefcoats.*

**For the next couple of weeks**, we are in the process of re-keying the locks to the church and parish hall. So, if you need to get in, please call to see that someone is here to let you in. If you have an old key you can turn it back in to the office.

**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!

**Last Thursday**, as I was walking into the church, a woman called to me from her parked car. She wanted to thank Epiphany for the Blessing Box. She shared how she lost her husband last year. As much as it rocked her world it was even harder for her adult daughter, who was writing suicidal sounding notes. We had a lengthy and productive discussion. We ended by praying for her family to seek the strength and peace that only God can provide. She said it was the first time she allowed herself to cry since her husband passed. It was a very moving moment for both of us. She even accepted an invitation to join us on Sunday. We must acknowledge that this interaction would not have occurred without the vision of John and Crystal Sarvey to create a Blessing Box. We can't know how this story will play out but this simple outreach idea may have significantly impacted this family's life. Who knows how many others were touched for which we are unaware. Thank you Crystal and John. Thank you giving to the Lord.  
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**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 **July 20<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 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 6<sup>th</sup>**. The homeless lunch schedule for 2024 is up on the outreach board. We are in our 25<sup>th</sup> 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 Sarvey, Outreach Coordinator ([crystalsarvey@gmail.com](mailto:crystalsarvey@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 has been placed across from the "Little Library". This is 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 Sarvey.

Prior to the pandemic, the **parish nurse ministry** would hold blood pressure screenings monthly in the parlor. We are happy to offer this again 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 7<sup>th</sup>. 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 Sarvey.

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



**COMMUNICATION CARD**

June 23, 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:

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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        |
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**Prayer Requests / Comments**

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