

Church of the Epiphany

The Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 9, 2024
Proper 5, Year B
10:30 a.m. Family Mass

The Holy Eucharist

according to

THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER 1979

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.

Page numbers refer to the Book of Common Prayer, 1979 (the red book).

Numbered Hymns are in The Hymnal, 1982 (the blue book).

Hymn numbers preceded by an S are service music and are in the frontmost portion of The Hymnal 1982 (the blue book). Hymns numbers preceded by WLP are in Wonder, Love, and Praise (the green book).

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: Voluntary in D – J. Stanley

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation Rites

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Entrance Hymn 391 Before the Lord's eternal throne

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 God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; 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, the Reader first saying

A Reading from Genesis [3:8-15]

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
Psalm 130, *De profundis*

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- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice; * *(pause)*
let your ears consider well the voice of my
supplication.
- 2 **If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, ***
(pause)
O Lord, who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you; * *(pause)*
therefore you shall be feared.
- 4 **I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; * *(pause)***
in his word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the Lord,
more than watchmen for the morning, * *(pause)*
more than watchmen for the morning.
- 6 **O Israel, wait for the Lord, * *(pause)***
for with the Lord there is mercy;

7 With him there is plenteous redemption, * (*pause*)
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

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 [4:13-5:1]

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 621 Light's abode, celestial Salem
(sung to the alternative tune, *Regent's Square*, found at Hymn 93).

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
According to Mark [3:20-35]

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

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

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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.*

Hymn 295 Sing praise to our Creator

Recognition of Ministries in the Church

The Celebrant says these or similar words

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body and given charisms by God for a variety of ministries for the common good and for the service of others.

Presenters: Robert Steele and Diana Stone have been called to the ministry of Vestry service in this parish church, under the spiritual jurisdiction of our Priest-in-Charge, and subject to the rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer and the Constitution and Canons of this Church.

People **Praise be to God, who has called you to this service.**

Celebrant Let us pray. *(Silence)*

Celebrant and People: **Look with favor upon those whom you have called, O God, and grant that they may be so filled with your Holy Spirit that they may minister in their chosen task with joy and steadfast devotion; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant In the Name of God, we recognize you, Robert and Diana, as Vestry Members and give you this copy of the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church and The Diocese of Virginia, as well as this key to the Church as a token of your ministry.

Celebrant For three years, John Sarvay, Gray Corbett, and John Norris have served faithfully on the vestry of Church of the Epiphany. As they complete their service and move on to new ministries in this church and the world, we honor their service to the Church with gratitude.

Celebrant Let us pray. *(Silence)*

Celebrant and People: **Gracious God, we thank you for the work and witness of your servants, John, Gray, and John, who have enriched this parish church; now bless and preserve them**

at this time of transition. Guide them in the continued use of your gifts. Give them sustenance for temporal and spiritual needs, friends to cheer their way, and a clear vision of the ministry to which you are now calling them. By your Holy Spirit, be present in their pilgrimage, that they may travel with the One who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, Jesus, Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Welcoming New People to a Congregation

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Celebrant Brothers and Sisters in Christ, in companionship with each other as we journey in faith, we welcome new members into the Church of the Epiphany. We welcome them to join us as we seek to love the Lord our God with heart and soul, mind and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We welcome and cherish their unique gifts and experiences as together we follow the Holy Spirit in transforming this parish church for the work and mission of Jesus Christ.

The new members are presented.

Presenters I present N.N. to be welcomed as members of this parish.

Celebrant Do you desire to continue your journey into Christ as a member of Church of the Epiphany?

New Member I do.

Celebrant Will you commit yourself to seek and serve Christ in this community of faith and pledge to work, pray, and give to build up our common life?

New Member I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you who witness these promises do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People: **Loving God, we give thanks that you have brought N.N. to join us in ministry. Knit us together, one to another, so that in unity we may know you and serve you in Jesus' name. 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

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

Voluntary: Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above – arr. K. McChesney

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

The people stand while the offerings are presented.

Hymn 538 God of mercy, God of grace

The Great Thanksgiving
Eucharistic Prayer A

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*The people remain standing.
The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest,
faces them and says*

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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 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.**

All sing the hymn during the ministration of Communion.

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 ...
Light ...
Christ ...
Alleluia ...
Peace ...**

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 594 God of grace and God of glory

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: Before the Lord's Eternal Throne – C.S. Lang

An Outline of the Faith
commonly called the Catechism

The Ten Commandments

Q. What are the Ten Commandments?

A. The Ten Commandments are the laws given to Moses and the people of Israel.

Q. What do we learn from these commandments?

A. We learn two things: our duty to God, and our duty to our neighbors.

Q. What is our duty to God?

A. Our duty is to believe and trust in God;

I To love and obey God and to bring others to know him;

II To put nothing in the place of God;

III To show God respect in thought, word, and deed;

IV And to set aside regular times for worship, prayer, and the study of God's ways.

Q. What is our duty to our neighbors?

A. Our duty to our neighbors is to love them as ourselves, and to do to other people as we wish them to do to us;

V To love, honor, and help our parents and family; to honor those in authority, and to meet their just demands;

- VI To show respect for the life God has given us; to work and pray for peace; to bear no malice, prejudice, or hatred in our hearts; and to be kind to all the creatures of God;
- VII To use our bodily desires as God intended;
- VIII To be honest and fair in our dealings; to seek justice, freedom, and the necessities of life for all people; and to use our talents and possessions as ones who must answer for them to God;
- IX To speak the truth, and not to mislead others by our silence;
- X To resist temptations to envy, greed, and jealousy; to rejoice in other people's gifts and graces; and to do our duty for the love of God, who has called us into fellowship with him.

Q. What is the purpose of the Ten Commandments?

A. The Ten Commandments were given to define our relationship with God and our neighbors.

Q. Since we do not fully obey them, are they useful at all?

A. Since we do not fully obey them, we see more clearly our sin and our need for redemption.

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p.m.

Clergy and Staff

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The Rev'd Canon John F. Rice, D. Min., Priest Associate
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Mrs. Lucy Whitlock, Parish Administrator
Mrs. Crystal Sarvay, R.N., Parish Nurse
Mr. Timon Kenyi, Sexton
Marty Shephard, Treasurer

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Mthr. Kristin Wickersham, Presider
Mr. Scott Blackwell ('25)
Mr. Randy Holden, ('25)
Ms. Jeri Townley ('25)
Mrs. Mirendy Smith ('26)
Mr. Billy Tucker ('26)
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 9, 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?

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FOR YOUR PRAYERS

New to the Prayer List: Granvilleen — sister of Mary Goodwin, RJ Carr & family — son-in-law of Karen Whitlock Sheppard

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 & 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,

Prayers for the departed: Irene Morris

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY


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Today's Ministers

Ushers: Scott Blackwell, Conny Barrett

Acolytes: Maura & Cora Whitlock

Lessons: Cheri Blackwell


Psalm: Cheri Blackwell

Chalice: Crystal Sarvay

Sun. School Helper: Augustine Kiplagat

Altar Guild: Crystal & John Sarvay, Conny Barrett

Coffee Hour: Church Picnic



The Church of the Epiphany

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 9, 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: Genesis 3:8-15

In our Hebrew scripture lesson we hear of the results of Adam and Eve's act of disobedience in the Garden of Eden. Adam and Eve now experience alienation from God and hide from the divine presence. The text also offers explanation for the estrangement between humankind and other creatures of the earth, symbolized by the serpent. Because of their disobedience and coming to the knowledge of good and evil, the man and woman now live in disharmony with the world and one another.

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1

In this passage Paul speaks of the eternal and glorious hope that belongs to Jesus' disciples even in the midst of trouble and mortality. The apostle has just told of the difficulties that beset his ministry. These, however, have not prevented his preaching of the gospel. Now he quotes scripture to express his conviction that the belief of Christians can and must be proclaimed in all circumstances. Although our physical being is gradually decaying, we are inwardly being renewed in accordance with what is unseen and eternal.

The Gospel: Mark 3:20-35

In the gospel lesson Jesus is accused of being possessed by the prince of demons. He responds by describing his battle against Satan and indicating that true relationship with him is based in the doing of God's will. The passage suggests a certain separation between Jesus and his own relatives due to the intensity of his ministry. To those who charge him with doing good by the power of evil, Jesus answers with figures of speech—one implies that Jesus himself is the man who must first bind Satan before destroying his power. A warning is given not to blaspheme against the Holy Spirit—by which perhaps is meant calling good evil.

On the Calendar and Coming up

Sun. June 9th

8:15 am — Holy Eucharist, Rite 1
 9:30 am — Children's Sunday School
 10:30 am — Holy Eucharist, Rite 2
 11:30 am—Church Picnic

7:30 pm — AA Meeting in parish hall

Tue. June 11th

6:00 pm — Vestry party at the Holden home

Thur. June 13th

4 — 7 pm Visitation for Irene Morris in parlor

Fri. June 14th

6—9 pm — Retirement party for Darel Gallagher

7:30 pm—AA meeting in Parlor

Sat. June 15th

10—noon -Diaper Ministry
 11:00 am—Funeral for Irene Morris

Sun. June 16th

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 the Ludwig, Schilken & Tucker Families in loving memory of Mark Schilken.

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!

No Chancel Choir or Handbell Rehearsals for the rest of June.

Congratulations to Brooke & Claire Hsieh on the birth of their daughter, Annie Mei Hsieh. The proud grandparents are Stephanie & John Norris & the proud uncle is Thatcher Norris. The RED rose on the lecturn is in thanksgiving for Annie Mei Hsieh.

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, maryk Gallagher@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: June 2, 2024
 9:15 am 3
 10:30 am 60

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**. 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 this ministry, please contact Crystal Sarvay.



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



COMMUNICATION CARD

June 9, 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 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chalice Bearer | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Prayer Requests / Comments

