

# Church of the Epiphany

Whitsunday  
The Day of Pentecost  
May 19, 2024 (Year B), 10:30 a.m.

## The Holy Eucharist

according to

THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER 1979

### Rite II

and 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).*

*The Day of Pentecost marks the close of the Great Fifty Days of the Easter Season. This is a Baptismal Feast Day. The popular English title, Whitsunday, derives from “white Sunday,” so called because the newly baptized were present in the church in their white baptismal robes.*

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

*Please silence or turn off your electronic devices.*

Prelude: Come Down, O Love Divine – C. Callahan

Welcome and Announcements

PREPARATION RITES

BCP 355

Hymn 225 Hail thee, festival day!

*Salve festa dies*

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

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

BCP 355

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

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

Hymnal S-280

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

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*The 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 227

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of 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 Acts [2:1-21]

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

    `In the last days it will be, God declares,  
    that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
        and your sons and your daughters shall  
        prophesy,  
    and your young men shall see visions,  
        and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.  
And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.  
The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and  
glorious day.  
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord  
shall be saved.' "

*Reader* The Word of the Lord  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**  
*Silence.*

#### Children's Choir Anthem

*Reader* A Reading from Romans [8:22-27]

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**  
*Silence.*

*The people stand for the Gospel procession*

Hymn 513 Like the murmur of the dove's song *Bridegroom*

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
According to John [15:26-27, 16:4b-15]

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

*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 RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

BCP 292

*Celebrant* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and  
Renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*People* **I do.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the  
dead.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows*

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*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* In the peace of the risen Christ let us offer our prayers to the Lord, saying: Hear us, Lord. Alleluia!

*Silence.*

*Intercessor* The Spirit of peace has been breathed on the church. May the church inspire peace throughout the world. And to this let us say:

*People* **Hear us, Lord. Alleluia!**

*Intercessor* Our land has completed the Passover from winter into spring. May the earth be restored to the freshness of creation. And to this, let us say:

*People* **Hear us, Lord. Alleluia!**

*Intercessor* The Lord has appeared on Sinai amid fire and wind. May all people, Jew and Gentile together, climb the holy mountain and see the face of God. And to this, let us say:

*People* **Hear us, Lord. Alleluia!**

*Intercessor* The confusion of Babel has been undone with the gifts of Pentecost. May our community mature in wisdom as we come to understand the language of the Spirit. And to this, let us say:

*People* **Hear us, Lord. Alleluia!**

*Intercessor* Our week of weeks is accomplished. Our Fifty Days are complete. May all of us, both the living and the dead, be raised into the splendor of endless Easter. May we hold before God's life all in need. And to this, let us say:

*People* **Hear us, Lord. Alleluia!**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Creator God, our Lenten ashes have become life-giving fire. We are whole and new again. Help us, like the disciples in Jerusalem, to spill out into the streets to proclaim your wonderful works. This we ask through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 359

*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*

BCP 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 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

BCP 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*

RECOGNITION OF ACOLYTES AND  
RECOGNITION OF SUBDEACON

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.*

“To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power forever and ever!”

*The Revelation to John 5:13*

*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: Pentecost – M. Schweitzer

*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.*

BCP 361

Hymn 178 Give thanks to the Risen Lord *Alleluia No. 1*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING  
*Eucharistic Prayer D*

BCP 372

*The people stand.  
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 Altar, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

*Celebrant and People*

Hymnal S-125

**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 remain standing throughout the Easter season.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation. Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember Mark, Gayle, Dabney, and all who minister in your Church.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth. Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

*People*    **AMEN.**

*The Celebrant continues*

As our Savior Christ  
has taught us,  
we now sing,

*People and Celebrant*  
Hymnal S-119

**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

BCP 364

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Then is sung*

FRACTION ANTHEM  
Hymnal S-154

*Celebrant and People*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
therefore let us keep the feast.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds and then immediately deliver it to 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*

BCP 365

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

*Communicant*        **Amen.**

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

*Communicant*        **Amen.**

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

Hymn 508    Breathe on me, Breath of God

*Nova Vita*

Eucharistic Chant LEVAS 115    Spirit of the Living God

**Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me,**

**Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.**

**Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.**

**Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me. *Repeat.***

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

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

*Celebrant and People*

BCP 365

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,**

**and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Celebrant blesses the people.*

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May Almighty God, who enlightened the minds of the disciples by pouring out upon them the Holy Spirit, make you rich with his blessing, that you may abound more and more in that Spirit for ever.

*People*    **Amen.**

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit as a flame of fire that rested upon the heads of the disciples, burn out all evil from your hearts, and make them shine with the pure light of his presence.

*People*    **Amen.**

May God, who by the Holy Spirit caused those of many tongues to proclaim Jesus as Lord, strengthen your faith and send you out to bear witness to him in word and deed.

*People*    **Amen.**

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

*From the Easter Vigil through the Day of Pentecost "Alleluia, alleluia" may be added to any of the dismissals.*

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

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

Hymn 530    Spread, O spread, thou mighty word    *Melcombe*

Postlude: Spirit Divine, Inspire Our Prayer – C. Callahan

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An Outline of the Faith  
commonly called the Catechism

The Ten Commandments

BCP 847

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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Ministers

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

**COMMUNICATION CARD**  
May 19, 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:** Melissa Matthews—friend of Kim Ludwig 

**Parishioners:** Ray Hampton, Dot Hudson, Martha & Milton Jenkins, Fran LaVigne, Marion Magruder, Joyce Melton, Irene Morris, Mike Young, Shirley Hughson, Dottie Strabley, Chris Tignor, Jeannie Riddick, Oscar Aderholt, John Sarvay, 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 Sarvay's mother, Jean Stone— John Stone's mother, Derek Anderson & Cosette Leonard—friends of Karen & Billy Tucker

**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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 **The Church of the Epiphany**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Pentecost**  
**May 19, 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: Acts 2:1-21

This lesson tells the story of the Holy Spirit filling the apostles and empowering them to share the message of the gospel with people of different languages. Clearly this was a most dramatic moment in the life of the early church, an experience described in terms of wind and fire. From this time forward the mighty works of God done in Jesus will be told to all the peoples of the earth, crossing barriers of language and culture.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 8:22-27

In this New Testament reading the apostle Paul understands the whole of creation to be linked with human destiny as we await our redemption. We await our adoption in hope, dependent on the indwelling Spirit of God who intercedes for us in all things in ways we cannot achieve for ourselves.

The Gospel: John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

In our gospel Jesus tells his disciples that his going away will mean the coming of the Advocate, the Holy Spirit who will guide them into all truth. The Counselor-Spirit will bring true judgment into the world. Everything the Spirit declares will have been received from Jesus, even as all which the Father has belongs to Jesus. The Spirit, then, reveals Jesus who himself has made the Father known.

**On the Calendar and Coming up**

**Sun. May 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Pentecost Sunday**  
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 (Sloppy Joes) and Congregational Meeting

7:30 pm — AA Meeting in parish hall

**Tue. May 21<sup>st</sup>**

6:00 pm—Vestry Meeting

**Wed. May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

6:00 pm — Bible Study

**Thur. May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

6:15 pm—Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 pm—Handbell Choir Rehearsal

**Fri. May 24<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 pm—AA meeting in Parish Hall

**Sun. May 26<sup>th</sup>**

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

**The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by Carol Campus in loving memory of her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Humphreys.**

**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 in June** will be the church picnic—potluck style. The hamburgers, hot dogs, buns and condiments will be provided, so please bring a side dish to share.

**Many of us witnessed** Stewardship and Fellowship in action. Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, between 6PM and 9PM was the 9th anniversary of the Men’s group dinner dance that we call the Big Night Out, featuring a three course meal, fun skit, drinks, and live band The Kozy Cats. Stewardship began with the men donating their time, treasures, talents, and cooking skills. The fellowship was over a hundred people chatting, laughing, singing and dancing. We had people from 5 years old to 80 letting it loose on the dance floor.

**The winners:** All the men pleased to participate in an evening of service.

Everyone that participated in the frivolity. Everyone that enjoyed just watching people having a good time.

The Diaper Ministry which will have over \$2,000 more dollars for purchases.

All the families that will benefit from the donated diapers.

What a joyful way to serve God and our fellow man.

Thanks all involved and thanks be to God.

Attendance: May 12, 2024  
9:15 am 6  
10:30 am 55

**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 15<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 Red Team on June 1<sup>st</sup>.** The 2024 homeless lunch schedule 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 Sarvay, Outreach Coordinator ([crystalsarvay@gmail.com](mailto: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!

**As the school year wraps up, we will stop collecting snacks for the Lakeside Elementary School until the startup of school year 2024-2025. Thank you to everyone for your support of our community schools. They have been so appreciative!**

Our **“Little Library”** you may have noticed is now up. Please, see Ezra Axselle 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.

The **“Blessing Box”** has been put together thanks to a great committee of individuals in our parish. This is going to be a means to support our community with items such as toiletries, socks, school supplies, small toys (bubbles, coloring/activity books, etc), & non-perishable food items. We can support, in a small way, individual needs that our community may need. A list of suggested items will be placed on the outreach board. If you have any questions, please contact Crystal Sarvay.

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

*Love lives here!* 

**COMMUNICATION CARD**

May 19, 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**