CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 25, 2026—10:30 am

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A Note To Our Guests:

Welcome to Epiphany, we are glad to have you join us this morning as we celebrate Holy Eucharist!

Guests sometimes worry about what to do next...where to turn in the book and whether to stand, sit or kneel. From time to time you will receive page number guidance from the clergy, and you may watch to see what others do. The "BCP" page numbers refer to the Book of Common Prayer, the black book. The "S" numbers refer to the Service Music in the front of the blue Hymnal 1982. But we invite you into worship and just to enjoy the service. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion at the Lord's Table. If you prefer not to receive, but wish to come forward for a blessing, please do so, crossing your arms against your chest.

We are blessed to have you with us! So, sing the hymns, join in, and celebrate the joy of our Lord's life, death, and resurrection!

Faithfully,
The People of Church of the Epiphany

Worship Schedule

Sunday 8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist (Rite I)
Sunday 10:30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

Morning Prayer via Zoom: 950-217-2940
Tuesday and Thursday 8:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist in the Chapel
Wednesday 10:30 a.m

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THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 25, 2026
Holy Eucharist — Rite II — 10:30 am
A time of quiet reflection or personal prayer is requested prior to the service.
Please silence your phone.

PROCESSIONAL *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* Hymn 680

OPENING ACCLAMATION BCP 355

GLORIA HymnS-236

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON *Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18*

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM *Psalm 1* *Beatus vir qui non abiit*

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.
3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE EPISTLE *1 Thessalonians 2:1-8*

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN *In Christ Alone* Getty

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

THE GOSPEL *Matthew 22:34-46*

Lector The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet"'?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Lector The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON The Rev. Dr. Stace Timothy Tafoya

NICENE CREED BCP 358

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE BCP 387

CONFESSION BCP 360

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY *Come Holy Spirit* Talbot

Holy Spirit Lord of Light
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give

Come now Father of the poor
Come with treasures to endure
Come now Light of all that live

Light immortal Light divine
Visit now these hearts of Thine
And our inmost being fill
For without Your grace all turns to ill

Veni Sancte Spiritus
Veni Sancte Spiritus
Veni Sancte Spiritus

Heal our wounds our strength renew
On our dryness pour Thy dew
Wash the stains of guilt away

Bend the stubborn heart and will
Melt the frozen warm the chill
Guide our steps when we go astray

DOXOLOGY

GREAT THANKSGIVING BCP 361

SANCTUS HymnS-125

GREAT AMEN HymnS-146

LORD'S PRAYER BCP 364

FRACTION ANTHEM Belmont

Instructions: Sing first verse together, then as a round: Gentlemen begin "Christ our Passover" at the final "him" of the first verse; Ladies begin when gentlemen reach "Blood of Christ."

Alleluia.
*Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us,
Therefore, let us keep the Feast.
*Blood of Christ,
Shed for us,
Take in remembrance of him,
In remembrance of *him.

COMMUNION 1	*Of the Father's Love Begotten*	Hymn 82
COMMUNION 2	*Great is Thy Faithfulness*	Public Domain

Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning
New mercies I see
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness
Lord unto me

Great is Thy faithfulness
O God my Father
There is no shadow
Of turning with Thee
Thou changest not
Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been
Thou forever wilt be

Summer and winter
And springtime and harvest
Sun moon and stars
In their courses above
Join with all nature
In manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness
Mercy and love

Pardon for sin
And a peace that endureth
Thy own dear presence
To cheer and to guide
Strength for today
And bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine
With ten thousand beside

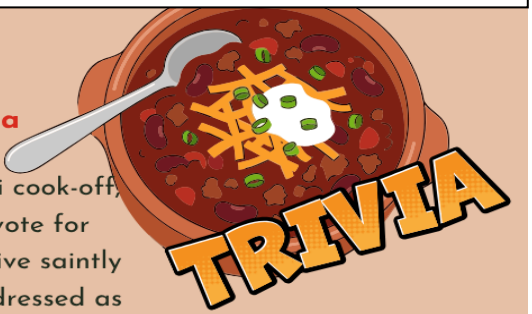
POST COMMUNION PRAYER		BCP 365
RECESSIONAL	*Lead On, O King Eternal*	Hymn 555

Parish Workday – Thank You! Many hands make light work! Thank you to everyone who helped make our parish workday a success! Volunteers tackled landscaping, restored the parking lot sign, cleaned and organized spaces, installed a new chapel bathroom faucet, removed old church lighting, and reinstalled a wall panel in the commons. Additional improvements are being considered, along with another possible workday before Christmas. Stay tuned! **Thank you to all our volunteers for your hard work and dedication to**

Prelude to All Saints

Sunday, Oct. 25 | 6pm

Evensong | Chili Cook-Off | All Saints Trivia



Join us TONIGHT at 6 p.m. for Evensong, a chili cook-off, and All Saints Trivia! Bring a pot of chili to enter, vote for your favorite, and team up for trivia. Winners receive saintly prizes, with a little something for everyone! Come dressed as your favorite saint or Bible character.

Men's Movie Night

Friday, Oct. 30

6 pm at Epiphany

We'll watch *It's a Wonderful Life* and discuss some of the themes of manhood portrayed by the characters. Bring a snack to share and come join us!

RSVP: John Burtness
303-501-5003
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Youth Narnia Night

Tuesday, November 10 | 6-8 p.m.

Prince Caspian Part 2

Middle and high school youth are invited to the Rectory for our second evening of Narnia: Prince Caspian!

Ladies Holiday High Tea

Thursday, November 19 | 11:30 a.m.

Join us at the Brown Palace for tea, fellowship, and holiday cheer! Space is limited. RSVP to Aleta Cass by call or text: 303-257-2858.

Today's Volunteers

Role	Volunteer(s)	Still Needed
Lector	Marta Jankowska	Full
Acolytes	Pascal, Arlo, Konrad	Full
Chalice Bearers	---	2
Altar Guild	---	2
Counters	John Burtness	1
AV/Streaming	John Burtness	Full

Volunteer Schedule
Sign up TODAY

Volunteer schedule is updated for the bulletin every Wednesday.

Financials

Please Note: Epiphany is currently **$21,504.03** behind in pledged contributions for 2026, and we encourage everyone to help close this gap by fulfilling their pledges as they are able.

September	YTD
Income: $27,921.91	Income: $241,124.43
Expenses: $31,802.06	Expenses: $255,257.59