

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



**THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
September 21, 2025—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!

Again, welcome ...We wish you God’s peace and joy!

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
Tuesday and Thursday 8:30 a.m.

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

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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 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Hymn 390

OPENING ACCLAMATION BCP 355

GLORIA *Glory to God* Hymn S-280

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST LESSON *Amos 8:4-7*

Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,

saying, "When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain;

and the sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,
and practice deceit with false balances,

buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

there is one God;
there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,
who gave himself a ransom for all

—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor

Hymn 596

THE GOSPEL

Luke 16:1-13

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

Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you

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| GREAT THANKSGIVING | | BCP 361 |
| SANCTUS | <i>Holy, Holy, Holy Lord</i> | Hymn S-125 |
| GREAT AMEN | | Hymn S-146 |
| LORD'S PRAYER | | BCP 364 |
| FRACTION ANTHEM | | Belmont |
| COMMUNION MUSIC | <i>God of Mercy</i> | |

**God of mercy, holy myst'ry,
ever faithful one,
you have pitched your tent among us,
reconciling love.
Heart and mind of Christ,
live within our lives,
form us into people of mercy and grace.**

¹ You have called us each by name
in your great compassion,
encompassing our failings with mercy.
God of mercy, lead us.

² Slow to anger, rich in love,
you bestow forgiveness.
May we, in turn, forgive those who harm us.
God of mercy, lead us.

³ In our midst as one who serves,
breaking down divisions,
to all in need you send us as neighbor.
God of mercy, lead us.

⁴ Reaching out to those in pain,
wounded and abandoned,
may we create safe havens for healing.
God of mercy, lead us.

⁵ In the word of truth you speak,
word of hope and challenge,
you summon us to speak for the voiceless.
God of mercy, lead us.

⁶ In this Bread we break and share,
in this Cup of blessing,
you summon us to work for true justice.
God of mercy, lead us.

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Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured Hymn 313

POST COMMUNION PRAYER BCP 365

RECESSIONAL *Singing Songs of Expectation* Hymn 527

*We are a community of discipleship, healing and worship.
We are committed to God, one another and
the transformation of the world in Jesus Christ.*

News

Sunday School for all ages has started! Find your class!

Parents! Please fill out a registration form (one per family) and be sure to sign your kids in AND OUT of their classrooms. Pick up an info card with practices for this year!

- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (ages 4-6 in the Atrium)
- St. Benedict's Scriptorium (1st-4th grade)
- Sojourners (5th-8th grade in the youth room)

- Adult/Teen Class (14+ in the St. Martha's room) Fr. Stace will teach the first section this fall with a class on 1st & 2nd Timothy.

Baby Sprinkle—Church women are welcome to celebrate Audrey's upcoming birth at a reception after the 10:30 service on September 28th in the St. Martha's room. Jen will be collecting funds for a new stroller.

Budget Update

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| August Income | \$26,189 | YTD Income | \$226,450 |
| August Expenses | \$28,251 | YTD Expenses | \$207,910 |

Lunch after the service today!

| VOLUNTEERS | DATE | LECTOR | CHALICE | ACOLYTES | LUNCH |
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| | 9/21 | | Shirley | Outshine, Excel | Whites, Martha O. |
| | 9/28 | | Don | Megan, Francis | |
| | 10/5 | Shirley | Shirley | Jacob, Pascal | |
| | 10/12 | Genters | John | Genters | |