

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 19, 2021—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! You are also invited to sign a pew card.

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

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

Morning Prayer via Zoom
Tuesday and Thursday 7:00 a.m.

THE PSALM

Psalm 54

- ¹ Save me, O God, by your Name; *
in your might, defend my cause.
- ² Hear my prayer, O God; *
give ear to the words of my mouth.
- ³ For the arrogant have risen up against me,
and the ruthless have sought my life, *
those who have no regard for God.
- ⁴ Behold, God is my helper; *
it is the Lord who sustains my life.
- ⁵ Render evil to those who spy on me; *
in your faithfulness, destroy them.
- ⁶ I will offer you a freewill sacrifice *
and praise your Name, O LORD, for it is good.
- ⁷ For you have rescued me from every trouble, *
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

THE EPISTLE

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you

do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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

GOSPEL HYMN *Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord* Hymn 437

THE GOSPEL *Mark 9:30-37*

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

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

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

SERMON Fr. Mason Waldhauser

THE NICENE CREED BCP 358

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE BCP 388

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY MUSIC	<i>Praise to the Living God</i>	Hymn 372
DOXOLOGY	Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.	
GREAT THANKSGIVING		BCP 361
SANCTUS		Hymn S-125
GREAT AMEN		Hymn S-146
FRACTION ANTHEM		Belmont
	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 MUSIC	<i>Lord of All Hopefulness, Lord of All Joy</i>	Hymn 482
POST COMMUNION PRAYER		BCP 365
RECESSIONAL	<i>All Praise to Thee, For Thou, O King Divine</i>	Hymn 477

—Hymn & Verse of the Month—

All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine

Hymn 477

¹ All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine,
Didst yield the glory that of right was thine,
That in our darkened hearts thy grace might shine: Alleluia!

² Thou cam'st to us in lowliness of thought;
By thee the outcast and the poor were sought;
And by thy death was God's salvation wrought: Alleluia!

³ Let this mind be in us which was in thee,
Who wast a servant that we might be free,
Humbling thyself to death on Calvary: Alleluia!

⁴ Wherefore, by God's eternal purpose, thou
Art high exalted o'er all creatures now,
And given the name to which all knees shall bow: Alleluia!

⁵ Let every tongue confess with one accord
In heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord:
And God the Father be by all adored: Alleluia! Amen

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*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

Nursery—Child care for babies up to 3 year-olds is now available! Nursery attendants will be masked and fully vaccinated. They will take temperatures upon entry.

Acolyte & Reader Training—Anyone elementary age and up who wants to volunteer as an altar acolyte or scripture reader is invited for in-person training on the 26th at 9:30am.

Renovation!—The long anticipated work on the roof has begun so please pardon any inconvenience. Parking lot resurfacing will begin the week September 27th and parking may not be available on Sunday, Oct 3rd

Fall Sunday School—October 3rd to November 21st

Teen & Adult Class—Join us for in-person classes from 9:30-10:15am to discuss *The Imitation of Christ*. We will follow the biblical literacy calendar loosely and outside reading is encouraged but not necessary; each class will be self contained.

Elementary Age—Fr. Stace will check-in with elementary kids over Zoom from 9:15-9:30am to discuss what they've been reading in the Biblical literacy program.

Kids & Teen Book Club—Stay tuned for a book club for kids and teens with Jen & Ann, TBA

COVID Delta Variant—We ask that all unvaccinated people wear masks inside the church.

Spiritual Formation—Suggested Calendar for the week of September 19th

<i>The Story Bible</i> (Engelbrecht) Ages 2-8	<i>The Child's Story Bible</i> (Vos) Ages 9 and Up	<i>Growth in the Word</i> (Shafer) Grades 7-12	<i>Experiencing the Presence of God</i> (Tozer)	<i>The Imitation of Christ with Commentary</i> (à Kempis/Billy)
Suggested pace: about 2-4 stories per week	Suggested pace: about 4-6 chapters per week	Suggested pace: about one lesson per week	Suggested pace: about one chapter every 2 weeks	Suggested pace: about 3 chapters per week
<i>The Passover, Crossing the Red Sea, God Provides Quail & Manna, The 10 Commandments</i>	<i>Moses, God Chooses Moses, A Stubborn King</i>	Chapter 2 <i>Word Study in Philipians</i> Lesson 2	Chapter 3 <i>(continued)</i>	20. Of the Love of Solitude & Silence, 21. Of Heartfelt Remorse, 22. Of Human Misery