



The  
**EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
of the  
**EPIPHANY**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

*The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost • Proper 10A*

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## WELCOME TO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

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Whether you just stopped in to visit, or you are looking for a place of belonging, we welcome you. In our worship, formation, fellowship, and community engagement work, we strive for justice and peace and to honor the dignity of every human being. Whoever you are and wherever you are on your journey, we are glad you are here. We believe God loves you—no exceptions!

**Vestry Person of the Day:** The photo pinned to the bulletin board as you entered today is of our “Vestry Person of the Day” or VPOD. In addition to ensuring that the coffee is brewed, the VPOD also coordinates with nursery staff and the greeters to ensure everyone has what they need to welcome all parishioners and visitors. They are also responsible for securing the church at days end. Most critically, however, the VPOD is responsible for serving as the point of contact in the event of a medical or other emergency and to coordinate any form of response that may be needed. If you need assistance—or need help getting someone else assistance—notify an usher or the VPOD.

**Children of all ages** are invited to participate fully in our liturgy. We welcome wiggles and giggles as signs of life and understand that sometimes children need to move about during worship. Children’s bulletins and activity bags are available. Ask an usher to help you locate those near the entrance to the worship space.

**If you do not have a nametag**, please sign up on the clipboard on the welcome table in the Gallery. For today, there are stick-on nametags available.

**Giving to Epiphany:** If you would prefer to give electronically today, please scan this QR code. Visit [epiphany.org/ways-to-give](http://epiphany.org/ways-to-give) to learn about other ways to give to our parish or to make a pledge. You’ll also find more information about Realm, our giving platform and secure online community.



**Recording/Livestreaming may be in progress:** Liturgies and meetings at Church of the Epiphany may be live-streamed and/or recorded so that we may include those who cannot be with us physically. If you prefer to sit in a location where you will be less visible to the camera, please let an usher, clergy, or staff person know.

**For the latest news and events at Epiphany**, visit our website at [epiphany.org](http://epiphany.org) or subscribe to our weekly newsletter. There are newcomer cards available in the pew in front of you and on the newcomer page of our website. We hope that you will fill one out while you’re here and hand it to one of the clergy so we can welcome you personally.

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**Clergy:** The Rev. Amy Dills-Wright, *Rector*; The Rev. Carmie McDonald, *Associate Rector*

**Staff:** Julie P. Ryder, *Organist & Choirmaster*; L. Shea McNutt, *Parish Administrator*; Taylor Irwin, *Director of Children & Youth Ministries*; Susie Boyko, *Bookkeeper*; Jason Sullivan, *Facilities Manager*; Anna Democko, *Childcare Worker*; Jessica Tirado, *Childcare Worker*; Sierra Jamison, *Childcare Worker*

**Assisting Priests:** The Rev. Barbara Ryder, The Rev. Bobbi Patterson

**Wardens:** Jordan Moody, *Senior Warden*; Jacob Geiger, *Junior Warden*

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*You are invited to enter in silence as you prepare for worship  
Use the water in the font as a remembrance of your Baptism*

Voluntary—Sonate III, Op. 65, No. 3

*Andante Tranquillo*

Felix Mendelssohn

Processional Hymn 493—O for a thousand tongues to sing

Azmon

*Celebrant* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God  
*People* Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.

*Celebrant*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn of Praise S236—Glory to you

John Rutter

1. Glo - ry to you, Lord  
God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;  
glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you  
for the ra - di-ance of your ho - ly Name; we will  
praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.  
3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your  
tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to  
you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -  
ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and  
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the  
 depths; in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to  
 you. 6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther,  
 Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and  
 high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Together, let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**The First Lesson**

Genesis 25:19-34

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham’s son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, “If it is to be this way, why do I live?” So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her, “Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger.” When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau’s heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, “Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!” (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, “First sell me your birthright.” Esau said, “I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?” Jacob said, “Swear to me first.” So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Lucerna pedibus meis*

- 105 Your word is a lantern to my / feet \*  
and a light upon my / path.
- 106 I have sworn and am de-/termined \*  
to keep your righteous / judgments.
- 107 I am deeply / troubled; \*  
preserve my life O LORD, according to your / word.
- 108 Accept O LORD, the willing tribute of my / lips, \*  
and teach me your / judgments.
- 109 My life is always in my / hand, \*  
yet I do not forget your / law.
- 110 The wicked have set a / trap for me, \*  
but I have not strayed from your com-/mandments.
- 111 Your decrees are my inheritance for / ever; \*  
truly they are the joy of my / heart.
- 112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your / statutes \*  
for ever and to the / end.

**The Second Lesson**

Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Children (up to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade) are invited to gather at the cross by the Choir Loft during the last verse of the Sequence Hymn for the reading of the Gospel and Children's Chapel. Parents are welcome to join.

Sequence Hymn 632—O Christ, the Word Incarnate

Munich

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Stefanie Taylor

*A period of silence is kept*

*Celebrant* With Christians from across time and around the world, we say together the Nicene Creed.

### The Nicene Creed—*Celebrant and People*

**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: was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.**

### The Prayers of the People

We glory in God's Name through the offering of our prayers and petitions, responding, "Hear us, good Lord."

For the will to discover God's Word dwelling in our hearts, finding expression through our lips, and revealing hope through our generosity; let us pray.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

For a renewed commitment to righteousness and peace that we may join with the leaders of the nations in seeking ways to promote harmony in warring lands, and mutual respect across cultures, races, and languages; let us pray.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

For creative ways to express the faith, drawing upon the jewels of our tradition and using our hearts and minds to proclaim Christ's message to those of little faith or who have no faith at all; let us pray.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

That the summer months may provide opportunities for rest and refreshment so that we may be rejuvenated for the challenges ahead; let us pray.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

For the waters of the earth; for their careful use and conservation, that we may have the will and the ability to keep them clean and pure; let us pray.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

For all children and families, and particularly for the orphaned, neglected, abused, and those who live in fear of violence or disease; that they may be comforted and protected; let us pray.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

For those who have died and reside in the tomb of death, that Christ, who broke the chains of death, will bring them to eternal life; let us pray.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Ever increasing in our faith, we continue our prayers.

*Celebrant's concluding collect*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence*

**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 our Savior 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.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

### **Welcome**

**Offertory Anthem—Marching to Zion**

Robert Lowry

*Epiphany Summer Choir*

*Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known; join in a song with sweet accord, and thus surround the throne. We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion; we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God. Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God; but children of the heavenly King may speak their joys abroad. The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets before we reach the heavenly fields, or walk the golden streets. Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry; we're marching through Immanuel's ground to fairer worlds on high.*

**Presentation Hymn 413—New songs of celebration render**

*Rendez à Dieu*

**The Great Thanksgiving:** Eucharistic Prayer 1, Enriching our Worship

*Celebrant* God 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 God thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant*

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord W858**

American folk melody, arr. Marcia Pruner

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Blest is the one who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your children, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**The Lord's Prayer—traditional language**

**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**

*A period of silence is kept.*

**Fraction Anthem: The disciples knew the Lord Jesus W877**

Mark Sedio

*Cantor or Choir*

The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the

*All*

bread. The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the

*Cantor or Choir*

break - ing of the bread. The bread which we break, al - le -

*All*

lu - ia, is the com - mun - ion of the bod - y of Christ. The dis -

*Cantor or Choir*

ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread. One

*All*

bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia, though ma - ny we share one bread. The dis -

ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

## The Communion of the People

All God's people are welcome to share in the Holy Eucharist. Communion is received either kneeling or standing at the altar rail or at the standing station on the floor level. At the altar rail you have the option to drink from the chalice, to hand your wafer to the Lay Eucharistic Minister to intinct for you, or to cross your arms after you receive the bread to indicate that you do not wish to receive the chalice. At the floor station, communion is received by intinction by the Priest. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of Communion, cross your hands across your chest; the priest will bless you. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

## The Healing Rite

During the Communion of the People, prayers for healing and anointing with oil are offered in the Chapel for those desiring them on their own behalf, or upon the behalf of another. All are welcome.

**Communion Hymn 593**—Lord, make us servants of your peace

*Dickinson College*

*Sung by all*

## Eucharistic Visitation

*Celebrant* We, the church of Jesus Christ, send you forth bearing these holy gifts so that N. may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

*People* We who are many, are one body because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen

**Postcommunion Prayer**—*Celebrant and People*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. Amen.**

**Blessing**—*Celebrant*

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

*Gott sei Dank*

## The Dismissal

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Voluntary**—Agincourt Hymn

John Dunstable

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Names of friends and family are listed for one month. Contact the parish office if you would like extend the listing.*

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**For members who are bidding our prayers:** Emily Thompson • Patrick Hanna • Michele MacLeod • Alix Janke • Jamie Hare & Caitlin Cox, Wally & Anna • Eloise Wierwille • Joy Boyden • George Ross • Lisa Gray • Richard Shirah • Larry Wilcox • Mike Curry • Chris Miller & Ron Hutcheson • Philip Anderson • Louise Bedrossian (wife of Bob Thompson) • Barbara Belcore • Esther Harbert • Veta Smith (mother of Cecilia Democko) • Sally Brockington

**For friends and family:** Nicole Bowles, neighbor of Larry Wilcox • Ben, co-worker of Dave Thompson • Diane Osborne, mother of Brett Boatright • Rosalind Blair, sister of Katharine Hilliard-Yntema • Rachel Blair Anderson, friend of Barbara Belcore • Briana, Ella, and Cora Woods-Jaeger, friends of Nancy Thompson • Anne, Joan, Glen, Eli, and Walt, cousins of Judy Jarady • Bob Hogg, brother of Liefy Smith • Rachel Williams, daughter-in-law of Susan & Loren Williams • Kay Harris, mother of Rebecca Webb • Danny Nodine, brother of Larry Nodine • Louise Peters, grandmother of Tristen Webb • Dave Tipton, brother of Pam Tipton • Isabel, granddaughter of Mike & Beth Towers

**For members who desire our continuing prayers:** Jewel Allen • Mary McCall Cash • Wende Crowe • Pat & Bill Graves • Bruce Fort • Esther Harbert • Robin Hairston • Rod MacLeod • Sally McClintock • Chris Miller & Ron Hutcheson • Ellen Mintzmyer • Ann Rowles • Pat Spivey • Beth Towers • Michael Towers, Jr. • Wayne & Judy Urban • Larry Wilcox • Wes, Kelly & Lillian Wright • Colleen

**For those celebrating anniversaries the week of 7/12-18:** Linda Ryder-Wolf & Steve Wolf

**For those celebrating birthdays the week of 7/12-18:** Caroline Driebe • Andrea Strahan • Wallace Bryan-McGrath • Lisa Carlson • Ethan Sheehan • Mark Banfield • Ross Democko

**For Amy, our rector, who is on sabbatical.** She will return to the office on Monday, July 13.

*Did we miss your anniversary or birthday? Send the full date of your anniversary and/or your date of birth to the parish office at [parishadmin@epiphany.org](mailto:parishadmin@epiphany.org) so that we can update our records.*

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## TODAY AT EPIPHANY

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**WE WELCOME** the Rev. Dr. Stefanie Taylor as our guest preacher today. She serves as the Head Chaplain of Holy Innocent's School.

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES | Children's Chapel**—*during the service*

Children up to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are invited to gather at the cross by the Choir Loft during the last verse of the Sequence Hymn and follow the cross to chapel after the reading of the Gospel. They return at the Peace. Parents are welcome to join them.

**PARISH LIFE | Expanded Coffee Hour**—*Sign up for a Sunday*

The Community Engagement Committee is hosting today's coffee hour. Please join us in the parish hall after the service for goodies, and coffee, tea, and juices. Two Sundays are still without hosts: 8/9, 8/23. Groups OR individuals are welcome to sign up to bring some simple breakfast items. Sign up at [epiphany.org/rsvp](http://epiphany.org/rsvp).

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | Lunch Bags for Neighbors**—*after the service • parish hall*

The Community Engagement committee invites everyone to participate in a service project we're calling "Lunch Bags for Neighbors" following the service today. We'll pack 200 lunch bags for DEAM (Decatur-area Emergency Assistance Ministry) to distribute to local people experiencing food insecurity. Nancy Garrison, DEAM volunteer and member of Holy Trinity, will be joining us and will share information about DEAM with Epiphanyites who want to know more.

**FORMATION | Contemplative Practice**—*2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays in the Choir Loft at 4:00 p.m.*

Come gather with us on second Sundays at 4:00 p.m. for a time of reflection, meditation instruction, and gathering with others seeking a more grounded way of being in the world. Led by Bobbi Patterson and Amy Dills-Wright.

## FORMATION & PARISH LIFE | **Summer Movie Series**

Join us for our second film in the series, *Hamnet*. We will gather at 5:30 p.m. for pizza and popcorn. The show will start at 6:00 p.m. as we watch the film projected onto a 120-inch screen in surround sound in the parish hall. Visit [epiphany.org/rsvp](http://epiphany.org/rsvp) to register for each screening.

## YOUTH MINISTRIES | **Youth Group**—*Join us on the meadow at 5:30 p.m.*

Epiphany Youth will be testing their skills at the Epiphany & Holy Trinity Water Olympics! The evening will feature a variety of field-day-style water games and competitions, along with dinner and fresh watermelon.

## PARISH DIRECTORY | **Realm**—*request a login*

REMINDER: Due to the persistent occurrence of phishing/scam attempts sent to parishioners by people posing as staff, we no longer publish contact information of parishioners in the bulletin or Friday eNews. Please use Realm to lookup contact information for your fellow parishioners. Request a login invitation [parishadmin@epiphany.org](mailto:parishadmin@epiphany.org).

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THE ARRANGEMENTS AT THE ALTAR AND THE SANCTUARY LIGHT ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD.

**Altar Arrangements & the Sanctuary Light** can be given in honor of an anniversary, birthday, or in memory of a loved one. Visit [epiphany.org/rsvp](http://epiphany.org/rsvp) to reserve dates that have meaning for you.

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## THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

*Due to persistent scams, parishioner contact information is not published. Please use the parish directory in Realm.*

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### WORSHIP | **Weekday Services**—*visit [epiphany.org/worship-services](http://epiphany.org/worship-services) for details*

- Weekday Morning Prayer—9:00 a.m. online, request the login link from the parish office.
- Tuesday Morning Prayer (Holy Eucharist will take place this coming Tuesday, July 14)—7:00 a.m. in the side chapel.

### PARISH GROUP | **Men's Breakfast Group**—*Tuesdays following the 7:00 a.m. service*

7/14—The Men's Breakfast Group gathers for breakfast and discussion following the 7:00 a.m. Tuesday service and are typically on their way by 8:00 a.m. Contact Dave Thompson through Realm to get on the email list.

### PARISH GROUPS | **The Episcopal Church Women (ECW)**—*2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays at 10:30 • parish hall*

7/14—During the summer, the ECW monthly meeting program goes on hiatus, however the ladies continue to meet to make sandwiches for Emmaus House. Please join us in the kitchen on second Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. for the months of June, July, and August.

### PARISH GROUPS | **The Munch Bunch**—*3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. • Thinking Man Tavern*

7/15—Give yourself a mid-week-treat and join friends and friends-to-be for lunch at 1:00 p.m. at the Thinking Man Tavern on Howard Avenue in Decatur. No agenda. No reservation needed. Just fun. Contact: Laura Keys.

### PARISH GROUPS | **Epiphany Trivia Group**—*Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. • Universal Joint in Oakhurst*

7/15—All are invited to join the Epiphany Trivia Group on Wednesdays at Universal Joint in Oakhurst. Trivia begins at 7:00 p.m. and ends by 9:00 p.m. Contacts: Edie Brush or Jacob Geiger.

### FORMATION | **Contemplative Book Group**—*Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. • Room 201*

7/16—The group has been discussing *Subversive Sabbath* by A. J. Swoboda. The last two meetings will be on July 16 and July 23.

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## UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

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### CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES | **Volunteers Needed**

Are you interested in serving with Epiphany's Children and/or Youth during the 2026-27 school year? If so, please reach out to Taylor Irwin at [tirwin@epiphany.org](mailto:tirwin@epiphany.org).

**MUSIC | Sing in the Summer Choir**—Contact Julie Ryder at [music@epiphany.org](mailto:music@epiphany.org)

The Summer Choir is open to adults and youth; we rehearse one anthem on Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. and then sing it during the 10:00 a.m. liturgy (no vestments, no weekday commitment, lots of fun and fellowship). Join us upstairs in the Music Suite each Sunday.

**CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES | Vacation Bible School (VBS)**—Register Now!

7/25—VBS “Neighbors” continues. The third and last Saturday is July 25 at Holy Trinity Parish. Children ages 3 years through rising 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to a morning filled with storytelling, music, crafts, and games. Families will then rejoin us in the afternoon for a service project and family Eucharist. For more information, contact Taylor Irwin at [tirwin@epiphany.org](mailto:tirwin@epiphany.org).

**CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES | Blessing of the Backpacks**—for anyone returning to school this fall.

7/26—Are you or your children returning to school in the fall? We invite you to attend the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, July 26, and bring your backpack for a special backpack blessing!

**CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES | Playground & Popsicles**

7/26—All families with children are invited to join us on the Epiphany playground for a time of popsicles and play! Please RSVP to Taylor Irwin at [tirwin@epiphany.org](mailto:tirwin@epiphany.org)

**CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES | Youth Group**

7/26—Our youth will meet downtown at Decatur Square to walk to ice cream. Youth are invited to RSVP to Taylor Irwin at [tirwin@epiphany.org](mailto:tirwin@epiphany.org) by casting their vote for the favorite ice cream shop.

**ART MINISTRY | Calling All Creatives—Parishioner Art Show Coming Soon**

8/3 Deadline—Epiphany’s Art Ministry is excited to invite our adult parishioner creatives to exhibit and sell work for the month of September in the Epiphany Gallery. Contact Page Love Smith or Liefy Smith by August 3 to reserve your place in the show. View the most recent newsletter for a link to the requirements.

**YOUTH MINISTRIES | Tube the River**

8/8—Middle and High School students are invited to tube the Cartecay River in downtown Ellijay with friends from across the diocese. If you are interested in registering or learning more, visit [epiphany.org/rsvp](http://epiphany.org/rsvp).

**YOUTH MINISTRIES | Other Diocesan Events to know about**

- Happening 84 (October 16-18 @ Mikell)—High Schoolers
- The Overnight @ Annual Council (November 6-7 @ the Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta)—Middle & High Schoolers
- New Beginnings 52 (November 13-15 @ Mikell)—Middle Schoolers

**PARISH LIFE | Parish Retreat**—Save the Date

9/18-20—SAVE THE DATE! The Annual Parish Retreat will take place at The Mountain in Highlands, NC the weekend of September 18-20.

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## UPCOMING PARISH GROUP MEETINGS & ONGOING PROGRAMS

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**PARISH GROUPS | Epiphany Earth & Soul**—3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. • Hybrid

7/21—This group focuses on practicing Celtic Spirituality, where we gather to discuss and experience the beauty of nature and celebrate the divine in all creatures, including ourselves. Led by the steering group of Carol Bartlett, Nan Ross, and April Maa. Contact April for more information, to be placed on the email list, or to receive a link to the virtual meeting. In-person meetings are in Room 201. To learn more about Celtic Spirituality in general, one resource is [www.earthandsoul.org](http://www.earthandsoul.org).

**PASTORAL CARE | Caregiver Support Group**—3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. • Zoom

7/21—The Caregiver Support Group meets monthly over Zoom. Parish members who are caring for a loved one gather to talk about their experience and support one another. The group is co-facilitated by parishioner Nancy Thompson, a Georgia-licensed psychologist. Use Realm to contact Nancy to join this group.

**PASTORAL CARE | The Community of Hope’s Circle of Care**—4<sup>th</sup> Mondays • parish hall

7/27—Members gather to pray, learn, and provide each other with mutual support as they reflect on their

emotional and spiritual responses to pastoral encounters. If you or a loved one would like to receive a pastoral visit or home communion by one of the trained caregivers, please contact Ann Fowler.

**PASTORAL CARE | The Grief Pastoral Care Group**—1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays at 12:00 p.m. • Zoom

8/6—The group meets online each month for a healing and faith-based conversation around grief and loss. It is led by trained psychotherapist, Nancy Thompson. Please contact Nancy before attending for the first time.

**PARISH GROUPS | Fireside Sit & Sip**—monthly at 7:00 p.m. • Courtyard

8/6—The Fireside Sit & Sip group is for women primarily in their 40s, 50s, and 60s to come together just as you are. Bring a camp chair and join us around the fire pit in the courtyard to sit, sip, and enjoy conversation. Please RSVP at [epiphany.org/rsvp](http://epiphany.org/rsvp) and sign up to bring drinks or snacks. Use Realm to contact Kathy Corcoran or the Rev. Carmie McDonald.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | Gateway Center Meal Ministry**—meals served 2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays of the month

8/12-14—Volunteers cook in the Epiphany kitchen and then serve the meal at Gateway Shelter once a month. To help prepare, cook, or serve the meal, visit [epiphany.org/rsvp](http://epiphany.org/rsvp).

**PARISH GROUPS | Epiphany Book Group**—2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays at 7:00 p.m. • location varies

9/14—The Epiphany Book Group is on hiatus for July and August. They will next meet on Monday, September 14 at Epiphany where they will be discussing *Demon Copperhead*, by Barbara Kingsolver. All are welcome. Contact Linda Ryder-Wolf if you have any questions.

**PARISH GROUPS | Social Justice Action Group**—Virtual Only Group

This social advocacy group promotes social and cultural change. The group identifies community events in which we can participate, and provides a curated list of local community happenings via Realm Groups. Join via Realm Groups to view current opportunities of social justice action in our area.

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**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**—40 words or less—are due by NOON on Wednesdays. Longer versions may run in the *Friday eNews*. Email submissions to [parishadmin@epiphany.org](mailto:parishadmin@epiphany.org).