



The Holy Eucharist

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2026 • 8:00 a.m.

HOLY SPIRIT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Episcopal Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted

*The people's responses are in **bold**.*

This type of note, offering directions about the service, is called a "rubric," which comes from the Latin word rubrica (red)—referring to a time when these instructional notes were always written in red.

WELCOME

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

The People standing as able, the Presider says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

This prayer was an English rendering of a Latin prayer that began the liturgy in the medieval church before the Reformation. It remains a distinctive part of Episcopal worship to this day.

The Presider may say

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.**

SONG OF PRAISE

The Gloria, or some other song of praise, centers the service on the God we gather to praise in our worship. The following is said, all standing as able

**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;
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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

The collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that “collects” or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider 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.**

THE WORD OF GOD

The People are seated for the Lessons.

THE FIRST LESSON

Jonah 3:10--4:11

This reading is typically from the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures) which Jesus knew and from which he often referred or quoted.

A Reading from the book of Jonah.

¹⁰When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

^{4:1}But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” ⁴And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

⁹But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” ¹⁰Then the LORD said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

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

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 145:1-8

The psalms are prayers that Jesus used and cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another.

Reader Our response to the first reading is a portion of Psalm 145 found in the service leaflet. Please pray it with me.

**¹I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.
²Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.
³Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.
⁴One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.
⁵I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.
⁶They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness.
⁷They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 1:21-30

This reading, taken from the New Testament, is typically from a letter (epistle) to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation to John.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Philippi.

²¹To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

Please stand as able.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

This reading is taken from one of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. We stand for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance placed on Jesus' words and actions.

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

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

[Jesus said,] ¹“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The People are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Nate Darville

The sermon directly follows the Gospel because it is to be grounded in the scriptures. It illuminates the scriptural readings and relates them to daily life.

The People stand as able.

THE NICENE CREED

The word “creed” comes from the Latin “credo” for “I believe.” First formulated at the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD and confirmed in 381 AD, the Nicene Creed is said at the Holy Eucharist and reflects what Christians believe regarding the relationship between the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit: the Holy Trinity.

**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:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.
 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 and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He 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 pray for ourselves and on behalf of others: for the Universal Church, the nation and all who govern, the welfare of the world, the concerns of our community of faith — especially those who are in need or who suffer — and for the departed. In prayer we remember that we belong to a larger fellowship, the Church, the Body of Christ.

The people stand, sit, or kneel as they are able.

Intercessor Our Lord Jesus has promised that when we gather in his name, he is here among us. Let us pray saying "We are gathered in your name; *accept our prayer.*"

O God, you take pleasure in your people: May your Church be a community of truth and humility. Help us to love each other--especially when love is a challenge.

Silence

We are gathered in your name:

Accept our prayer.

O God, you adorn your people in need with compassion: be with the hungry and the oppressed. Comfort the grieving. Give peace to all whose lives have been upset by natural disaster and war. Heal those who are sick in body, mind, or spirit.

We pray especially for those named in our leaflet today, and for any others on your heart. Please take your leaflet home so you may continue to hold these neighbors in prayer throughout the week.

Silence

Joan Chaussee	Marleigh Flanigan	Dan
Geoffrey Harp	Bob Simons	Sullivan
Nancy Callen	Robert and Christine Hadlow	Graham
Kathy Adams	Christina Errebo	Barb
Paula and family	Dylan Skeadas	Lynne
Michael Ayers and family	Diana Plyley	Paula
Family and friends of the Ruybalid family	Tom Campbell	Sam
Peter and Malcolm Smith	Donna Brummett	Wanda
Linda Peavey	Peggy Deeds	Greg
Nancy Guthrie	Moe	Peg
Madeleine Johnson	Janel	Quinn
Stanley Underwood	Ellen G.	Joshua
Julie Benson and family	Nancy and Ken Hailey	Brian
Bruce Bowler and family	Barbara Kennedy	Judy
For the Ruybalid family in the midst of a life transition		Sarah
For the staff and patients of Al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza City		Bob
		Kathy

We are gathered in your name:

Accept our prayer.

O God, you have cause crops to grow in the fields so that we might celebrate this eucharistic feast today. Bless the land to grow so that all people may celebrate its harvest.

The congregation is invited to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.

We are gathered in your name:

Accept our prayer.

O God, your law is summarized, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Help us to love our neighbors so that we might do no wrong to anyone.

Silence

We are gathered in your name:

Accept our prayer.

O God, care for the dead as they await the great day of resurrection. May all who have died rest in your peace. We pray especially this morning for John Philip Errebo, Myrtle Anderson, Maggi Teague, Julie Benson's mother Nancy, Bruce Bowler's father Harry Bowler and for any others you may wish to remember, either silently or aloud.

Silence

We are gathered in your name:

Accept our prayer.

The Priest stands and says

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandment to love we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Presider says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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 Priest stands and says

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

THE PEACE

All stand as able. The Presider says to the people

<i>Presider</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord and then are seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

Having listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, confessed our sins, received forgiveness and shared in the peace, we are prepared for the drama and miracle of the Holy Communion. At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give.

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

All are invited to make a gift to support Holy Spirit's ministry of sharing God's love with our community and the world by texting HOLYSPIRITGIVE to (833) 714-3270 or by visiting <http://holyspiritmissoula.org/give/>. You may also put your gift in the offering plate or by scanning the QR code to give to the General Fund electronically.



The altar is prepared for Holy Communion

DOXOLOGY

All say in unison as the Offering is received and blessed

All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving, or Eucharistic Prayer, is a long prayer with four parts. Each of these four parts corresponds to a different action of Jesus at the Last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood. We begin the Great Thanksgiving with the Sursum corda, meaning “Lift up your hearts.”

The People remain standing as able.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Facing the Holy Table, the Presider proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

The Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) is the hymn of praise that never ceases before God and is based on Isaiah 6:3.

Presider and People

**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 stand or kneel as able.

We recall God’s acts of salvation history. The Presider says the “Words of Institution” that Jesus said at the Last Supper. At the Memorial Acclamation we remember Christ’s death, resurrection, and promise to return at the end of the age. During the prayer, the Holy Spirit is invoked to bless and sanctify the gifts of bread and wine.

The Presider continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ 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." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Presider continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

The Great Amen is when the congregation with a unified great voice concurs with all that the presider has prayed. It is the only "Amen" in all capitals found in the Book of Common Prayer, signifying the greatness of the congregation's response.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. The link between our daily bread and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is an ancient connection.

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

People and Presider

**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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.
A period of silence is kept. Then may be said*

FRACTION ANTHEM

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

The Presider says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The people are seated.

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and respond to receiving Communion by saying "Amen." Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. Receiving the bread only is full participation in the Eucharist. Wine is also available, and you may drink from the common cup or dip your wafer in the intinction cup. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead, please indicate your choice by crossing your hands across your chest. Those who wish to have Holy Communion brought to them at their seat should notify an usher.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Presider says

Let us pray.

Presider and People

**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 BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon, or the Presider, may dismiss the people with these words

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God and loving memory of her father John Philip Errebo and her grandmother Myrtle Anderson, by Nancy Errebo; and in loving memory of Maggi Teague, by Chuck Teague.



Participants in the Service

<i>Presider and Preacher</i>	<i>The Rev. Nate Darville</i>
<i>Lector/Lay Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Leslie McShane</i>
<i>Usher</i>	<i>Anne Geiger</i>
<i>Altar Guild</i>	<i>Lori Cordis, Bev Maas</i>

WE WELCOME THOSE NEW TO OUR WORSHIP!

Newcomers and guests are always welcome at Holy Spirit Episcopal Church. Our service today uses the service leaflet, and a service leaflet is also available online. The QR code to access the bulletin page of the website is available in the pews. Just scan it with the camera on your phone. We hope you will take a moment to complete the blue Visitor's Card found in the pew and place it in the offertory plate as it passes.

WHAT ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR?

Today, September 20, we invite you to bring your gratitude to life during our Fall Ingathering for the United Thank Offering (UTO). Special envelopes will be available in the pews, and your Blue Boxes can be placed in the basket at the back of the church. You may also contribute through our giving platform Pushpay, either on our church website or on the church app. Just choose "United Thank Offering" from the dropdown menu of funds.

Every coin, every bill, every prayer of thanks helps support vital ministries across The Episcopal Church. Our collective offering will be shared at the Diocesan Convention in Bozeman, September 25-27—joining with gifts from congregations across Montana. Let your thankfulness ripple outward.

JOIN US FOR A SUNDAY CHICKEN DINNER AT BONNER PARK TODAY

Meet at the Bonner Park pavilion (1600 Ronald Avenue) • Sunday September 20 • Following the 10:15 service

This year's Holy Spirit church picnic promises chicken (fried or lemon pepper roasted), great camaraderie, delightful accordion music, and delicious potluck dishes for everyone. Be there after the 10:15 a.m. service with a salad and/or side dish if your last name starts with A–M or a dessert if your last name starts with N–Z.

In addition to the chicken, plates, eating utensils, cold water, and an assortment of canned beverages (no plastic bottles) will be provided. Bring a chair if you like, serving utensils for your potluck dish, any lawn games folks might enjoy, and your summer stories to share.

Because of the picnic, we will not have a coffee hour following the 10:15 a.m. service today.

CREATION CARE MINISTRY GATHERING — TUESDAY, SEPT. 22

Join us in the Guild Room on Tuesday evening, September 22, at 6:30 p.m. as we look ahead to the coming year in Creation Care. We'll briefly review last year's projects and then brainstorm new sustainability efforts, field

trips, education programs, partnerships, book studies, and more. Your ideas will help us prioritize our work for the school year. We would love to have your input.

Warren & Sara

ENVELOPE STUFFING FOR THE MISSOULA FOOD BANK

September 22 • Parish Hall • 4 p.m.-- 6 p.m.

We are excited to host another Foodbank Envelope Stuffing event. Join us for a simple, hands-on way to support the Missoula Food Bank's vital mission. By folding, stuffing, and sealing fundraising envelopes, we help stretch their resources—and ensure more neighbors are fed with dignity. This joyful volunteer opportunity is easy, social, and deeply impactful. Your time helps turn paper into possibility.

Drop in anytime between 4 and 6 p.m. on Tuesday, September 22. Bring a friend, share a laugh, and be part of something meaningful. To sign up, add your name to the sheet in the Parish Hall.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE NEXT COMMUNITY CONCERNS MOVIE NIGHT!

Wednesday, September 30 • 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. • Parish Hall

Why do we vaccinate?

What is a social contract and what does it have to do with vaccination? Quite a lot, it turns out, according to a recent documentary to be shown at our September 30 Community Concerns evening in the Holy Spirit Parish Hall.

Shot in the Arm, produced by Academy Award nominee Scott Hamilton Kennedy, takes a close look at vaccine hesitancy historically and in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic that killed more than 15 million people worldwide, yet prompted the rapid development of vaccines that saved just as many.

The social contract to give up some individual freedom in exchange for mutual protection was frayed mightily during the pandemic and today is again under challenge regarding measles vaccinations and other long-accepted childhood vaccines.

Join us as we explore this timely topic, beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 30. Beverages and snacks will be available. All are welcome, and you're invited to stay for the discussion afterward.

Joining us for the discussion will be Dr. Sophia Newcomer as well as Dr. Atty Moriarty. Dr. Newcomer is a vaccine epidemiologist and associate professor with the University of Montana. Throughout her career she has led multiple NIH- and CDC- funded projects focused on vaccine safety, measurement of vaccine uptake, and improving the delivery of vaccination services. Dr. Moriarty is a pediatric hospitalist in Missoula, where she cares for both sick children and newborns. She also serves as president of the Montana Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

HOLY SPIRIT CRAFT GROUP

Tuesdays at 10 a.m. • Upstairs in Parish Hall (across from the Choir Room) September 8 – November 3, 2026

Our Holy Spirit Craft Group is gathering again for a fun fall season of creating items for the Holiday Market. Join us on Tuesday mornings to make simple yet classy crafts — ornaments, wood decorations, ModPodge plates, and more.

All are welcome, whether you're a seasoned crafter or just curious. Come enjoy good company, creative projects, and a relaxed space to make something beautiful together.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS — OCTOBER 4 AT 3 P.M.

We're delighted to bring back our Blessing of the Animals! It's been two years since we last gathered with all creatures great and small, and we're excited to share this joyful tradition again. Join us on the church grounds

with your pets — on leash or in a carrier, please — for this joyful and heartfelt service. Whether they bark, purr, chirp, hop, or simply observe, every beloved companion is welcome to receive a blessing. Come share an afternoon of wagging tails, curious noses, and the gentle joy these animals bring to our lives. Join us on Sunday afternoon, October 4, at 3 p.m.

CELEBRATING WOMEN IN MUSIC WITH ORGANIST AND COMPOSER BRENDA PORTMAN

Wednesday, October 7 • 7:30 p.m. • In the Church

Mark your calendars now for a wonderful evening of music co-hosted by the John Ellis Endowment for Liturgical Music and the Missoula chapter of the American Guild of Organists. We will be welcoming organist and composer Brenda Portman in a recital featuring music by women, half of which will be her own compositions. **Wednesday, October 7, 7:30 pm**, reception following. It's free! And all are welcome!

GETTING TO KNOW FATHER NATE

Next Session: Sunday, October 11 at 4 p.m. — Guild Room

Thank you for your wonderful response to our “Getting to Know Father Nate” gatherings. All sessions through **October 11** have been filled, and we are grateful for the enthusiasm and support. To accommodate continued interest, we have **added one additional session**, and we hope you’ll join us:

• **Sunday, October 25 at 4 p.m.**

A sign-up sheet for this final session is available at the back of the church, or you may call the church office at **406-542-2167** to reserve a spot.

As we begin this new season with the Rev. Nate Darville, the Vestry is offering these relaxed, small-group conversations (12–15 people) to help us get to know him and to share the heart of our parish. These gatherings are meant to be warm, welcoming spaces where conversation can be easy and personal.

We look forward to sharing this final session together as we welcome Father Nate and continue to grow as a community.

MISSOULA FOOD BANK MINISTRY – SEPTEMBER FOCUS

Back-to-School Lunch-Box Items

As students return to school, we’re collecting **individually packaged, lunch-box friendly items** to support families in our community.

Suggested donations include: Peanut butter & jelly • Granola/protein bars • Trail mix • Nuts & seeds • Small Jell-O or pudding cups • Fruit cups or applesauce • Chips or pretzel bags • Popcorn • Crackers or rice cakes • Jerky/meat sticks • Tuna or chicken pouches • Peanut- or sunflower-butter packets • Other individually packaged snacks.

Low-sugar/sugar-free, gluten-free, nut-free, dairy-free, and higher-protein options are especially appreciated.

DELIGHTS & TREASURES FOR HOLIDAY MAGIC

Get ready for big fun and bright spirits — the **2026 HOLIDAY MARKET RAFFLE** is on its way, and we’re gathering an irresistible assortment of goodies to make it sparkle. We’re hoping for gourmet chocolates, specialty oils and vinegars, children’s games, toys, books, gift certificates, and wine to keep the cheer flowing.

And for the **2026 HOLIDAY MARKET SILENT AUCTION**, we welcome your most unique and wonderful offerings — fine art, quilts, antique jewelry, a weekend getaway, a special dinner, or that one-of-a-kind item you know someone will absolutely love. (Puppies and kittens, though adorable, must stay home.)

Please bring donations by **October 1** and place them in the Holiday Market decorative box in the parish hall. Questions or brilliant ideas? Call or text **Karen Orzech at 406-880-1998**.

Thank you for sharing your generosity and joy with our community.

FAMILY PROMISE CHILI COOK-OFF & PIE EXTRAVAGANZA!

The annual Family Promise Chili Cook-Off & Pie Extravaganza is coming up on **Friday, October 2, 2026, at 6:00 PM**, hosted at Revive Church ([2811 Latimer St](#)).

Sample some of the best chili and pie in town while casting your vote for this year's winners! Along with great food, you'll enjoy a lively evening featuring a silent & live auction, kid's activities, and inspiring updates on how Family Promise is supporting families in Missoula.

All-you-can-eat chili & cornbread — \$5 per person or \$15 per family.

Every bite you share helps families in our community take the next step toward housing stability. We hope to see you there! Learn more about the event and register to attend by scanning the QR code.

