



Church of the Ascension

October 15, 2023

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30am

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Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:30am

Expansive language

Please note that in our liturgy when we refer to God we cannot adequately verbalize the magnitude and comprehensiveness of God's diversity and are always limited by our use of language. We acknowledge that although Jesus was born into history as a man, neither God the Father nor God the Holy Spirit were embodied with human sex. Although our language is often not all inclusive we believe God always is. God made human beings in God's own image with complexity and diversity. Thank you for sharing your diversity and complexity with us as we worship God together.

The Liturgy of the Word

When the Voluntary begins, please maintain prayerful silence.

Voluntary: Medley on *Lead Me* Doris Akers/Michael Larkin

Opening Hymn: **The King of Love My Shepherd Is** **H646**
Tune: *Dominus regit me*

*1 The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine for ever.*

*2 Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.*

*3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.*

*4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.*

*5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!*

*6 And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.*

Welcome / Invitation to Sunday School

Opening Acclamation (*The people standing*)

BCP 355

Presider Blessed be God: most holy, glorious and undivided Trinity.
People *And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.*

*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: **Glory to God (*Gloria in Excelsis*)**

S280

*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;

*You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
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 for the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Presider The Lord be with you.

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

Presider Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us,
that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus
Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

People sit for the reading of the lessons

A Reading from Isaiah

25:1-9

Lord, you are my God.

I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
planned long ago, faithful and sure.

You have turned the city into rubble,
the fortified town into a ruin,
the fortress of foreigners into a city no more,
never to be rebuilt.

Therefore, strong people will glorify you;
the towns of tyrant nations will fear you.

You have been a refuge for the poor,
a refuge for the needy in distress,
a hiding place from the storm,
a shade from the heat.

When the breath of tyrants is like a winter storm
or like heat in the desert,
you subdue the roar of foreigners.

Like heat shaded by a cloud,
the tyrants' song falls silent.

On this mountain,
the Lord of heavenly forces will prepare for all peoples
a rich feast, a feast of choice wines,
of select foods rich in flavor,
of choice wines well refined.
He will swallow up on this mountain the veil
that is veiling all peoples,
the shroud enshrouding all nations.
He will swallow up death forever.
The Lord God will wipe tears from every face;
he will remove his people's disgrace from off the whole earth,
for the Lord has spoken.
They will say on that day,
"Look! This is our God,
for whom we have waited—
and he has saved us!
This is the Lord, for whom we have waited;
let's be glad and rejoice in his salvation!"

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 23 (*spoken*)

The Lord is my shepherd.
I lack nothing.
² ***He lets me rest in grassy meadows;
he leads me to restful waters;***
³ he keeps me alive.
He guides me in proper paths
for the sake of his good name.

⁴ ***Even when I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no danger because you are with me.
Your rod and your staff—
they protect me.***

⁵ You set a table for me
right in front of my enemies.
You bathe my head in oil;
my cup is so full it spills over!

*⁶ Yes, goodness and faithful love
will pursue me all the days of my life,
and I will live in the Lord's house
as long as I live.*

A Reading from Philippians

4:1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters whom I love and miss, who are my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord.

Loved ones, I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to come to an agreement in the Lord. Yes, and I'm also asking you, loyal friend, to help these women who have struggled together with me in the ministry of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my coworkers whose names are in the scroll of life.

Be glad in the Lord always! Again I say, be glad! Let your gentleness show in your treatment of all people. The Lord is near. Don't be anxious about anything; rather, bring up all of your requests to God in your prayers and petitions, along with giving thanks. Then the peace of God that exceeds all understanding will keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus.

From now on, brothers and sisters, if anything is excellent and if anything is admirable, focus your thoughts on these things: all that is true, all that is holy, all that is just, all that is pure, all that is lovely, and all that is worthy of praise. Practice these things: whatever you learned, received, heard, or saw in us. The God of peace will be with you.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

The people stand

Sequence Hymn My God, Thy Table Now is Spread H321 vs. 1&2
Tune: Rockingham

*1 My God, thy table now is spread,
thy cup with love doth overflow;
be all thy children thither led,
and let them thy sweet mercies know.*

*2 O let thy table honored be,
and furnished well with joyful guests:
and may each soul salvation see,
that here its sacred pledges tastes.*

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

22:1-14

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

Jesus responded by speaking again in parables: “The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding party for his son. He sent his servants to call those invited to the wedding party. But they didn’t want to come. Again he sent other servants and said to them, ‘Tell those who have been invited, “Look, the meal is all prepared. I’ve butchered the oxen and the fattened cattle. Now everything’s ready. Come to the wedding party!”’ But they paid no attention and went away—some to their fields, others to their businesses. The rest of them grabbed his servants, abused them, and killed them.

“The king was angry. He sent his soldiers to destroy those murderers and set their city on fire. Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding party is prepared, but those who were invited weren’t worthy. Therefore, go to the roads on the edge of town and invite everyone you find to the wedding party.’

“Then those servants went to the roads and gathered everyone they found, both evil and good. The wedding party was full of guests. Now when the king came in and saw the guests, he spotted a man who wasn’t wearing wedding clothes. He said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without wedding clothes?’ But he was speechless. Then the king said to his servants, ‘Tie his hands and feet and throw him out into the farthest darkness. People there will be weeping and grinding their teeth.’

“Many people are invited, but few people are chosen.”

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People: ***Praise to you, O Christ***

Hymn

My God, Thy Table Now is Spread H321 vs. 3&4

Tune: *Rockingham*

*3 Drawn by thy quickening grace, O Lord,
in countless numbers let them come
and gather from their Father's board
the Bread that lives beyond the tomb.*

*4 Nor let thy spreading Gospel rest
till through the world thy truth has run,
till with this Bread all men be blest
who see the light or feel the sun.*

The people sit

The Sermon

John Carlson

The people stand

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

“The Creeds are statements of our basic beliefs about God” (BCP 851).

We say these words as a gathered community to affirm our belief in God as creator, redeemer, and sustainer of all creation, as the source of life and holiness. God has blessed humanity with relationships and community which are part of God's own essence as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We do not say these words as some sort of litmus test but as an invitation to wrestle with the mystery and complexity of God with generations of Christians who have gone before us and with generations who will come after us.

*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, Form VI

BCP 392

Stand or kneel as the Holy Spirit leads.

The Leader and People pray responsively.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Anne, our Bishop; Vincent, our rector; Clarke, our intern; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation (especially... *the names on the long-term prayer list are read*).

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O Sovereign God;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom (especially... *the names of the recently deceased are read*).

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Presider says

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

BCP 360

The Presider says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Presider 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 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.***

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

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

Then the Ministers and People greet one another with a wave, bow, or appropriate gesture but keep social distance.

For those celebrating birthdays

Rhydian Marcella

Corey Niebes

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Announcements

The presider asks visitors to fill out the information at the bottom of page 2, then highlights the announcements.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

Offertory Music: Come, Thou Fount arr. Jack Warren Burnam
Tune: *Warrenton*

1 Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.

Refrain:

I am bound for the kingdom,
will you go to glory with me?
Halleluia! Praise the Lord!

2 Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God.
He, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood. *[Refrain]*

3 O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wand'ring heart to thee. *[Refrain]*

All stand

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Offerings

*The gifts of the people are presented at this time
as the congregation sings.*

Presentation Hymn: The Doxology

H11 v. 4

Tune: Morning Hymn

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

The people remain standing

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

Presider May God 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 our thanks and praise.***

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 by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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 and Benedictus

S130

Presider and People

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,***

heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel and 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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 Savior 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 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 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,

Celebrant and People (spoken)

We remember Christ's death,

We proclaim Christ's resurrection,

We await Christ's coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 Mary, the mother of Jesus, and with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.
Amen.

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

The Lord's Prayer (*spoken*)

BCP 364

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.***

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept

Refrain:

***The disciples knew the Lord Jesus,
in the breaking of the bread.***

- 1. The bread which we break, alleluia,
is the communion of the body of Christ.***

Refrain

- 2. One body are we, alleluia,
for though many we share one bread.***

Refrain

The Invitation to Communion

BCP 364

Presider says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All people are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Children of all ages are included in this invitation.

The presider invites those not receiving the sacrament to make a spiritual communion, led by the reader.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

from the Prayer Book for the Armed Services

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you.

May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Communion Hymn: Lead Me, Guide Me

**L194
Doris Akers**

Refrain:

*Lead me, guide me along the way;
For if you lead me, I cannot stray;
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.*

*1 I am weak, and I need thy strength and power
To help me over my weakest hour;
Let me through the darkness thy face to see,
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. [Refrain]*

*2 Help me tread in the paths of righteousness;
Be my aid when satan and sin oppress.
I am putting all my trust in thee,
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. [Refrain]*

*3 I am lost, if you take your hand from me;
I am blind, without Thy Light to see;
Lord, just always let me thy servant be,
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. [Refrain]*

Refrain:

*Lead me, guide me along the way;
For if you lead me, I cannot stray;
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.*

Post Communion Music: Supplication

Taizé

O Lord, we call to Thee. Cleanse our hearts so we may love Thee.

After Communion, the Presider says

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn:

H345

Tune: Ellers

*1 Savior, again to thy dear Name we raise
with one accord our parting hymn of praise;
guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
that in this house have called upon thy Name.*

*2 Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way;
with thee began, with thee shall end the day;
from harm and danger keep thy children free,
for dark and light are both alike to thee.*

*3 Grant us thy peace throughout our earthly life;
peace to thy Church from error and from strife;
peace to our land, the fruit of truth and love;
peace in each heart, thy Spirit from above:*

*4 thy peace in life, the balm of every pain;
thy peace in death, the hope to rise again;
then, when thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,
call us, O Lord, to thine eternal peace.*

Presider Let us pray.

*Good and gracious God,
we pray for all who have yet to know of your love and mercy.
May the Church of the Ascension
be so inspired by your Holy Spirit
that it may serve as a beacon of hope
and a witness to the gospel for all people.
Grant that we may continually grow
in our own knowledge and love of you
as we strive to use all that we have, and all that we are
to follow and imitate your beloved son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

The Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Voluntary: *Ellers*

Charles Callahan

† † †

We hope you will join us in Ascension Hall for some refreshments and conversation. Ascension Hall is located on this level through the chapel and at the end of the hallway.



*They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream. It shall
not fear when heat comes, and its leaves
shall stay green; in the year of drought it is
not anxious, and it does not cease to bear
fruit. - Jeremiah 17:8*

The most important words to say in Church are “thank you.” Say it often, and mean it, and today I say it to you. Thank you for the many gifts that you share with our community.

You have heard the familiar expression “can’t see the forest for the trees” before. We most often use it to describe that occasion in which we lose sight of the big picture while focusing on the details. From my position, I often experience the blessing of being able to see the big picture of our congregation – the ministry we bring to our neighbors, the impact we have on our community, the ways that week after week we come together to celebrate our faith and praise God. This is the forest.

And I get to wander amongst the trees. From the small shoot reaching out from its seed and finding the sunlight, to the mightiest tree, standing tall, showing strength, offering sheltering love to those who need it. You are those trees, each drawing strength from God in Holy Communion and showering the world with the love and grace you have come to know here at Church of the Ascension. I am blessed in that here in our congregation, I can see both the forest and the trees!

When I walk through a forest, I am aware of the tangle of roots, how one tree is connected to another. Trees use these networks, secretly talking to each other through their roots, passing information along. Adult trees share their sugars with young saplings, a dying tree can send its remaining resources back out to help the community. These networks, these roots of abundance, keep trees in place just as much as they free them to grow and share.

The theme of our annual pledge campaign this year is Rooted in Abundance, and we are reminded that we are a mighty forest comprised of ancient trunks and sprightly saplings, each of us contributing our gifts to a world that needs us. As you hear the messages and stories of abundance this year, take note of how generosity spreads and widens our root structures of faith and action.

In gratitude,

Rev. Vincent Black

**Please keep these people in your prayers
today and all week long:**

Our Spiritual Leaders:

+Michael -our Presiding Bishop; +Anne -our Bishop;
+Vincent -our Rector; Clarke Mortensen our intern

Those for whom prayers have been requested:

Teddi Black	Tim Kirkbride
Julie Buckeye	Gary & Shelly Kelnhofer
Christiane Burrell	Linda Lewis
Chris Deibel	Marilyn Little
Mary Ann Deibel	Tom Mahovlic
John Evans	Mary Beth Michaels
Spencer Faux	Mae Mohar
Jim Ford	Gil Newlands
Ella Jane Fowerbaugh	Larry Pierce
Leah Gerlach	David Rozell
Martha Hartman	Andrea Stahl
Amanda Hinton	Wendie Stemple
Pamela Jackson	Corky Thacker
Christian Jeavons	Nicole Weiss and baby Elianna
Jennifer Keohane	Bill Wofford

Those We Know in the Military

Aidas Berzinskas	Sydney Kline
McDowell (Mac) Jones	Jason Strater

The Departed

William M. Duff
Joanne Dusenbury
Suzanne Mapes

John Michaels
Tina Marcella
Carmela Piluso

The Weekly Prayer List

The weekly prayer list is used for those who need extra prayers due to illness or a particular challenge or hardship.

For those wanting to add or remove people from the prayer list, please call the office.

Pledges and offerings to the Church.

Please mail in your pledges/financial offerings so we can continue with the ministries of the church as well as meet our financial obligations.

or



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Please join us in helping to keep
The Church of the Ascension strong
and able to meet the needs of an ever-changing world.



The Ministers of the Liturgy

Presider: Rev. Vincent Black

Preacher: John Carlson

Music Director and Organist: Jon Peterson

Choir Director: Margie Hildebrandt

Acolytes: Derek Lewallen and Terrie Schade

Reader: Julie Exline

Spiritual Communion Reader: Julie Exline

Chalice Bearers: Derek Lewallen and Terrie Schade

Ushers: Ray Pratt and ?

Videographer: Dave Campion



The flowers on the chapel altar are given to the glory of God
in memory of Betsy and Walter Bura.

Bible readings from the Common English Bible (CEB)

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Remembering Past Parishioners

Celebrating 150 years of ministry

1875 - 2025



Betsy Bura (1923-2008) and Walter Bura (1919-2010)

Betsy Hamlen, a native of Massachusetts, married Ohio native, Walter Bura, on June 22, 1947.

Betsy L. Bura was known to everyone at Church of the Ascension for decades. She was known for her kind, thoughtful and giving personality. She used her gifts singing in the choir, serving for years on vestry and helping with a variety of fundraisers. Betsy was in several of the Women's Guilds and also involved with ECW. She enjoyed helping with the church's annual Bazaar and was invaluable with her efforts to raise money for the restoration and enhancement of our church's pipe organ.

Betsy was notorious for helping with anything and everything at Church of the Ascension, sharing her various skills. Like many people, Betsy was able to give so much of her time and efforts because of the support and love of her second half. Walter K. Bura was the unsung hero, who was always there to make it possible for her to be part of our church's community despite her failing health. Together they had three children, who were all active in the Church of the Ascension community.

Below are a few reminders and updates about Convention on November 10-11:

- **Convention Eucharist** will be held at 5:30 p.m. on **November 10** at the First Presbyterian Church in Wooster. This event is free.
- A **banquet** will be held at 7:30 p.m. on **November 10** at Greystone Event Center. This event is \$25 per person and [registration](#) is required.
- **Convention business** will begin at 9:00 a.m. on **November 11** at Greystone Event Center. Convention registration will open at 7:30 a.m. A new delegate orientation will be held at 8:15 a.m. The cost for Convention is \$38 per person and registration is required.
- **[Registration for Convention](#)** is an online form that needs to be completed by or for anyone that plans to attend and must be submitted by **October 20**.
- **The [Certification of Delegates](#) is an online form** that must be completed, signed, and submitted by the parish Clerk by **October 27** and is a canonical requirement to certify the elected lay individuals representing the parish. Please note that these are two separate forms and they must be completed by their respective deadlines.
- We are pleased to offer a **new app** for this year's Convention called Guidebook. To use the app, download the [Guidebook app](#), and search for dohio. Once downloaded, you will be able to view information such as the handbook, nominations, an interactive map, and flyers. We recommend downloading the app prior to the day of Convention.
- Continuing our commitment to sustainability and fiscal stewardship, the **convention handbook will be available on the diocesan website** in both PDF and EPUB formats by mid-October. Once available, the link will be emailed in the diocesan weekly email. A limited number of printed copies will be on each table at Convention. Those who prefer a paper copy are advised to print the handbook beforehand. The various sections of the handbook will be available individually on the website to easily allow printing by section/topic (for example: the budget, nominations, etc.). The handbook, as mentioned above, is also available on the app.
- **Lay pension reporting forms** are available now on the [diocesan website](#) in the Finance section. The canonical deadline for filing is **October 1** and is one of the parish compliance requirements for lay delegates to have voting privileges at Convention. Any questions can be directed to Christina Butterfield, Chief Financial Officer, by [email](#) or 216.774.0450.

Ascension Night Out

Wednesday, October 18th at 6pm

Join us on Wednesday, October 18th, at 6:00 PM at the Longhorn Steakhouse (20999 Center Ridge Road, Fairview Park) for an evening of great food, fellowship and fun.

Please RSVP to Jim by Tuesday, October 17th, by calling the office at 216-521-8727 (leave a voice mail if calling outside of normal office hours) or email Secretary@Ascension-Lakewood.org.

Ascension Event Schedule for 2023

Fun and More Fun Planned

October 21st, Saturday, Lakewood Suzuki Strings

Fall Recital, **4:30pm**

October 29th, Sunday, Trunk or Treat, following church

November 23rd, Thanksgiving Dinner, following church

December 3rd, Sunday, Jesse Tree Service, 10:30am

December 3rd, Sunday, AGO Organ Concert 4pm to 6pm

December 9th, Saturday, Cookie Walk, 9am to 3pm

December 10th, Sunday, Carols and Cocoa, 5pm to 7pm

December 17th, Sunday, Christmas Dinner served
as hospitality after the 10:30 service

December 24th, Sunday, Christmas Lessons & Carols, 4pm

Please note:

This year the 4th Sunday of Advent is also Xmas Eve.

Therefore 10:30 service will be Advent, 4pm will be Christmas.

There will also be a Service Christmas morning at 10:30.

**There will be no 8am service on October 29th,
Leadership Sunday/Trunk or Treat.**

Collecting Clothes for St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Box is outside the office.

Please only clean and lightly worn clothing.

Highly needed are seasonal men's and children's items.

Noonday prayer

Tuesdays at 12:12pm via conference call

We will start prayer promptly at 12:12, and end just before 1pm.

Please do not call in before 12:05pm.

You can call in for all or part of the time.

Dial-in number: (425) 436-6300

Access code: 593523#

Use *6 to mute and un-mute yourself when trying to talk.

We will use the Book of Common Prayer pp. 103-107.

Information for live streamed worship.

The service is streamed live each Sunday at 10:30am

on The Church of the Ascension Facebook page

facebook.com/pg/ascensionlakewood/videos/,

and at www.ascension-lakewood.org.

Office Hours

Office Hours are: 9am – 1:30pm, Tuesday - Thursday

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