

# *Church of the Ascension*

*May 2, 2021*

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

*10:30am*

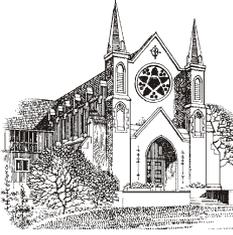
# *Welcome to the Church of the Ascension*

*We are pleased to have you worship with us. If you are visiting and have not registered, the ushers will ask for your name for contact tracing. All are invited to meet on the front lawn after the service (observing social distancing). Let's get to know each other!*

## **Finding Your Way**

**Elevator:** Across from the church office, exiting at the East Entrance. Handicapped parking spaces are near the entrance and in the parking lot.

**Restrooms:** *Upper Level* – Through the door to the left of the altar (NW), past the chapel, past the library, and to the right of the church office.



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*Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:30am*

*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**

**Voluntary:** Meditation on *Werde Munter* Dale Wood

**Opening Hymn:** Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove H512

1 Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove,  
with light and comfort from above;  
be thou our guardian, thou our guide  
o'er every thought and step preside.

3 Lead us to Christ, the living way,  
nor let us from his precepts stray;  
lead us to holiness, the road  
that we must take to dwell with God.

### **Welcome**

**Opening Acclamation** (*The people standing*) BCP 355

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

*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:** Christ our Passover (*metrical paraphrase*) W880

God's Paschal Lamb is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore with joy we keep the Easter feast;  
Forsaking sin, we share the bread of truth.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Now Christ is raised and will not die again;  
Death has no more dominion over him;  
Through him we die to sin and live to God.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:  
Though Adam's sin had doomed all flesh to die,  
In Christ's new life shall all be made alive.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

### **The Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Easter**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

**A**lmighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

*People sit for the reading of the lessons*

The Lord's angel said to Philip, "Go south along the desert road that leads from Jerusalem to Gaza." So Philip left.

An important Ethiopian official happened to be going along that road in his chariot. He was the chief treasurer for Candace, the Queen of Ethiopia. The official had gone to Jerusalem to worship and was now on his way home. He was sitting in his chariot, reading the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The Spirit told Philip to catch up with the chariot. Philip ran up close and heard the man reading aloud from the book of Isaiah. Philip asked him, "Do you understand what you are reading?"

The official answered, "How can I understand unless someone helps me?" He then invited Philip to come up and sit beside him.

The man was reading the passage that said,

"He was led like a sheep  
on its way to be killed.  
He was silent as a lamb  
whose wool  
is being cut off,  
and he did not say  
a word.  
He was treated like a nobody  
and did not receive  
a fair trial.  
How can he have children,  
if his life  
is snatched away?"

The official said to Philip, "Tell me, was the prophet talking about himself or about someone else?" So Philip began at this place in the Scriptures and explained the good news about Jesus.

As they were going along the road, they came to a place where there was some water. The official said, "Look! Here is some water. Why can't I be baptized?" He ordered the chariot to stop. Then they both went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.

After they had come out of the water, the Lord's Spirit took Philip away. The official never saw him again, but he was very happy as he went on his way.

Philip later appeared in Azotus. He went from town to town, all the way to Caesarea, telling people about Jesus.

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

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

### **Psalm 22:24-30**

I offer praise in the great congregation  
because of you;  
I will fulfill my promises  
in the presence of those who honor God.

***Let all those who are suffering eat and be full!***

***Let all who seek the LORD praise him!***

***I pray your hearts live forever!***

Every part of the earth  
will remember and come back to the LORD;  
every family among all the nations will worship you.

***Because the right to rule belongs to the LORD,  
he rules all nations.***

Indeed, all the earth's powerful  
will worship him;  
all who are descending to the dust  
will kneel before him;  
my being also lives for him.

***Future descendants will serve him;  
generations to come will be told about my Lord.***

They will proclaim God's righteousness  
to those not yet born,  
telling them what God has done.

### **A Reading from 1 John**

**4:7-21**

My dear friends, we must love each other. Love comes from God, and when we love each other, it shows that we have been given new

life. We are now God's children, and we know him. God is love, and anyone who doesn't love others has never known him. God showed his love for us when he sent his only Son into the world to give us life. Real love isn't our love for God, but his love for us. God sent his Son to be the sacrifice by which our sins are forgiven. Dear friends, since God loved us this much, we must love each other.

No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is truly in our hearts.

God has given us his Spirit. That is how we know that we are one with him, just as he is one with us. God sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. We saw his Son and are now telling others about him. God stays one with everyone who openly says that Jesus is the Son of God. That's how we stay one with God and are sure that God loves us.

God is love. If we keep on loving others, we will stay one in our hearts with God, and he will stay one with us. If we truly love others and live as Christ did in this world, we won't be worried about the day of judgment. A real love for others will chase those worries away. The thought of being punished is what makes us afraid. It shows that we have not really learned to love.

We love because God loved us first. But if we say we love God and don't love each other, we are liars. We cannot see God. So how can we love God, if we don't love the people we can see? The commandment that God has given us is: "Love God and love each other!"

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

*People*     ***Thanks be to God.***

*The people stand*

**Sequence Hymn**     Abide with Me: Fast Falls the Eventide

H662

1 Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;  
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:  
when other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
help of the helpless, O abide with me.

3 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

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

**15:1-8**

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

**J**esus said to his disciples:

I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts away every branch of mine that doesn't produce fruit. But he trims clean every branch that does produce fruit, so that it will produce even more fruit. You are already clean because of what I have said to you.

Stay joined to me, and I will stay joined to you. Just as a branch cannot produce fruit unless it stays joined to the vine, you cannot produce fruit unless you stay joined to me. I am the vine, and you are the branches. If you stay joined to me, and I stay joined to you, then you will produce lots of fruit. But you cannot do anything without me. If you don't stay joined to me, you will be thrown away. You will be like dry branches that are gathered up and burned in a fire.

Stay joined to me and let my teachings become part of you. Then you can pray for whatever you want, and your prayer will be answered. When you become fruitful disciples of mine, my Father will be honored.

*Presider*      The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The people sit*

**The Sermon**

*Rev. Vincent Black*

*The people stand*

*“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:  
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**

*Stand or kneel as the Holy Spirit leads.*

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

***That we all may be one.***

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Mark, Arthur, and William our Bishops; Vincent, our Priest; Leah, our seminarian; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Have compassion on (... *the names on the long-term prayer list are read*) and on all those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to (...*the names of the recently deceased are read*) and all the departed eternal rest;

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*Presider says*

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. ***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 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 our Lord 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 the Lord 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.*

## The Announcements

### For those celebrating birthdays

*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 Holy Communion

### The Offertory Sentence

**The Offertory Music:** God is Love: Let Heaven Adore Him H379

1 God is Love: let heaven adore him;  
God is Love: let earth rejoice;  
let creation sing before him  
and exalt him with one voice.  
God who laid the earth's foundation,  
God who spread the heavens above,  
God who breathes through all creation:  
God is Love, eternal Love.

2 God is Love: and love enfolds us,  
all the world in one embrace:  
with unfailing grasp God holds us,  
every child of every race.  
And when human hearts are breaking  
under sorrow's iron rod,  
then we find that selfsame aching  
deep within the heart of God.

3 God is Love: and though with blindness  
sin afflicts all humanlife,  
God's eternal loving-kindness  
guides us through our earthly strife.  
Sin and death and hell shall never  
o'er us final triumph gain;  
God is Love, so Love for ever  
o'er the universe must reign.

### **The Offering of God's Tithes and Offerings**

*The gifts of the people are offered at this time, including bread and wine as the Presentation Hymn is sung. The alms plates are not processed, and remain by the entrances.*

**Presentation Hymn:** Doxology with Alleluias

Tune: H618

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below,  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

### **The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C**

*BCP 369*

*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.***

*The Presider continues*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

***Glory to you for ever and ever.***

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

***By your will they were created and have their being.***

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

***Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.***

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

***By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.***

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

## **Sanctus and Benedictus**

*Presider and People (spoken)*

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord,  
Hosanna in the highest.***

*The people stand or kneel and the Presider continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

***We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.***

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

***Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.***

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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*

## **Fraction Anthem**

*Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;*

*People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

## **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. Those who do not wish to receive communion are welcome to receive a blessing from the priest. Simply cross your arms across your chest to indicate this. 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 Hymns:** The Lord Be With You

Natalie Sleeth

The Lord be with you your whole life through,  
in all you say, and in all you do,  
The Lord be with you and bless you all your days.

The Lord protect you where'er you go,  
in time of plenty, in time of woe  
and make your life like a joyful song of praise.

**Post Communion Music:** Day by Day

H654

Day by day, dear Lord,  
of thee three things I pray:  
to see thee more clearly,  
love thee more dearly,  
follow thee more nearly, day by day.

*After Communion, the Presider says*

Let us pray.

**Postcommunion Prayer** *(said by all, standing)*

BCP 366

*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 your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

**Blessing** Irish Blessing

Budge Walen

May the road rise to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine upon your face  
and rains fall softly on your fields.

May the road rise to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.

And until we meet again may God hold you,  
may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

May the road rise to meet you  
And God hold you, hold you,  
in the palm of his hand. Amen, Amen, Amen.

*Presider* And the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,  
be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn:** In Christ There is No East or West H529

1 In Christ there is no East or West,  
in him no South or North,  
but one great fellowship of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.

*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. Alleluia, Alleluia.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**Voluntary:** Chant Modale Craig Penfield

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## **The Ministers of the Liturgy**

Presider: Rev. Vincent Black

Seminarian: Leah Romanelli DeJesus

Organist: Jon Peterson

Soloist: Margie Hildebrandt

Acolyte: Derek Lewallen

Reader: Corky Thacker

Ushers: Jeff Sommer and Ray Pratt

Video and live-streaming: Dave Campion

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The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God  
in memory of Nicholas V. Vroutos by the parish.

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

**Our Spiritual Leaders:**

+Michael -our Presiding Bishop; +Mark -our Bishop;  
+Bill, and +Arthur -our Assisting Bishops;  
+Vincent -our Priest; Leah -our seminarian

**Those for whom prayers have been requested:**

Sue Alix  
Marlene Ballard  
Anthony Joseph Barron  
Teddi Black  
Emily Boyd  
Carol Culp  
Robert Dibb  
Jerry Dudley  
Justin Edwards  
Bill Fickinger  
Dan Filer  
Ella Jane Fowerbaugh  
Linda Gardner  
Martha Hartman  
Pat Hendy  
Boots Johnston  
Lisa Jones  
Barbara Kutza

Marilyn Little  
Doris McQuiston  
June Madden  
The participants in our  
community meals  
Darren Poppen  
Jean Priddy  
Lou Rogers  
Rich Ruscin  
Naomi Singer  
Bill Smith  
Wendie Stemple  
Alyssa Stryka  
Madeline Tammoney  
Corky Thacker  
Betty Weber  
Diane Welfley

**Those We Know in the Military**

Jason Hildebrandt  
McDowell (Mac) Jones  
Sydney Kline

Jason Strater  
Brendon

## **The Departed**

Dale Davidson  
Zak McCarney  
Terri O'Brien

Eduardo Ponce Otero  
Charles Stahl  
Nicholas V. Vroutos  
Chris Walsh

## **Noonday prayer**

### **Tuesdays at 12:12pm via conference call**

On Tuesdays there will be a conference call enabling you to call in and join Father Vincent and other members of our Ascension community for:

- Noonday Prayer (10 minutes),
- A reflection from Forward Day by Day (5 minutes),
- Time for us to check-in with each other (20 minutes),
- Time to ask questions and exchange information (10 minutes),
- Prayer for the Church of the Ascension.

This will give everyone access to our priest and allow us to continue together in prayer and fellowship.

**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.

## *A General Thanksgiving*

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. *Amen.*

## **Ascension Day**

We will celebrate our parish name day with a service of Holy Eucharist on May 13<sup>th</sup>, Ascension Thursday, at 7:30pm. The service will also be streamed via Facebook.

Unfortunately due to the ongoing pandemic and the resulting restrictions, we will not hold our customary parish dinner that evening.

## **Monthly Family Outdoor Service**

Because of the wonderful responses from our children and adults alike, we will have an outdoor family service (similar to what we had on Easter) once a month. It will be held on the fourth Sunday of the month at 9:30am. Our next Outdoor Family Service be held on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Day of Pentecost. All are invited to attend.

## **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*

**YOU CAN USE PLASTIC TO DONATE TO THE CHURCH!**

At [theascensionshop.com](http://theascensionshop.com) you can use plastic to donate to the church. Credit and debit cards are accepted. One time, Weekly, Bi-Weekly, and Monthly contributions can be entered. All contributions will show on your annual statement. Just take a look! (With thanks to theascensionshop creator Michael Crowdes; send questions to [crowdes@gmail.com](mailto:crowdes@gmail.com).)

## **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/](https://www.facebook.com/pg/ascensionlakewood/videos/), and at [www.ascension-lakewood.org](http://www.ascension-lakewood.org).

## **Information for in-person worship.**

In-person services are at 8am and 10:30am in the church. Let us know you plan to attend by registering before 12pm Saturday at <https://ascensionregistration.eventbrite.com>.

All are required to wear a mask and keep a social distance of 6 feet. Please bring your own mask. Masks will be available if you forget to bring one. Hand sanitizer will be provided, and you are asked to use it. It is recommended that you have your own hand sanitizer as well. There will be no coffee hour following the services at this time. People may socialize at a safe distance outside on the lawn or in the garden.

Those attending services are asked to enter and exit through the front doors in the Narthex. As a rule, we will enter via the center aisle and exit via the side aisles, maintaining social distance. Those requiring the assistance of the elevator are welcome to enter and exit through the East Entrance.

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