

*Church of the Ascension*

*September 18, 2022*

*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

*10:30am*

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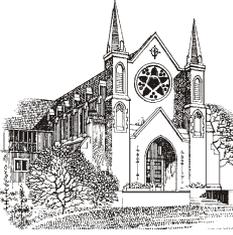
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*Holy Eucharist, Enriching Our Worship, 10:30am*

*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**

*When the Voluntary begins, please maintain prayerful silence*

**Voluntary:** Variations on *Lobe den Herren*

Hal Hopson/Charles Callahan

**Opening Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

**H390**

**Tune: *Lobe den Herren***

*1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise Him, for he is thy health and salvation:  
Join the great throng,  
Psaltery, organ, and song,  
Sounding in glad adoration.*

*2 Praise to the Lord; over all things he gloriously reigneth:  
Borne as on eagle-wings, safely his saints he sustaineth.  
Hast thou not seen  
How all thou needest hath been  
Granted in what he ordaineth?*

*3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend thee;  
Surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee;  
Ponder anew  
What the Almighty can do,  
Who with his love doth befriend thee.*

*4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen  
Sound from his people again  
Gladly forever adore him.*

## Welcome

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

*EOW 50*

*Presider* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People* *Glory to God for ever and ever.*

*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:** To God be the Glory

**Malcolm Archer**  
**Tune: Ash Grove**

*To God be the glory, all glory in the highest,  
and peace to his people who dwell here below;  
Our heavenly Father, our Lord, and our sovereign,  
to you, the Almighty, our praises bestow;  
We worship and adore you, we bow here before you  
with grateful thanksgiving, our song let us raise;  
All glory and honor and glad adoration,  
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise.*

*Lord Jesus, the only begotten of the Father,  
We praise and we bless you, the Son and the Lamb;  
The sin of the world you have taken upon you,  
have mercy upon us, the Great I AM!*

*For holy, you meet us, yet lowly you greet us,  
the Lord in the highest, the Holy One;  
All glory to the Father, the Son and the Spirit,  
from ages everlasting, the Three in One.*

### **The Collect**

*Presider* God be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

Beloved God, as we approach your Presence, guide and stir us with your Holy Spirit, that we may become one body, one spirit in Jesus Christ our Savior. ***Amen.***

*People sit for the reading of the lessons*

### **A Reading from Amos**

**8:4-7**

Hear this, you who trample on the needy and destroy  
the poor of the land, saying,  
“When will the new moon  
be over so that we may sell grain,  
and the Sabbath  
so that we may offer wheat for sale,  
make the ephah smaller, enlarge the shekel,  
and deceive with false balances,  
in order to buy the needy for silver  
and the helpless for sandals,  
and sell garbage as grain?”

The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
Surely I will never forget what they have done.

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

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

*Reader* We will stand and sing the psalm.

*1. Hallelujah! Give praise to God,  
Yes, let God's Name be praised;  
From this time forth, forevermore,  
Let blessing be upraised.*

*2. From sunrise to the setting sun,  
Sing praises to God's Name;  
Exalted over all the earth,  
Let heav'n God's praise proclaim.*

*3. For who, enthroned like God on high,  
Stoops down to heaven and earth?  
You lift the needy from the dust,  
Ascribe to them such worth,*

*4. And set them with the mighty ones,  
The princes of the earth,  
And make the barren woman sing  
With joy as she gives birth.*

**A Reading from 1 Timothy**

**2:1-7**

First of all, then, I ask that requests, prayers, petitions, and thanksgiving be made for all people. Pray for kings and everyone who is in authority so that we can live a quiet and peaceful life in complete godliness and dignity. This is right and it pleases God our savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. There is one God and one mediator between God and humanity, the human Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a payment to set all people free. This was a testimony that was given at the right time. I was appointed to be a preacher and apostle of this testimony—I'm telling the truth and I'm not lying! I'm a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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

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

*The people stand*

**Sequence Hymn    Be Thou My Vision**

**H488**

**Tune: Slane**

*1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
all else be nought to me, save that thou art--  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father; thine own may I be;  
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.*

*3 High King of heaven, when victory is won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,  
still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.*

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

**16:1-13**

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

Jesus also said to the disciples, “A certain rich man heard that his household manager was wasting his estate. He called the manager in and said to him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give me a report of your administration because you can no longer serve as my manager.’

“The household manager said to himself, What will I do now that my master is firing me as his manager? I’m not strong enough to dig and too proud to beg. I know what I’ll do so that, when I am removed from my management position, people will welcome me into their houses.

“One by one, the manager sent for each person who owed his master money. He said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He said, ‘Nine hundred gallons of olive oil.’ The manager said to him, ‘Take your contract, sit down quickly, and write four

hundred fifty gallons.’ Then the manager said to another, ‘How much do you owe?’ He said, ‘One thousand bushels of wheat.’ He said, ‘Take your contract and write eight hundred.’

“The master commended the dishonest manager because he acted cleverly. People who belong to this world are more clever in dealing with their peers than are people who belong to the light. I tell you, use worldly wealth to make friends for yourselves so that when it’s gone, you will be welcomed into the eternal homes.

“Whoever is faithful with little is also faithful with much, and the one who is dishonest with little is also dishonest with much. If you haven’t been faithful with worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? If you haven’t been faithful with someone else’s property, who will give you your own? No household servant can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be loyal to the one and have contempt for the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

*Presider*      The Gospel of our Savior.

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

*The people sit*

**The Sermon**

*Rev. Vincent Black*

*All 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**

*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; Clarke, our intern; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

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

Let us pray for the election of our next bishop, the 12th Bishop of Ohio:

Loving Creator, you call us together and you send us forth to be your witnesses in all places. We ask you now to lead us, accompany us, and direct us as we seek that person who is to be our next Bishop.

***Grant us perception, faithfulness and joy that we may hear your still small voice. And then, give us the courage to follow as you lead us along the way. In the name of Christ Jesus who is the shepherd and bishop of our souls. .***

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*

Christ our true and only Light: receive our morning prayers, and illumine the secrets of our hearts with your healing goodness, that no evil desires may possess us who are made new in the light of your heavenly grace. **Amen.**

(source: *Gelasian Sacramentary*)

## **The Confession of Sin**

*EOW 56*

*The Presider says*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Presider and People*

***God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. 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**

Kent Johnson

Cole Spada

Nancy Murphy

***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:**      We are the Lord's                      arr. Roland E. Martin  
Tune: Londonderry Air

We are the Lord's. His all sufficient merit,  
Sealed on the cross to us this grace accords.  
We are the Lord's and all things shall inherit;  
Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

We are the Lord's. Then let us gladly tender  
Our souls to him in deeds, not empty words.  
Let heart and tongue and life combine to render  
No doubtful witness that we are the Lord's.

We are the Lord's. No darkness brooding o'er us  
Can make us tremble while this star affords  
A steady light along the path before us:  
Faith's full assurance that we are the Lord's.

We are the Lord's. No evil can befall us  
In the dread hour of life's fast loos'ning cords;  
No pangs of death shall even then appall us.  
Death shall be vanquished, for we are the Lord's.

*All stand*

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

*The gifts of the people are brought forward at this time, including bread,  
wine and alms, as the congregation sings the Presentation Hymn.*

**Presentation Hymn: Doxology with Alleluias**                      **arr. Hal Hopson**  
**Tune: *Lasst uns Erfreuen***

*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 people remain standing*

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

*EOW 62*

*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 our thanks and praise.***

*The Presider proceeds*

All thanks and praise  
are yours at all times and in all places,

our true and loving God;  
through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,  
the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.  
You laid the foundations of the world  
and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb;  
You brought forth all creatures of the earth  
and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing,  
all you create is a sign of hope for our journey;  
And so as the morning stars sing your praises  
we join the heavenly beings and all creation  
as we shout with joy:

### **Sanctus and Benedictus**

**R. Bethancourt (Cursillo)**

*Presider and People*

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r, of pow'r and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r, of pow'r 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.***

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***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r, of pow'r and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

*The people stand or kneel and the Presider continues*

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all,  
your Word has never been silent;  
you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations,  
you delivered them from bondage  
and led them to a land of promise.  
Of your grace, you gave Jesus  
to be human, to share our life,  
to proclaim the coming of your holy reign  
and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,  
you have freed us from sin,  
brought us into your life,  
reconciled us to you,  
and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us  
Jesus took bread,  
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,  
gave it to his friends and said:  
“Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine,  
said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:  
“Drink this, all of you:  
this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood,  
poured out for you and for all  
for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us:  
the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension,  
longing for Christ’s coming in glory,  
and presenting to you these gifts  
your earth has formed and human hands have made,  
we acclaim you, O Christ:

*Presider and People (spoken)*

***Dying, you destroyed our death.***

***Rising, you restored our life.***

***Christ Jesus, come in glory!***

*The Presider continues*

Send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon these gifts of bread and wine  
that they may be to us  
the Body and Blood of your Christ.  
Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power,  
may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ,  
and in the fullness of time gather us  
with Mary, the mother of Jesus, and all your people  
into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
we worship you our God and Creator  
in voices of unending praise.

*Presider and People*

***Blessed are you 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*

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us,  
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, Alleluia, 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.*

*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.*

*[Refrain:]*

*There is a balm in Gilead,  
to make the wounded whole,  
there is a balm in Gilead  
to heal the sin-sick soul.*

*1 Sometimes I feel discouraged,  
and think my work's in vain,  
but then the Holy Spirit  
revives my soul again. (Refrain)*

*2 If you cannot preach like Peter,  
if you cannot pray like Paul,  
you can tell the love of Jesus  
and say, "He died for all." (Refrain)*

*3 Don't ever be discouraged  
for Jesus is your friend,  
and if you lack for knowledge,  
He'll ne'er refuse to lend. (Refrain)*

**Postcommunion Hymn: Day by Day**

**H654**

**Tune: Sumner**

*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)*

*EOW 69*

*God of abundance,  
you have fed us  
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;*

*you have united us  
with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one  
with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth  
in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever  
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

## Blessing

Closing Hymn: Jesus Calls Us

H550

Tune: *Restoration*

*1 Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult  
of our life's wild, restless sea,  
day by day his clear voice soundeth,  
saying, "Christian, follow me;"*

*2 as, of old, Saint Andrew heard it  
by the Galilean lake,  
turned from home and toil and kindred,  
leaving all for his dear sake.*

*3 Jesus calls us from the worship  
of the vain world's golden store;  
from each idol that would keep us,  
saying, "Christian, love me more."*

*4 In our joys and in our sorrows,  
days of toil and hours of ease,  
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
"Christian, love me more than these."*

*5 Jesus calls us! By thy mercies,  
Savior, may we hear thy call,  
give our hearts to thine obedience,  
serve and love thee best of all.*

*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:** Voluntary on *Restoration*

Charles Callahan

† † †



## **The Ministers of the Liturgy**

Presider: Rev. Vincent Black

Organist: Jon Peterson

Choir Director: Margie Hildebrandt

Acolytes: Derek Lewallen and Jan Bednarski

Readers: Clarke Mortensen and Alex DeJesus

Spiritual Eucharist Reader: Clarke Mortensen

Chalice Bearers: Derek Lewallen and Jan Bednarski

Ushers: Connie Connolly and Ray Pratt

Videographer: Dave Campion



The flowers on the Altar are given glory of God,  
and in memory of Jane R. O'Brien.

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**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; Clarke Mortensen our intern

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

Marlowe & Joe Adami  
Frank Bihn  
Jen Black  
Teddi Black  
Becky Burdzinski  
Jennifer Carlson  
Suzanne Carlson  
Carol Culp  
Raymond D'Arcy  
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Lisa Jones  
Nancy Kunes  
Mark Lewallen

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Alban Skipworth  
Wendie Stemple  
Corky Thacker  
Tom Turner

## Those We Know in the Military

McDowell (Mac) Jones  
Sydney Kline

Jason Strater  
Brendon

## The Departed

Rocky Acquaviva  
Queen Elizabeth

Amy Humphrey

## 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*



Use your smart phone to scan the code above or visit [ascension-lakewood.org](https://ascension-lakewood.org) where you can make a one-time donation or set up continuing donations.

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

## **Garden & Yard Cleanup**

Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 9am

Please join us for a garden & yard clean-up.

Note for your calendar: garden and yard clean-ups are the first Saturday of each month.

## **Pet Blessing and Memorial**

There will be a blessing of the animals and pet memorial service on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:30am in the West Garden. If you intend to have the remains of your pets spread in the holy circle, please contact Father Vincent by Sunday September 25<sup>th</sup>.

Memorial offerings may be made to support our garden fund. All live pets are to be caged or leashed. Stuffed animals welcome as well.

## **Bible Study: The Gospel According to Luke**

will resume on Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup>. 9:15-10am.

## **Ascension Karaoke Night**

@ Corky's Place 13302 Detroit Ave  
Monday October 3rd 7-9pm  
Pizza available.

## **Ascension Night Out Is Coming Back!**

I am pleased to announce that after a 2 and a half year hiatus Ascension Night Out is coming back. Make sure to mark your calendar and save Wednesday, October 19th as a must attend celebration!

We will meet at 6:00 P.M. for fellowship, food and fun!

The location of our first dinner out will be announced in upcoming Sunday Service bulletins (starting mid- September), in the October Spires and on the Ascension website.

Faithfully,  
Jim Weiss,  
Ascension Night Out Coordinator

## **October Trunk or Treat: Location: Outside, Church Parking Lot**

Sunday, October 30th, following Sunday Service

Q. What is the Church?

A. The Church is the community of the New Covenant.

Q. How is the Church described in the Bible?

A. The Church is described as the Body of which Jesus Christ is the Head and of which all baptized persons are members. It is called the People of God, the New Israel, a holy nation, a royal priesthood, and the pillar and ground of truth.

Q. How is the Church described in the creeds?

A. The Church is described as one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.

Q. Why is the Church described as one?

A. The Church is one, because it is one Body, under one Head, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Q. Why is the Church described as holy?

A. The Church is holy, because the Holy Spirit dwells in it, consecrates its members, and guides them to do God's work.

Q. Why is the Church described as catholic?

A. The Church is catholic, because it proclaims the whole Faith to all people, to the end of time.

Q. Why is the Church described as apostolic?

A. The Church is apostolic, because it continues in the teaching and fellowship of the apostles and is sent to carry out Christ's mission to all people.

Q. What is the mission of the Church?

A. The mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.

Q. Who are the ministers of the Church?

A. The ministers of the Church are lay persons, bishops, priests, and deacons.

Q. What is the ministry of the laity?

A. The ministry of lay persons is to represent Christ and his Church; to bear witness to him wherever they may be and, according to the gifts given them, to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world; and to take their place in the life, worship, and governance of the Church.

## **Bishop Selection News**

The slate of candidates for Bishop of Ohio is to be presented mid-August.

Get to know the slate through Meet and Greets. Meet and Greets are open to all.

Sunday, October 23 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.,  
Christ Church, Warren

Monday, October 24 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.,  
St. Paul's Church, Akron (Livestreamed)

Tuesday, October 25 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.,  
Grace Church, Mansfield

Wednesday, October 26 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.,  
St. Timothy's Church, Perrysburg

Thursday, October 27 from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.,  
Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland & on Zoom (for People of Color)

Thursday, October 27 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.,  
Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland (Livestreamed)

The election of the Bishop will take place at our 206<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, Downtown Cleveland on November 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. Ascension will send three delegates.

The Consecration of the new Bishop of Ohio will be April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 11:00am.

The Most Reverend Michael Curry will serve as the presider.

Church of the Ascension is one of about 100 churches just in northern Ohio according to Reverend Purdom. We are so grateful for the Diocese's investment in our church that has allowed Church of the Ascension to keep our doors open and grow into a church with a fulltime priest.

Let us pray for all those voting for the new Ohio Bishop. May we prayerfully participate in the Meet and Greets whether in person or online. Prayerfully may we listen to those from our own parish as they participate in the Diocesan voting process.

The prayers and service for the Ordination and Consecration of a Bishop begins on p.511 of the Prayer Book.

## **Office Hours Change**

Effective Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup>,  
the office is closed on Mondays.  
Office Hours are: 9am – 1:30pm, Tuesday - Thursday

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

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