



Church of the Ascension

November 19, 2023

*Twenty-fifth 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: Variations on *Festal Song*

Hal Hopkins and Charles Callahan

Opening Hymn: Rise Up, Ye Saints of God!

H551

Tune: *Festal Song*

*1 Rise up, ye saints of God!
Have done with lesser things,
give heart and soul and mind and strength
to serve the King of kings.*

*2 Rise up, ye saints of God!
His kingdom tarries long:
Lord, bring the day of truth and love
and end the night of wrong.*

*3 Lift high the cross of Christ!
Tread where his feet have trod;*

*and quickened by the Spirit's power,
rise up, ye saints of God!*

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 Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Presider The Lord be with you.

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

Presider Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

People sit for the reading of the lessons

A Reading from Zephaniah

1:7, 12-18

Hush before the Lord God,
for the day of the Lord is near!
The Lord has established a sacrifice;
he has made holy those he has summoned.

At that time, I will search Jerusalem with lamps;
I will punish the men growing fat on the sediment in their wine,
those saying to themselves, The Lord won't do good or evil.
Their wealth will be looted and their houses destroyed.
They will rebuild houses, but not live in them;
they will plant vineyards, but not drink the wine.

The great day of the Lord is near;
it is near and coming very quickly.

The sound of the day of the Lord is bitter.
A warrior screams there.

That day is a day of fury,
a day of distress and anxiety,
a day of desolation and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloominess,
a day of clouds and deep darkness,
a day for blowing the trumpet
and alarm against their invincible cities
and against their high towers.

I will make humanity suffer;
they will walk like the blind

because they sinned against the Lord.
Their blood will be poured out like dust
and their intestines like manure.
Moreover, their silver and their gold won't be able to deliver them
on the day of the Lord's fury.
His jealousy will devour the entire land with fire;
he will make an end,
a truly horrible one,
for all the inhabitants of the land.

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

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

Reader We will stand and sing the psalm.

Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12 (*sung to metric text*) **Tune: Nun danket all (H627)**
(Lamp of Our Feet)

1. *You have been our strong refuge, Lord,
Each age has praised your Name;
Before hills, land, and earth were born,
Still you have been the same.*
2. *You turn us to the dust and say,
"Go back," for in your sight
A thousand ages past are but
A brief watch in the night.*
3. *You sweep us all away like dreams,
We fade away like grass;
At daybreak green and flourishing,
By evening dry and past.*
4. *For we consume away, O Lord,
Your wrath fills us with fear;
Your light reveals all our misdeeds,
Our secret sins appear.*
5. *Our life is cut short by your wrath,
It fades away like breath;*

*Though life be long, the sum is grief,
And quickly still comes death.*

6. *So teach us, Lord, in your great might,
To number all our days,
That we may yet apply our hearts
To wisdom and its ways.*

A Reading from First Thessalonians

5:1-11

We don't need to write to you about the timing and dates, brothers and sisters. You know very well that the day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. When they are saying, "There is peace and security," at that time sudden destruction will attack them, like labor pains start with a pregnant woman, and they definitely won't escape. But you aren't in darkness, brothers and sisters, so the day won't catch you by surprise like a thief. All of you are children of light and children of the day. We don't belong to night or darkness. So then, let's not sleep like the others, but let's stay awake and stay sober. People who sleep sleep at night, and people who get drunk get drunk at night. Since we belong to the day, let's stay sober, wearing faithfulness and love as a piece of armor that protects our body and the hope of salvation as a helmet. God didn't intend for us to suffer his wrath but rather to possess salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we will live together with him. So continue encouraging each other and building each other up, just like you are doing already.

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

The people stand

Sequence Hymn Awake, Awake to Love and Work! H9 vs. 4,5
to Tune: Brother James' Air (H517)

*4 Awake, awake to love and work!
The lark is in the sky,
the fields are wet with diamond dew,
the worlds awake to cry
their blessings on the Lord of life,
as he goes meekly by.*

*5 Come, let thy voice be one with theirs,
shout with their shout of praise;
see how the giant sun soars up,
great lord of years and days!
So let the love of Jesus come
and set thy soul ablaze,*

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

25:14-30

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

Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who was leaving on a trip. He called his servants and handed his possessions over to them. To one he gave five valuable coins, and to another he gave two, and to another he gave one. He gave to each servant according to that servant’s ability. Then he left on his journey.

“After the man left, the servant who had five valuable coins took them and went to work doing business with them. He gained five more. In the same way, the one who had two valuable coins gained two more. But the servant who had received the one valuable coin dug a hole in the ground and buried his master’s money.

“Now after a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five valuable coins came forward with five additional coins. He said, ‘Master, you gave me five valuable coins. Look, I’ve gained five more.’

*to serve right gloriously
the God who gave all worlds that are,
and all that are to be.*

The people sit

The Sermon

Rev. Vincent Black

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

Sue Campion
Nicola Gazala

Diana Strozewski

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: Down to the River to Pray

arr. Sheldon Curry

Refrain:

As I went down to the river to pray,
studying about that good old way
and who shall wear the starry crown—
Good Lord, show me the way!

O *sisters, let's go down.

Let's go down, come on down.

O *sisters, let's go down,
down to the river to pray. *[refrain]*

*brothers, fathers, mothers, sinners

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

H380 v. 3
Tune: Old 100th

*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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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

R. Bethancourt

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.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

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

*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.

Communion Music: Gather Us In

Marty Haugen

*I Here in this place, new light is streaming,
now is the darkness, vanished away,
see, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.*

*Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

*2 We are the young, our lives are a mystery;
we are the old, who yearn for your face,
we have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.*

*3 Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat, the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.*

*4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven light years away,
but here in this space, the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in, and hold us forever;
gather us in, and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

Postcommunion Music: I Bind Unto Myself Today **H370, vs 6**
Tune: St. Patrick's Breastplate

*6 Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.*

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 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: Stand Up, Stand Up, for Jesus **H561**
Tune: Morning Light

*I Stand up, stand up, for Jesus,
ye soldiers of the cross;
lift high his royal banner,
it must not suffer loss:*

*from victory unto victory
his army shall he lead,
till every foe is vanquished
and Christ is Lord indeed.*

*2 Stand up, stand up, for Jesus;
the trumpet call obey;
forth to the mighty conflict
in this his glorious day:
ye that are his now serve him
against unnumbered foes;
let courage rise with danger,
and strength to strength oppose.*

*3 Stand up, stand up, for Jesus;
stand in his strength alone;
the arm of flesh will fail you,
ye dare not trust your own:
put on the Gospel armor,
and watching unto prayer,
when duty calls, or danger,
be never wanting there.*

*4 Stand up, stand up, for Jesus:
the strife will not be long;
this day, the noise of battle;
the next, the victor's song.
To valiant hearts triumphant,
a crown of life shall be;
they with the King of glory
shall reign eternally.*

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: Variations on *Morning Light*

Hal Hopkins and Charles Callahan

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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.

Clarke and Mark

Please join Clarke for a six week study of the Gospel according to Mark. Class are Sunday mornings from 9:15-10am. They began November 5th and end December 10th. One need not commit to every week to attend



The Ministers of the Liturgy

Presider: Rev. Vincent Black

Music Director and Organist: Jon Peterson

Choir Director: Margie Hildebrandt

Acolytes: Derek Lewallen and Jan Bednarski

Readers: Keira Dodd and John Carlson

Spiritual Communion Reader: John Carlson

Chalice Bearers: Derek Lewallen and Jan Bednarski

Ushers: Jeff Sommer and Chris Coppock

Videographer: Dom Sgambellone

Sunday School: Stephanie Gillies



The flowers on the chapel altar are given to the glory of God
in memory of Edwin Arthur Kraft

Bible readings from the Common English Bible (CEB)
A New Metrical Psalter, Revised Common Lectionary Edition

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**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
Collins	Marilyn Little
Chris Deibel	Tom Mahovlic
Mary Ann Deibel	Mae Mohar
John Evans	Gil Newlands
Spencer Faux	Larry Pierce
Jim Ford	David Rozell
Ella Jane Fowerbaugh	Andrea Stahl
Leah Gerlach	Wendie Stemple
Spencer Griffith	Corky Thacker
Martha Hartman	Gloria Thomas
Amanda Hinton	Nicole Weiss and
Pamela Jackson	baby Elianna
Christian Jeavons	Jim Weiss
Jennifer Keohane	Bill Wofford

Those We Know in the Military

McDowell (Mac) Jones	Jason Strater
Sydney Kline	

The Departed

Joanne Dusenbury

Christopher Gibson

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.

Remembering Past Parishioners

Celebrating 150 years of ministry

1875 - 2025



Edwin Arthur Kraft (1883 - 1962)

Edwin A. Kraft was born in New Haven, Connecticut and at the age of just 15 had his first position as a church organist. He studied music at Yale University and shortly afterwards received a position at St. Thomas's Church in Brooklyn, New York. Later E. A. Kraft spent three years studying the art of playing the organ in Berlin and Paris. In 1907, despite being one of 90 applicants, Kraft received the position of organist at Trinity Cathedral in Cleveland, Ohio. This was a position he had until his retirement in 1959. During this time he also had the distinction of being director of music at Lake Erie College and head of the organ department at the Cleveland Institute of Music.

E. A. Kraft was integral in the formation of the American Guild of Organists in Cleveland in 1909. It is this organization, which will be honoring our church and performing here at Church of the Ascension December 3, 2023. E. A. Kraft performed at Church of the Ascension on September 23, 1918 in the new church.

The portrait was provided by the AGO (the American Guild of Organists) , for which Kraft was so instrumental in creating.... pun intended.

The stained glass window was provided by the Archivist from Trinity. It is found at Trinity Cathedral where Kraft played for so many years.

The picture of Kraft with his family was provided by a descendant of Edwin A. Kraft. His great- great-grandson shared it with Ascension.

Lakewood Ecumenical Service

The Lakewood Ministerial Association will partner once again this year with Lakewood Baptist (LBC) and Centering Space to host an Ecumenical Taize Prayer Circle.

Today, November 19th @ 7 pm, followed by a casual reception following the Circle.

Church Cleanup for Advent

Saturday, December 2nd, 9am to 11am

We are preparing the nave/church for the holiday season. We need to vacuum, mop floors, and wipe down pews. Please sign-up and help us prepare the church for the beauty of Advent and Christmas.

St Edward's gentlemen will join us as well to assist. Cleaning supplies will be provided.

Many hands make light work.

Ten church volunteers plus St. Edward's volunteers will make the job simple and provide a thorough cleaning of the church.

Holiday Organ Recital

On Sunday, December 3rd at 4:00 PM, members of the Cleveland Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO) will present a festive and jolly recital of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany organ favorites at Ascension.

Come and hear the sounds of the season on our magnificent three manual pipe organ! Following the recital, there will be a reception filled with good cheer where the audience can meet the organists and share in the holiday spirit. All are welcome to this free event, a joint gift to the community by Church of the Ascension and the Cleveland AGO!

Cookie Walk

Would you like to bake in a group? Do you need more countertop to make all the fabulous cookies and your kitchen is too small?

We will be at Church of the Ascension on Sunday December 3th from 1pm – 3pm to bake in our industrial kitchen! Let Jenny or Christina know if you would like to come in to bake on December 2nd.

The cookie walk will be on December 9th, 2022 (Saturday) from 9am – 2pm or until sold out.

We will have tables set up in Strohm hall on Friday night with table clothes and plates. We will need set up volunteers for the morning of the cookie walk – should arrive at 830am. Volunteers will also be needed to help customers get their cookies. We will have gloves for those people giving out cookies to use. We will have bags or boxes for the customers to use. Scales will be available to check quantity and to weigh out at the end of their purchase in two locations.

We will have a limit amount of Amish Swiss cheese and Trail Bologna available for purchase on that day, but we recommend ordering ahead to guarantee you are able to purchase. There are order forms in the office, or you can call Susan O'Donnell at 216 521-3271 or email your order to Christina Ferraro Christina.ferraro@gmail.com

Amish Trail bologna is \$14/link (each link is about 1.25lb) and Amish Swish Cheese is \$10/lb one wheel is about 3-4 lbs. Cookies will be sold \$10/lb.

We will also have wonderful center pieces made by our very own Greg Sent and Joyce Knapp

We will accept payment with cash or credit card.

Please consider baking – the more cookies we have to sell the more we will raise for the Church of the Ascension.

Not a baker, we need help on the actual day of the sale – setting up, helping customers choose their cookies, check out/collect payment and clean up.

We will be setting up on Friday evening (12/9 at 6pm) and Saturday morning (12/10 at 730am or potentially later). The more we get done on Friday the less we need to get done Saturday.

We will need help cleaning up after the event around 2pm.

Ascension Night Out

There will be no Ascension Night Out in November and December. We will resume our monthly night out in the new year.

Office Help Needed

We are still in need of a temporary receptionist in the Church Office for the following dates while Jim is on a medical leave.

Duties include unlocking the East entrance and office, turning on the lights and answering the phone. The hours are from 9:00 am - 1:30 pm.

Wednesday, November 29th

Wednesday, December 27th

Tuesday, December 26th

Tuesday, January 2nd

Please see Jim or Father Vincent or call the office at 216-521-8727 if you can cover any or all of these days or if you have any questions.

Learn about our faith

Learn about our faith and prepare for confirmation, reception, and reaffirmation in the Episcopal Church. Join Father Vincent for 6 weeks on Wednesday evenings 5:30-8:00 January 3rd-February 7th. Light dinner will be provided.

Dinner served 5:30-6, Class 6-8

Class cost is \$45 with book. Without book is \$25.

Book is Walk in Love

Sign up in the office to participate and/or to provide bread, soup, or desert.

Diocesan Confirmation Retreat with Bishop Anne

Bellwether Farm

Friday March 22 - Saturday March 23

Registration 4:30pm

Closing Eucharist

Dinner 6pm

Saturday at 4pm

Session 1 7pm

Ascension Event Schedule for 2023

Fun and More Fun Planned

November 23rd, Thanksgiving Dinner, 12-2pm

following 10:30 service

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

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

December 9th, Saturday, Cookie Walk, 9am to 2pm

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.

Thanksgiving Dinner - Open to Everyone

Thursday, November 23rd., following the service

Approximately 12 noon, in Ascension's gym

Sign-up is appreciated for an accurate head count

If you wish to contribute, bring a dessert

Helpers Needed (please sign-up)

Setup: Wednesday 11/22, 7:00pm in the gym

Clean-up: Immediately following the meal

For more information and to Sign-up

(216) 521-8727 (Leave a voicemail)

secretary@ascension-lakewood.org

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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