



Church of the Ascension

November 26, 2023

*Last Sunday After Pentecost:
Christ the King*

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: *Vater unser im Himmelreich*

J. S. Bach

Opening Hymn: *Lead On, O King Eternal*

H555

Tune: Lancashire

*1 Lead on, O King eternal,
the day of march has come;
henceforth in fields of conquest
thy tents shall be our home:
through days of preparation
thy grace has made us strong,
and now, O King eternal,
we lift our battle song.*

*2 Lead on, O King eternal,
till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper
the sweet amen of peace;*

*for not with swords loud clashing,
nor roll of stirring drums,
but deeds of love and mercy,
the heavenly kingdom comes.*

*3 Lead on, O King eternal:
we follow, not with fears;
for gladness breaks like morning
where'er thy face appears.
Thy cross is lifted o'er us;
we journey in its light:
the crown awaits the conquest;
lead on, O God of might!*

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: 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 for the Last Sunday after Pentecost

Presider The Lord be with you.

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

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

People sit for the reading of the lessons

A Reading from Ezekial

34:11-16, 20-24

The Lord God proclaims: I myself will search for my flock and seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out the flock when some in the flock have been scattered, so will I seek out my flock. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered during the time of clouds and thick darkness. I will gather and lead them out from the countries and peoples, and I will bring them to their own fertile land. I will feed them on Israel's highlands, along the riverbeds, and in all the inhabited places. I will feed them in good pasture, and their sheepfold will be there, on Israel's lofty highlands. On Israel's highlands, they will lie down in a secure fold and feed on green pastures. I myself will feed my flock and make them lie down. This is what the Lord God says. I will seek out the lost, bring back the strays, bind up the wounded, and strengthen the weak. But the fat and the strong I will destroy, because I will tend my sheep with justice.

So the Lord God proclaims to them: I will judge between the fat and the lean sheep. You shove with shoulder and flank, and with your

horns you ram all the weak sheep until you've scattered them outside. But I will rescue my flock so that they will never again be prey. I will even judge between the sheep! I will appoint for them a single shepherd, and he will feed them. My servant David will feed them. He will be their shepherd. I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David will be their prince. I, the Lord, have spoken.

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 95:1-7a (*sung to metric text*)

Tune: Duke Street (H544)
(Jesus Shall Reign)

- 1. Come, let us sing to God on high,
The Rock of our salvation praise;
Come with thanksgiving to God's courts,
And sing our joyful psalms of praise.***
- 2. You, Lord, reign over all the gods;
The heights and depths are in your hands.
You made the sea and it is yours;
Your hands have molded the dry land.***
- 3. Come, let us bow down to the One
Before whom every knee must bend;
We are the people in God's hand,
The pastured flock our Shepherd tends.***

A Reading from Ephesians

1:15-23

Since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, this is the reason that I don't stop giving thanks to God for you when I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, will give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation that makes God known to you. I pray that the eyes of your heart will have enough light to see what is the hope of God's call, what is the richness of God's glorious inheritance among believers, and what is the overwhelming greatness of God's power that is working among us believers. This power is conferred by the energy of God's powerful strength. God's

power was at work in Christ when God raised him from the dead and sat him at God's right side in the heavens, far above every ruler and authority and power and angelic power, any power that might be named not only now but in the future. God put everything under Christ's feet and made him head of everything in the church, which is his body. His body, the church, is the fullness of Christ, who fills everything in every way.

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

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

The people stand

Sequence Hymn: At the Name of Jesus

H435 vs. 1,4

Tune: *King's Weston*

*1 At the Name of Jesus
every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him
King of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure
we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning
was the mighty Word.*

*4 Name him, Christians, name him,
with love strong as death,
name with awe and wonder
and with bated breath;
he is God the Savior,
he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshiped,
trusted, and adored.*

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

25:31-46

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

Jesus said, "Now when the Human One comes in his majesty and all his angels are with him, he will sit on his majestic throne. All the

nations will be gathered in front of him. He will separate them from each other, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right side. But the goats he will put on his left.

“Then the king will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who will receive good things from my Father. Inherit the kingdom that was prepared for you before the world began. I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you gave me clothes to wear. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me.’

“Then those who are righteous will reply to him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? When did we see you as a stranger and welcome you, or naked and give you clothes to wear? When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’

“Then the king will reply to them, ‘I assure you that when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me.’

“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Get away from me, you who will receive terrible things. Go into the unending fire that has been prepared for the devil and his angels. I was hungry and you didn’t give me food to eat. I was thirsty and you didn’t give me anything to drink. I was a stranger and you didn’t welcome me. I was naked and you didn’t give me clothes to wear. I was sick and in prison, and you didn’t visit me.’

“Then they will reply, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and didn’t do anything to help you?’ Then he will answer, ‘I assure you that when you haven’t done it for one of the least of these, you haven’t done it for me.’ And they will go away into eternal punishment. But the righteous ones will go into eternal life.”

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*5 In your hearts enthrone him;
there let him subdue
all that is not holy,
all that is not true;
crown him as your Captain
in temptation's hour;
let his will enfold you
in its light and power.*

*6 Christians, this Lord Jesus
shall return again,
with his Father's glory,
o'er the earth to reign;
for all wreaths of empire
meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him
King of glory now.*

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 III

BCP 387

Stand or kneel as the Holy Spirit leads.

The Leader and People pray.

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; Anne, our Bishop; Vincent, our Priest; Clarke, our intern; 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 those who suffer from any grief or trouble (especially... *the names on the long-term prayer list are read*);

That they may be delivered from their distress.

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

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

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. ***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

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: Lead Me, Lord

Samuel S. Wesley

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;
make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only,
that makest me dwell in safety.

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: Doxology with Alleluias 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 A

BCP 361

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.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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

W858

Presider and People

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

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel and the Presider continues

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People (spoken)

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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

Fraction Anthem

W875

Refrain:

***Be known to us, Lord Jesus,
in the breaking of the bread.***

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

Refrain

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

Refrain

The Invitation to Communion

BCP 364

Presider says

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

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

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

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

from the Prayer Book for the Armed Services

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

*1 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 Hymn: Bread of the World

H301

Tune: *Rendez a Dieu*

*Bread of the world, in mercy broken,
Wine of the soul, in mercy shed,
by whom the words of life were spoken,
and in whose death our sins are dead:
look on the heart by sorrow broken,
look on the tears by sinners shed;
and be thy feast to us the token
that by thy grace our souls are fed.*

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: Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus!

H495

Tune: *In Babilone*

*I Hail, thou once despised Jesus!
Hail, thou Galilean King!
Thou didst suffer to release us;
thou didst free salvation bring.
Hail, thou universal Savior,
bearer of our sin and shame!
By thy merit we find favor:
life is given through thy Name.*

*2 Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,
all our sins on thee were laid:
by almighty love anointed,
thou hast full atonement made.
All thy people are forgiven
through the virtue of thy blood:
opened is the gate of heaven,
reconciled are we with God.*

*3 Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory,
there for ever to abide;
all the heavenly hosts adore thee,
seated at thy Father's side.*

*There for sinners thou art pleading:
there thou dost our place prepare;
ever for us interceding,
till in glory we appear.*

*4 Worship, honor, power, and blessing
thou art worthy to receive;
highest praises, without ceasing,
right it is for us to give.
Help, ye bright angelic spirits,
all your noblest anthems raise;
help to sing our Savior's merits,
help to chant Emmanuel's praise!*

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: Trumpet Voluntary (based on an old English hornpipe)
Gordon Young

† † †

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 following people will be filling in for Jim in the office during his leave:

Tuesdays (except for 12/26 & 1/2): Bob Rozell

Wednesdays: Marsha Burrell

Wednesday 11/29 & 12/27: Claudia Esposito

Thursdays: Jan Bednarski



The Ministers of the Liturgy

Presider: Rev. Vincent Black

Music Director and Organist: Jon Peterson

Choir Director: Margie Hildebrandt

Acolytes: Derek Lewallen, Terrie Schade, and Charlotte Sent

Readers: John Carlson and Julie Exline

Chalice Bearers: Derek Lewallen and Terrie Schade

Ushers: Joe Sgambellone and Ray Pratt

Videographer: Dave Campion

Sunday School: Sarah Ciarniello



The flowers on the main altar are given to the glory of God
in memory of Ida Mae and Leonard Leick

The flowers on the chapel altar are given to the glory of God
in memory of Linda Gardiner

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

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H435 Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams © 1925 Oxford University Press

W858 Music: Amer. folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner; harm. Annabel M. Buchanan
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W875 Setting: Gary James © 1992 MorningStar Music Publishers

Lasst uns Erfreuen Music: Hal Hopson © 2000 Hope Publishing Co.

Gather Us In Words and Music: Marty Haugen © 1982 GIA Publications, Inc.

Lead Me, Lord Music: Samuel Wesley, arr. Archibald Davidson
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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	Nicole Weiss and
Amanda Hinton	baby Elianna
Pamela Jackson	Jim Weiss
Christian Jeavons	Bill Wofford
Jennifer Keohane	

Those We Know in the Military

McDowell (Mac) Jones	Jason Strater
Sydney Kline	

The Departed

Joanne Dusenbury
Christopher Gibson

Gloria Thomas

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.

All names will be removed from the prayer list at the end of the liturgical year. We will start with a new prayer list next Sunday, the first Sunday of Advent. 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



Use your smart phone to scan the code above or visit 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.

Remembering Past Parishioners

Celebrating 150 years of ministry

1875 - 2025



Linda Gardiner (1949 - 2022)

Linda was born in Cleveland in 1949 and at the age of six began her lifelong relationship with music when she started playing the piano. As a student at Lakewood High School, she was involved with both the orchestra and marching band where she was known for her abilities with the piano and French horn. Her musical talents earned her a scholarship to Baldwin Wallace College. She earned a degree in music education while double majoring in French horn and pipe organ. She later studied at Michigan University, earning a Master's Degree in pipe organ. As a teacher for 30 years in the Cleveland City Schools, Linda was also a dedicated organist for churches in the Cleveland area. In 2005 Linda began her career as organist at Church of the Ascension. Not only did she enjoy playing for Sunday services, weddings and funerals, she and her mother Marion enjoyed helping with a variety of feasts at Ascension.

For many years Linda was a member of the American Guild of Organists and wrote for their newsletter. In 2019, Linda left Ascension because of illness and was unable to continue playing the organ. In 2022, Linda Gardner passed away. After dedicating over 52 years of her life to playing the pipe organ, she was known for her vast knowledge and great technical ability.

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!

Altar Flowers for Christmas

We create a temporary pool of funds from which to buy the plants which adorn the altars and the chancel for Christmas in memory or in honor of loved ones. Place your contributions in the envelopes provided (checks made out to the church, with "Christmas flowers" in the memo line or cash) and list those you want to remember on the form provided next to the box for the contributions. Or send your donation online and an email to secretary@ascension-lakewood.org. The amount of each gift is determined by the donor.

The deadline for making gifts to the fund and placing names on the remembrance list is December 17th.

Following the 10:30 service on the Christmas Day the plants are distributed to parishioners who due to ill health or disability are unable to attend worship.

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 Event Schedule for 2023

Fun and More Fun Planned

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.

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.

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

Dinner 6pm

Session 1 7pm

Closing Eucharist

Saturday at 4pm

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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