



Church of the Ascension

April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:30am

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BCP indicates the Book of Common Prayer.

EOW indicates Enriching our Worship, a supplemental liturgical material.

Hymn and "S" numbers indicate the Hymnal 1982

"S" indicates service music found at the front of the hymnal

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

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: *Bunessan*

Don Michael Dicie
Cara Clemens, Violin

Opening Hymn: *Morning Has Broken*

H8

Tune: *Bunessan*

*1 Morning has broken
like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken
like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
fresh from the Word!*

*2 Sweet the rain's new fall
sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall
on the first grass.*

*Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness
where his feet pass.*

*3 Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning
born of the one light
Eden saw play!
Praise with elation,
praise every morning,
God's recreation
of the new day!*

Welcome / Invitation to Sunday School

Opening Acclamation (*The people standing*)

EOW 50

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People ***Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

Song of Praise: **Christ our Passover** (*metrical paraphrase*)

W880

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

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

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

The Collect for Fifth Sunday of Easter

Presider The Lord be with you.

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

Presider Let us pray.

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

People sit for the reading of the lessons

A Reading from Acts

8:26-40

An angel from the Lord spoke to Philip, “At noon, take the road that leads from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a desert road.) So he did. Meanwhile, an Ethiopian man was on his way home from Jerusalem, where he had come to worship. He was a eunuch and an official responsible for the entire treasury of Candace. (Candace is the title given to the Ethiopian queen.) He was reading the prophet Isaiah while sitting in his carriage. The Spirit told Philip, “Approach this carriage and stay with it.”

Running up to the carriage, Philip heard the man reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you really understand what you are reading?”

The man replied, “Without someone to guide me, how could I?” Then he invited Philip to climb up and sit with him. This was the passage of scripture he was reading:

*Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent
so he didn't open his mouth.*

*In his humiliation justice was taken away from him.
Who can tell the story of his descendants
because his life was taken from the earth?*

The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, about whom does the prophet say this? Is he talking about himself or someone else?” Starting with that passage, Philip proclaimed the good news about Jesus to him. As they went down the road, they came to some water.

The eunuch said, “Look! Water! What would keep me from being baptized?” He ordered that the carriage halt. Both Philip and the eunuch went down to the water, where Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Lord’s Spirit suddenly took Philip away. The eunuch never saw him again but went on his way rejoicing. Philip found himself in Azotus. He traveled through that area, preaching the good news in all the cities until he reached Caesarea.

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

Psalm 22:24-30

Tune: *Maryton*
(H660 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee)

1. *Amid the congregation I
Will pay my vows and raise my voice;
The poor shall eat and have their fill,
And those who seek God will rejoice.*
2. *All nations of the earth shall turn
And come to worship God alone,
For sovereignty belongs to God,
Who rules the nations from the throne.*
3. *My soul shall live for God alone.
My heirs shall keep the Lord’s command,
And future ages shall proclaim
The saving deeds of God’s right hand.*

A Reading from First John

4:7-21

Dear friends, let’s love each other, because love is from God, and everyone who loves is born from God and knows God. The person who doesn’t love does not know God, because God is love. This is how the love of God is revealed to us: God has sent his only Son into the world so that we can live through him. This is love: it is not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son as the sacrifice that deals with our sins.

Dear friends, if God loved us this way, we also ought to love each other. No one has ever seen God. If we love each other, God remains in us and his love is made perfect in us. This is how we know we remain in him and he remains in us, because he has given us a

measure of his Spirit. We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son to be the savior of the world. If any of us confess that Jesus is God's Son, God remains in us and we remain in God. We have known and have believed the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who remain in love remain in God and God remains in them. This is how love has been perfected in us, so that we can have confidence on the Judgment Day, because we are exactly the same as God is in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear, because fear expects punishment. The person who is afraid has not been made perfect in love. We love because God first loved us. Those who say, "I love God" and hate their brothers or sisters are liars. After all, those who don't love their brothers or sisters whom they have seen can hardly love God whom they have not seen! This commandment we have from him: Those who claim to love God ought to love their brother and sister also.

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

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

The people stand

Sequence Hymn We know that Christ is raised H296 vs 1&2
Tune: Engelberg

***1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,
and our despair he turned to blazing joy.
Alleluia!***

***2 We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life
as living members of a living Christ.
Alleluia!***

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

15:1-8

People sing: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Alleluias from H208

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vineyard keeper. He removes any of my branches that don't produce fruit, and he trims any branch that produces fruit so that it will

produce even more fruit. You are already trimmed because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. A branch can't produce fruit by itself, but must remain in the vine. Likewise, you can't produce fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, then you will produce much fruit. Without me, you can't do anything. If you don't remain in me, you will be like a branch that is thrown out and dries up. Those branches are gathered up, thrown into a fire, and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified when you produce much fruit and in this way prove that you are my disciples."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People sing: **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

Alleluias from H208

Hymn **We know that Christ is raised**

H296 vs 3&4

Tune: Engelberg

3 The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.

The Spirit's power shakes the church of God.

Baptized, we live with God, the Three in One.

Alleluia!

4 A new creation comes to life and grows

as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.

The universe, restored and whole, will sing:

Alleluia! Amen.

The people sit

The Sermon

Rev. Vincent Black

The people stand

The Nicene Creed

EOW 53

"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 I

BCP 383

Stand or kneel as the Holy Spirit leads.

The Leader and People pray.

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Anne, our Bishop; Vincent, our priest; Clarke, our postulant; and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the Diocese of Ohio, we pray for St. Peter’s Church, Lakewood, and for the Secretary of Convention, Convention Delegates and all those involved in our Annual Convention; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering (especially... *the names on the long-term prayer list are read*), let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed (especially... *the names of the recently deceased are read*), let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

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.*

For those celebrating birthdays

Rosemary Ballard
Charlotte Partlow

Jon Peterson

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: Lo He Comes, Sing We Hosanna!

John D. Horman

Refrain:

Lo, he comes! Sing we “Hosanna!”
Lo, he comes, let us sing to the Lord!

Enter his gates with shouts of thanksgiving,
into his courts with songs of praise.
Come let us march in glad procession.
Loud Hosannas now we raise.

Refrain:

Open your heart and welcome the Savior.
Join with the song that has no end.
This is the day for which we have waited;
the coming of our Lord is surely at hand.

Refrain:

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 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 1

EOW 57

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.***

Presider

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus and Benedictus

S125

Presider and People

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

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel and the Presider continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and 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 friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, 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 poured out for you and for all 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

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Mary, the mother of Jesus, and with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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

W877

Refrain:

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

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

Refrain

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

Refrain

The Invitation to Communion

BCP 364

Presider says

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

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

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

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

from the Prayer Book for the Armed Services

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

Communion Hymns: Here I Am, Lord

Daniel Schutte

*I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?*

Refrain:

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me,
I will hold your people in my heart.*

*I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my peoples pain.
I have wept for love of them,
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.*

*I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?*

Refrain

*I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?*

Refrain

Postcommunion Hymn: Day by Day

H654

Tune: Summer

*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 70

*Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

Blessing

Closing Hymn: Eternal Father, Strong to Save

H608

Tune: *Melita*

*1 Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.*

*2 O Christ, whose voice the waters heard
and hushed their raging at thy word,
who walkedst on the foaming deep,
and calm amid its rage didst sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.*

*3 Most Holy Spirit, who didst brood
upon the chaos dark and rude,
and bid its angry tumult cease,
and give, for wild confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.*

*4 O Trinity of love and power,
thy children shield in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them wheresoe'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.*

Presider Let us pray.

*Good and gracious God,
we pray for all who have yet to know of your love and mercy.
May the Church of the Ascension
be so inspired by your Holy Spirit
that it may serve as a beacon of hope
and a witness to the gospel for all people.*

*Grant that we may continually grow
in our own knowledge and love of you
as we strive to use all that we have, and all that we are
to follow and imitate your beloved son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

The Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

Voluntary: Voluntary No. 4

Arlen Clarke

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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.**

**Ascension Day
Thursday, May 9th**

Meal at 6; service 7:30

Church provides main dish

People asked to sign up to bring desserts and sidedishes

Last name A-M sidedishes; N-Z desserts



The Ministers of the Liturgy

Presider: Rev. Vincent Black

Music Director and Organist: Jon Peterson

Choir Director: Margie Hildebrandt

Acolytes: Derek Lewallen, Mason Kidwell, and Seth Clemens

Readers: Ann Pesta and Ray Pratt

Spiritual Eucharist Reader: Ann Pesta

Chalice Bearers: Derek Lewallen and Terrie Schade

Ushers: Jeff Sommer and Kathleen Sanow

Sunday School: Margie Hildebrandt

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The flowers on the main altar are given to the glory of God
in. memory of Nancy Reid Doolittle

The flowers on the chapel altar are given to the glory of God in
memory of Robert David McDowell and Carrie Auer McDowell.

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 -our postulant

Those for whom prayers have been requested:

Teddi Black

Adam Brow

Shirley Champion

John Carlson

Megan DeVito

Kyle Dusenbury

Spencer Faux

Ella Jane Fowerbaugh

Joseph Gray

Martha Hartman

Joseph Jackson

Pamela Jackson

Boots Johnston

Fred Leick

Marilyn Little

Anthony Marcella

David Morrell

Elayne Newcomb

Gil Newlands

Larry Pierce

Dale Rerko

Mary Rigby

Erika Rockocoy

Maxine Roncs

Dave Rozell

Linda Seward

Cole Spada

Wendie Stemple

Corky Thacker

Frank Vanah

Diane Welfley

John Welfley

Bill Wofford

Those We Know in the Military

McDowell (Mac) Jones

Sydney Kline

Jason Strater

The Departed

Betty Clark
Ann Grayell
Brian Harrington
Donald Kelly

Becky Leffew
Thomas Mahovlic
Chris Newton
Edward Sherman

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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The Church of the Ascension strong
and able to meet the needs of an ever-changing world.

Centering Prayer

We will resume Centering Prayer on Thursdays at noon during the Easter season from 12-12:45 in Ascension Hall. It will consist of 20 minutes of silence as well as scripture reading, and reflection. We began on **April 4th** and end on **May 16th**. We will then evaluate whether or not to continue. Please give it a try.

Bible Study on The Acts of the Apostles

Alex DeJesus leads Bible Study on The Acts of the Apostles on Sundays 9:15-10am through **May 19th**.

Season 2 of the Chosen

We watch and discuss Season 2 of the Chosen on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm. The schedule is as follows:

- May 2 Episode 5-6
- May 9 Ascension Day (Dinner and Eucharist)
- May 16 Episode 7&8

Regional Celebration of Confirmation

On **May 11th** at 11am Bishop Anne will come to Church of the Ascension for a regional celebration of confirmation. All parishes in our mission area are invited to participate.

Karaoke Night Out:

Warm up your vocal cords for Karaoke Night Out on Tuesday, **April 30th**, from 7:00 till 9:00 pm. Our night out will be at Corky's Place, at 13302 Detroit Ave. Corky's Place is 21 years of age and older with no exceptions. Due to limited parking please use the Church's West parking lot. If you need to park closer we can use the Garden Center's lot.

Although a RSVP is not required I am trying to get an idea of approximately how many people will attend for food and staffing purposes. Please let Jim know if you are planning on attending by either calling the office at 216-521-8727 or emailing Secretary@Ascension-Lakewood.org

Be sure to invite your friends and family, the more the merrier.

Ascension Flea Market Bike Rodeo & Repair Craft Show

Sat., May 18th, 11 am (table set-up 10:30 am) to 5 pm.

Join *Church of the Ascension* on our beautiful grounds, May 18th from 11 am to 5 pm for a spring fun-filled day featuring a Flea Market and Craft Show, Bicycle Safety and Repair, Playground and Art Activities, and an inexpensive Grilled Lunch. Bring your children (grades 1 – 6) and their bikes to participate in a safety riding course, sponsored by Bike Lakewood. A free bicycle repair clinic is available for all. Bike activities run from 1-3pm. Bring your spring cleaning treasures to sell on our front grounds. Call 216-521-8727 to reserve your Ascension Market Table. A free will offering (\$20 suggested) is appreciated but not required. Come and enjoy the Lakewood Community, and even check out the Heirloom Plant Sale from 2 - 5 pm at the Lakewood Garden Center next door. A Saturday of spring fun at Church of the Ascension.

A night out at the ballpark

Join us on Tuesday, May 21st at 6:10 pm as our Cleveland Guardians take on the New York Mets at Progressive Field.

Tickets are \$35.00 each and tickets can be reserved by calling Rob Theibert at 330-807-4255.

Church of the Ascension Cookbook A Slice of Lakewood and Ascension History

Our church is blessed to have in our archive's cookbooks from approximately 2000, 1975, 1940s and the remnants of a cookbook from circa 1904 along with a variety of hand-written or typed recipes from a variety of times in our church's history. Our 150th anniversary committee is hoping to compile these recipes and add to the collection new recipes from our current parishioners, who are now part of our church's history.

Please consider being part of this historical collection. Please email any recipes to Gregory Sent at deutschmeister@hotmail.com and include your name.

Sacred Moments

A Collection of 150 years of Weddings and Baptisms

In June and July of 2025, Church of the Ascension will have an exhibit of wedding and baptismal gowns on display for our parishioners and the community to enjoy. Do you have a gown you would be willing to have part of the exhibit?

We are also looking for pictures for a slideshow during the exhibit. Please let us scan your wedding or baptisms for a show that represents 150 years!

Please contact Gregory Sent at deutschmeister@hotmail.com or at 216-570-4424.

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://www.facebook.com/pg/ascensionlakewood/videos/).

and at www.ascension-lakewood.org.

It will be available later at

www.youtube.com/@churchoftheascensionlakewood6245/videos.

Office Hours

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

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