



Church of the Ascension

June 9, 2024

Third Sunday after Pentecost

10:30am

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EOW indicates Enriching our Worship, a supplemental liturgical material.

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Holy Eucharist, EOW, 10:30am

Please note that in our liturgy when we refer to God we cannot adequately verbalize the magnitude and comprehensiveness of God's diversity and are always limited by our use of language. We acknowledge that although Jesus was born into history as a man, neither God the Father nor God the Holy Spirit were embodied with human sex. Although our language is often not all inclusive we believe God always is. God made human beings in God's own image with complexity and diversity. Thank you for sharing your diversity and complexity with us as we worship God together.

The Liturgy of the Word

When the Voluntary begins, please maintain prayerful silence.

Voluntary: Fanfare on Winchester New

David Lasky

Opening Hymn: Before the Lord's eternal throne

H391

Tune: Winchester New

*1 Before the Lord's eternal throne,
ye nations, bow with sacred joy;
know that the Lord is God alone;
he can create, and he destroy.*

*2 His sovereign power without our aid
formed us of clay and gave us breath;
and when like wandering sheep we strayed,
he saved us from the power of death.*

*3 We are his people, we his care,
our souls, and all our mortal frame:
what lasting honors shall we rear,
almighty Maker, to thy Name?*

*4 We'll crowd thy gates with thankful songs,
high as the heavens our voices raise;
and earth, with her ten thousand tongues,
shall fill thy courts with sounding praise.*

*5 Wide as the world is thy command,
vast as eternity thy love;
firm as a rock thy truth must stand,
when rolling years shall cease to move.*

Welcome

Opening Acclamation *(The people standing)*

Presider Blessed be God: most holy, glorious and undivided Trinity.

People *And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. 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,

The Collect for the Third Sunday after Pentecost

Presider The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Presider Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 Genesis

3:8-15

During that day's cool evening breeze, they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden; and the man and his wife hid themselves from the Lord God in the middle of the garden's trees. The Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"

The man replied, "I heard your sound in the garden; I was afraid because I was naked, and I hid myself."

He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat from the tree, which I commanded you not to eat?"

The man said, "The woman you gave me, she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate."

The Lord God said to the woman, "What have you done?!"

And the woman said, "The snake tricked me, and I ate."

The Lord God said to the snake,

 "Because you did this,
 you are the one cursed
 out of all the farm animals,
 out of all the wild animals.
 On your belly you will crawl,
 and dust you will eat
 every day of your life.
I will put contempt
 between you and the woman,
 between your offspring and hers.
They will strike your head,
 but you will strike at their heels."

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

Psalms 130 (*spoken*)

I cry out to you from the depths, Lord—

² ***my Lord, listen to my voice!***

Let your ears pay close attention to my request for mercy!

³ If you kept track of sins, Lord—

my Lord, who would stand a chance?

⁴ ***But forgiveness is with you—***

that's why you are honored.

⁵ I hope, Lord.

My whole being hopes,

and I wait for God's promise.

⁶ ***My whole being waits for my Lord—***

more than the night watch waits for morning;

yes, more than the night watch waits for morning!

⁷ Israel, wait for the Lord!

Because faithful love is with the Lord;

because great redemption is with our God!

⁸ ***He is the one who will redeem Israel***

from all its sin.

A Reading from Second Corinthians

4:13-5:1

We have the same faithful spirit as what is written in scripture: *I had faith, and so I spoke*. We also have faith, and so we also speak. We do this because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will also raise us with Jesus, and he will bring us into his presence along with you. All these things are for your benefit. As grace increases to benefit more and more people, it will cause gratitude to increase, which results in God's glory.

So we aren't depressed. But even if our bodies are breaking down on the outside, the person that we are on the inside is being renewed every day. Our temporary minor problems are producing an eternal stockpile of glory for us that is beyond all comparison. We don't focus on the things that can be seen but on the things that can't be seen. The things that can be seen don't last, but the things that can't be seen are eternal.

We know that if the tent that we live in on earth is torn down, we have a building from God. It's a house that isn't handmade, which is eternal and located in heaven.

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

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

The people stand

Sequence Hymn Thy Strong Word

H381 vs 1&2

Tune: *Ton-y-Botel*

***1 Thy strong word
did cleave the darkness;
at thy speaking it was done;
for created light we thank thee,
while thine ordered seasons run:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!***

***2 Lo, on those who dwelt
in darkness,
dark as night and deep as death,
broke the light of thy salvation,
breathed thine own
live-giving breath:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!***

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

3:20-35

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

Jesus entered a house. A crowd gathered again so that it was impossible for him and his followers even to eat. When his family heard what was happening, they came to take control of him. They were saying, "He's out of his mind!"

The legal experts came down from Jerusalem. Over and over they charged, “He’s possessed by Beelzebul. He throws out demons with the authority of the ruler of demons.”

When Jesus called them together he spoke to them in a parable: “How can Satan throw Satan out? A kingdom involved in civil war will collapse. And a house torn apart by divisions will collapse. If Satan rebels against himself and is divided, then he can’t endure. He’s done for. No one gets into the house of a strong person and steals anything without first tying up the strong person. Only then can the house be burglarized. I assure you that human beings will be forgiven for everything, for all sins and insults of every kind. But whoever insults the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven. That person is guilty of a sin with consequences that last forever.” He said this because the legal experts were saying, “He’s possessed by an evil spirit.”

His mother and brothers arrived. They stood outside and sent word to him, calling for him. A crowd was seated around him, and those sent to him said, “Look, your mother, brothers, and sisters are outside looking for you.”

He replied, “Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?” Looking around at those seated around him in a circle, he said, “Look, here are my mother and my brothers. Whoever does God’s will is my brother, sister, and mother.”

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn Thy Strong Word

**H381 vs 3&4
Tune: *Ton-y-Botel***

***3 Thy strong word
bespeaks us righteous;
bright with thine own holiness,
glorious now,
we press toward glory,
and our lives our hopes confess:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!***

*4 God the Father, Light-Creator,
to thee laud and honor be;
to thee, Light of Light begotten,
praise be sung eternally;
Holy Spirit, Light-Revealer,
glory, glory be to thee;
mortals, angels, now and ever
praise the Holy Trinity.*

The people sit

The Sermon

Clarke Valencia Mortensen

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 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; John, our supply priest; Clarke, our seminarian; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

In the Diocese of Ohio, for St. Peter's Church, Lakewood, and for Clergy in Non-Parochial Ministries;

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*).

From the diocesan Pride booth, for the family and loved ones of Jillian; for Jenna for healing, strength, courage, and love for herself and her body; and for a house and safe space for a mother and her kids.

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

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

John Welfley

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 Hymn In Christ Alone Stuart Townend & Keith Getty

*1. In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.*

*2. In Christ alone! Who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
the love of God was satisfied-
for every sin on Him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.*

*3. There in the ground His body lay.
Light of the World by darkness slain:
then bursting forth in glorious day
up from the grave he rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine-
one with the precious blood of Christ.*

*4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry, to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from His hand:
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I stand.*

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 3

EOW 62

Presider The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

The Presider proceeds

All thanks and praise
are yours at all times and in all places,
our true and loving God;
through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,
the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.
You laid the foundations of the world

and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb;
You brought forth all creatures of the earth
and gave breath to humankind.

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

Sanctus and Benedictus

S130

Presider and People

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

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

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

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

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

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

Presider and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Presider continues

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

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

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

Presider and People

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

The Presider continues

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 Hymn: A Thankful Heart George Herbert, Ken Bible
Tune: O Waly, Waly

*1 A thankful heart, a thankful heart,
Lord, grow in me a thankful heart.
So many gifts You give each day!
I ask one more: a thankful heart.*

*2 A simple faith, a simple faith,
For every need, a simple faith.
Father, You hold me in Your arms,
So give Your child a simple faith.*

*3 A life of love, a life of love,
In Jesus Christ a life of love.
Lord, as I live and breathe in You,
This wealth is mine: a life of love.*

*4 A thankful heart, a simple faith,
A life of love in You each day*

*Till we are one and face to face
And all is joy and endless praise!*

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: Jerusalem, My Happy Home

H620

Tune: Land of Rest

*1 Jerusalem, my happy home,
when shall I come to thee?
When shall my sorrows have an end?
Thy joys when shall I see?*

*2 Thy saints are crowned with glory great;
they see God face to face;
they triumph still, they still rejoice
in that most happy place.*

*3 There David stands with harp in hand
as master of the choir:
ten thousand times would one be blest
who might this music hear.*

*4 Our Lady sings Magnificat
with tune surpassing sweet,
and blessed martyrs' harmony
doth ring in every street.*

*5 Jerusalem, Jerusalem,
God grant that I may see
thine endless joy, and of the same
partaker ever be!*

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: *Land of Rest*

Wilbur Held

† † †

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.



The Ministers of the Liturgy

Presider: The Reverend John Keller

Preacher: Clarke Valencia Mortensen

Music Director and Organist: Jon Peterson

Acolytes: Derek Lewallen, Terrie Schade, and Maizie Gillies

Readers: John Carlson and Julie Exline

Spiritual Eucharist Reader: John Carlson

Chalice Bearers: Derek Lewallen and Terrie Schade

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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 seminarian

Those for whom prayers have been requested:

Tena Allen
Ruby Begley
Philip Bethea
Teddi Black
Adam Brow
Shirley Campion
John Carlson
Megan DeVito
Kyle Dusenbury
Spencer Faux
Stephanie Foster
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Mary Rigby
Dave Rozell
Linda Seward
Simon
Wendie Stemple
Corky Thacker
Frank Vanah
Tim Vanah
Diane Welfley
John Welfley
Bill Wofford

Those We Know in the Military

McDowell (Mac) Jones
Sydney Kline

Jason Strater

The Departed

Paul Gertsma
Joseph Gray
Brian Harrington

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

Centering Prayer

We meet every Thursdays at noon from 12-12:45
in Ascension Hall. For mor information ask
Father Vincent or call Jim in the office.

8:00 Outdoor Service

Weather permitting, 8am Holy Eucharist will be
in the West Garden in June, July, and August.
Please bring your own chair if possible.

Bible Study on The Book of Ruth

Join Clarke for a four-week Bible study on the book of Ruth. We'll
read one chapter per week, and they are fairly short, so there is no
need to read ahead of time!

Dates for Ruth are: **5/26, 6/2, 6/9, 6/16**

No Bible study for the rest of June, July, or August

Clarke is going to Yale Divinity School!

Clarke's last day at Church of the Ascension will be **June 16th**. Join us for hospitality after the 10:30 service as we
celebrate sending her off to seminary and to thank her for all
she has done with us over the last two years.

Ascension Night Out

Please join us at Burntwood Tavern – Rocky River, on Wednesday, **June 19th** at 6:00 PM. Burntwood Tavern is located at 19304 Detroit Road and you can check out their menu at <https://www.burntwoodtavern.com/menu>.

We will enjoy an evening of great food, fellowship and fun on their patio as we celebrate the start of Summer.

Please RSVP to Jim in the office by Sunday, **June 16th** by either emailing Secretary@Ascension-Lakewood.org or calling 216-521-8727.

Rose Show

Invite someone to church Sunday, **June 30th**.

After 10:30 service there will be lunch and an opportunity to view the Rose Show presented by the Forest City Rose Society. The show will also be open on Saturday from 2 - 5:30 PM

Volunteers are needed for the Rose Show. Setup will take place on Friday, **June 28th** at 6:00 PM and should take approximately one hour. Clerks will be needed on Saturday, **June 29th** from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM and lunch will be provided. Take down will happen on Sunday, **June 30th** starting at 2:00 PM.

Sign up sheets are in the office. Please see Jeff Sommer or call him at 216-476-3068 with any questions

Summer Camp at Bellwether

Bellwether Farm Camp is a small, inclusive week-long camp that values physical and spiritual wellness, connection to the land, and community. With about 40 campers per week, our days are spent in activities that vary from cooking and farming to archery and canoeing to hiking and field games- and lots of nature-based art! Campers are organized by cabins, with 8 near-peers and two counselors. Campers participate with their cabins in most activities, and gather with the whole camp for meals, daily assemblies, and some after-dinner all-camp activities (like the talent show!) We strive to make Bellwether Camp a fun and inclusive place for all identities and energies, including extroverts and introverts alike. For more information go to bellwetherfarm.com/camps/summer-camps.

Summer Camp Dates at Bellwether

June 16-21 – Summer Camp (Grades 6-12)

June 23-28 - Summer Camp (Grades 3-9)

June 29-30 - Family Camp

July 7-9 - Mini Camp

July 7-12 - Summer Camp (Grades 3-9)

July 14-16 - Mini Camp

July 14-19 - Summer Camp (Grades 3-9)

July 21-23 - Mini Camp

July 21-26 - Summer Camp (Grades 3-9)

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 website:

<https://ascension-lakewood.org/>

and on YouTube: <https://tinyurl.com/4rs872e2>.

Previous services and featured choir videos on YouTube
at: <https://tinyurl.com/3c336j6n>.

Office Hours

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

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